



"Nurturing Hearts
and Minds"

Belthorn Academy Primary School

Headteacher: Mrs Helen Rowan

Friday Newsletter

Week Ending: 11th September



★ ★ This week's BADGE WINNERS... ★ ★

★ Year 1 – Ava E

★ Year 3 – Lacey

★ Year 5 – Alina

★ Reception – Zachary

★ Year 2 – Izzy S

★ Year 4 – Ellis

★ Year 6 – Harley

Welcome to this week's newsletter...

This week has been very smooth, and everyone is getting used to the new routines and timings. Thank you to everyone for following the one-way system and remembering to social distance – this is really important. The only timing clash we seem to have is that Years 3 and 4 have to wait on the yard in their bubbles in the morning. This is because it takes time to put things away in lockers and each bubble has to be separate. At the moment this has been ok because the weather is dry, but when it rains this might be an issue, so please don't send your children in early as they have to wait on the yard until there is a space at their allocated time.

The children have settled really well back into school life and have started their new 'topics' or 'projects'. We have been busy over the summer months re-designing our curriculum and we are confident that we have an exciting, relevant and meaningful curriculum to deliver. More about this in coming weeks.



This year our Meet the Teacher meetings will take a different format. You will be emailed a video from your child's teacher which will contain all the information you need to know about the year ahead. There will then be a Zoom session which parents can attend to ask questions if they need to. Videos will be sent out at least a day before the Zoom session. Parents can

join the Zoom meeting, ask their question and then leave the meeting. **The meetings will take place on the following days at 4pm and 6pm:**

Reception	Thursday 24 th September
Year 1	Thursday 17 th September
Year 2	Thursday 24 th September
Year 3	Thursday 24 th September
Year 4	Thursday 17 th September
Year 5	Thursday 17 th September
Year 6	Thursday 17 th September



As all our parents know, Belthorn Road can be a very busy place at drop off and pick up times and there is not a lot we can do to alleviate the traffic congestion. However, the staggered start and end times do seem to be helping a little. In the mornings, the hatched area in front of the school can be used for parents to pull into and drop off children from Years 2-6, so this might help some families.

Please can I remind all parents that parking on the yellow lines and zig zags is not allowed and endangers children's lives. Also please be respectful of our residents and do not park across driveways. We want to maintain our good relationships with the local community and parking is a very contentious issue. Thank you to all the parents who are making use of the Dog Inn car park and walking up and down to school. This really does help to alleviate the traffic problems.



Year 6 parents – yes it is that time already when secondary schools start to have open evenings and staff come in to speak to the children. The head of Year 7 at DACA has contacted me to say that they are holding a virtual open evening on 24th September. I will email the link out to all Year 6 parents when I receive it. Darwen Vale are coming to speak to the children next week and I expect other schools will be doing so in the coming weeks. The deadline for secondary school applications is October 31st 2020.



We are going to support McMillan Cancer as usual but this year we won't be able to invite parents along unfortunately. We are asking for donations of **shop bought cakes still in their packaging**. The children will then have a 'mini coffee morning' throughout the day in their class bubbles. A cake and a hot chocolate will be £1. Any extra cakes will be available for children to buy to take home for 50p or £1

depending on size. More details next week.

Data Collection Forms

It is really important that we have current and up to date contact details including email addresses and mobile phone numbers so that **all** parents and carers are receiving our communications through email and text message. If we are not aware of changes, you might not be getting important information. Thank you.

Breakfast Club drop off

Please can parents of pupils in years 4, 5 and 6 leave children at the pedestrian gate at for Breakfast Club sessions from **7.15am** or **7.45am** as the access to the Year 5 classroom door is very tight. Thank you.

And Finally...

Today we have trialed a virtual Good Work Assembly. Next week, parents of the Star of the Week winners for each class will be invited to join us via Zoom and once the certificates have been given, they can leave and we will go round the classes to view the good work from each year group. With parental permission, photos of the certificate winners and children who have produced good work will be displayed on our Facebook page. Today we went around all the classes but from next week we will be looking at good work from Reception and KS1.

Have a wonderful weekend

Mrs Rowan and all the Belthorn Staff

Please see next week's menu below.



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NEXT WEEK'S MENU

Monday:

Beef Burger in a bun
Quorn Burger in a bun
Cheese and Tomato
Pizza
Pasta in Tomato Sauce
Curly Fries
Mixed Vegetables
Jacket Potato with
cheese, baked beans or
tuna
Marble Cake and Custard

Tuesday:

Pork Sausages & gravy
Quorn Sausages &
gravy
Veggie Kiev
Pasta in Tomato Sauce
Mashed potatoes,
peas, sweetcorn
Jacket Potato with
Beans, Cheese or Tuna
Jelly & Ice Cream

Wednesday:

Roast Beef & Yorkshire
Pudding
Quorn Chicken fillets
Cheese and Onion Pie
Pasta in Tomato Sauce
Roast Potatoes
Baton Carrots, Broccoli
Jacket Potato with Beans,
Cheese or Tuna.
Mini Chocolate Donut

Thursday:

Chicken Tikka
Masala with Rice
and Naan Bread
Quorn Steak Strips
in Gravy
Pasta in Tomato
Sauce
Cheesy cubes with
herbs, Sweetcorn,
Cauliflower
Jacket Potato with
Beans, Cheese or
Tuna
Jam Sponge and
custard

Friday:

Salmon Fishcakes
Veggie Burger
Pasta in Tomato
Sauce
Beans, Mushy Peas,
Chips
Jacket Potato with
Beans, Cheese or
Tuna
Chips
Choc Ice

Mr Tumble Trolley, Fresh Fruit, Fruit Pots and yoghurt are available everyday