



*"Nurturing Hearts  
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# Belthorn Academy Primary School

Headteacher: Mrs Helen Rowan

## Friday Newsletter

Week Ending: 2<sup>nd</sup> October



★ ★ This week's **BADGE WINNERS**... ★ ★

★ Year 1 – Lydia

★ Year 3 – George

★ Year 5 – Ethan

★ Reception – Nayah

★ Year 2 – Georgia B

★ Year 4 – Lucas

★ Year 6 – Ewan

Welcome to this week's newsletter...

Firstly, a big thankyou to all parents who donated cakes and bought cakes for the McMillan charity. We raised over £350 which is an amazing amount. Well done to Aleyah in Year 3 for being the closet guess to how many sprinkles on Colin's back, and to Zaine and Archie H for being the lucky winners of our free raffle for Colin the caterpillar.

This week Miss Egan and I have managed to get into classrooms to look at the learning which has been going on. We have been so impressed by the enthusiasm the children have shown to their learning (and of course with the teachers too).

In school we have been working hard on the children working together and improving teamwork. We started our 'tribes' last year and we have continued with this idea this year too. Each class has given themselves a name and some associated characteristics, they also have created a 'tribal chant.'

Little Bells and Reception are Bears – they are tolerant, nurturing, friendly, inspirational and respectful.

Year 1 are Lions – they are protective, brave, confident and kind.

Year 2 are Giraffes and they are caring, friendly, helpful, respectful and graceful.

Year 3 are Dolphins. They are caring, trustworthy, warm, loyal, compassionate, enthusiastic, loving and make strong friendships.

Year 4 are Wild horses. They are independent, supportive, strong, free, unique, safe and companionable.

Year 5 are Wolves and they are brave, respectful, kind, perseverant, resilient and have a growth mindset.

Year 6 are Otters – they are creative, fun, joyful, thoughtful and protective.

As the children move through the school they belong to a different tribe. The aim of this is to help the children to think of their class as somewhere they feel safe and they have shared sense of responsibility and ownership of it. We hope all the children take pride in belonging to their tribe.

On Thursday in school we had a team building day where each class got to go into the hall and take part in problem solving activities. The children had lots of fun trying to solve the puzzles and worked well together to do this.



**Halloween**



This year, I am sure that Halloween will be different for the families who usually get dressed up and go out trick or treating. We won't be able to have a school disco this year, but we have planned a Halloween themed treat day along with the PTFA so that the children can have a chance to dress up (if they want to) and have some spooky fun. Please see the attached letter for more details.

**Safety**

Being safe is one of our school value words. We believe that all children and staff should feel safe in school and this extends to our families too. A few parents have mentioned that they are concerned about the crowding by the pedestrian exit, especially at the end of the day. All parents have to use this gate to exit the school premises and our Upper Key Stage 2 parents wait there to collect their children at the end of the day. It is understandable that this then becomes a bit of a bottleneck. I would be very grateful if all families could respect the 2 metre social distancing rule and not stand right by the gate. This will allow for other parents to exit the area quickly and safely.

We have noticed a small increase in parents entering the school premises dropping their child/ren off in the morning from Year groups 2-6. Please can you ensure if your child is in Year groups 2-6 they should be dropped off at the school gate. Please could everyone follow the one-way system we have in place.

So far the start of the day, playtimes and lunchtimes have run seamlessly and we are so grateful to all the parents for sticking to the staggered timings. We will review things over the next week and might have to adapt our procedures if there continues to be crowding in the area just outside the gate.

Thank you for your understanding about this.

**Coming up**

Next Friday the children in Years 3 and 4 will be having their WOW day. Miss Trafford and Mr Carr have planned a French café experience as part of their work on 'Is Europe a great continent?' There will be separate letter about this, but I am sure the children will enjoy their day. I shall report back next week.

And finally.... We can't wait to welcome back Year 6, Mr Furness, Mrs Middleton and Mrs Patel - you have all been missed.

**Have a wonderful weekend**

**Mrs Rowan and all the Belthorn Staff**

**NEXT WEEK'S MENU**

<p><b>Monday:</b>                  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</p>	<p><b>Tuesday:</b>                  Pork Sausages &amp; gravy                  Quorn Sausages &amp; gravy                  Veggie Kiev                  Pasta in Tomato Sauce                  Mashed potatoes, peas,                  sweetcorn                  Jacket Potato with Beans,                  Cheese or Tuna                  Jelly &amp; Ice Cream</p>	<p><b>Wednesday:</b>                  Roast Beef &amp; 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</p>	<p><b>Thursday:</b>                  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</p>	<p><b>Friday:</b>                  Salmon Fishcakes                  Veggie Burger                  Pasta in Tomato Sauce                  Beans, Mushy Peas, Chips                  Jacket Potato with Beans,                  Cheese or Tuna                  Chips                  Choc Ice</p>
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