



*"Nurturing Hearts
and Minds"*

Belthorn Academy Primary School

Headteacher: Mrs Helen Rowan

Friday Newsletter

Week Ending: 18th September 2020

★★★ This week's BADGE WINNERS... ★★★

★ Year 1 – Coby

★ Year 3 – Beau

★ Year 5 – Niamh

★ Reception – Poppy W

★ Year 2 – Summer

★ Year 4 – Cara

★ Year 6 – Ibrahim

Welcome to this week's newsletter...

What a wonderful sunny week we have had with opportunities for outside learning in the sunshine. We have also been carrying out assessments which will help us support children who have gaps in their knowledge. Obviously with so much time not in school, we would expect to see some gaps and our recovery curriculum is looking at how we can address these. Interventions have already started and these will continue in the weeks and months ahead.

We have had several staff absences this week due to heavy coughs and colds – I am pleased to report that it is nothing more than this. We have had quite a few children absent too with heavy colds. This is to be expected after being away from school for so long and then all getting back together. It is important that children are not sent to school with a temperature, persistent cough, loss of sense of taste or smell. Please follow the guidance sent out in the letter and leaflet attached.

All children in school are getting used to the frequent handwashing and sanitising we do, as well as making good use of the yellow bins for catch it, bin it, kill it.

I had the pleasure of teaching the Reception class on Monday and the children certainly kept me on my toes. It was a good opportunity to get to know the new starters but I realised that I was a bit rusty as it has been about 8 years since I last taught Reception at the beginning of the year. Thank goodness it was lovely weather and we were able to get outside for lots of outdoor learning. As always the youngest children make me smile with their infectious enthusiasm for life and their amazing imaginations.

A huge thank you to one of our parents who have donated 3 industrial hand sanitisers which we are going to install in the playground and at the Hall door entrance. This means that the children can sanitise before entering the premises and after playtimes/during outside learning etc. We are very grateful to Tufting Machinery Services (TMS) for this very kind donation. If there are any local businesses out there who are interested in purchasing one, please contact via <http://www.tuftingmachineryservices.com>.

Attendance Award

MEET the TEACHER

Two of our MTTM took place on Thursday evening and parents from Y1 and Y6 had the opportunity to Zoom in and ask questions following the Power Point and video.

Next week it is the turn of Reception, Year 2, 3, 4 and 5.

Apologies to Year 5 parents who were expecting it

this week – we had to change the day.

We understand at the moment that we can't always be available to speak to in person, but we ask that you contact your child's teacher if you have any queries or things you want to discuss. In the first instance you can do this via email and then if a phone call is needed, this can be arranged. If the class teacher feels that the Senior leadership team needs to be involved, they will pass it to us. Most teachers are outside at the end of the school day, so quick conversations can always be had outside. Please do not visit school Reception with queries, please telephone 01254 55620 or email office@belthornacademy.co.uk



If you have not already done so, please complete and return the Home School Agreement which has been sent home with your child.

And finally.....

Please keep checking your child's hair, we have already had cases of head lice in our Early Years' classes.

Thank you and keep reading for details of our McMillan Coffee morning.....

Wishing everyone a wonderful weekend.

Mrs Rowan and all the Belthorn staff.

NEXT WEEK'S MENU

Monday:

Battered min chicken fillets
Quorn Dippers
Pasta in Tomato Sauce
Curly Fries, Baby corn
cobs, Spaghetti Hoops
Jacket Potato with Beans,
Cheese or Tuna
Apple Crumble and Custard

Tuesday:

Pork Meatballs in Gravy
Quorn Frankfurt
Sausages in Gravy
Pasta in Tomato Sauce
Crispy cubes
Swede, peas
Jacket Potato with Beans,
Cheese or Tuna
Sponge and ice cream

Wednesday:

Roast Turkey, Pigs in
Blankets
Quorn Chicken Fillet
Cheese Lattice Finger
Pasta in Tomato Sauce
Roast Potatoes
Baton Carrots, broccoli
Jacket Potato with Beans,
Cheese or Tuna.
Donuts

Thursday:

BBQ Chicken and Rice
Quorn pieces in gravy
Pasta in tomato
Sauce
New Potatoes,
Sweetcorn, Peas
Jacket Potato with
Beans, Cheese or
Tuna
Jam sponge and
custard

Friday:

Fish Cakes
Veggie Burger
Pasta in Tomato Sauce
Beans, Mushy Peas,
chips.
Jacket Potato with
Beans, Cheese or Tuna
Choc Ice

Mr Tumble Trolley, Fresh Fruit and yoghurt are available everyday



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Friday 25th September

If you want to take part and support the McMillan Cancer Charity, please:

- Donate cake and biscuits (shop bought only for this year please).
- Send your child in with some money; £1 for hot chocolate and a cake/biscuit.
- Extra money can be sent in – cakes can be bought to bring home.
- Donate money anyway.
- Anyone can take part in guessing how many sprinkles are on Colin the Caterpillar cake. It's £2 a guess. The correct or nearest to correct guess will receive half the pot.

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