



*"Nurturing Hearts  
and Minds"*

# Belthorn Academy Primary School

Headteacher: Mrs Helen Rowan

## Friday Newsletter

Week Ending: 16<sup>th</sup> October 2020

★★★ This week's BADGE WINNERS... ★★★

★ Year 1 – Edward

★ Year 3 – Archie W

★ Year 5 – Nicky

★ Reception – Calvin

★ Year 2 – Mia

★ Year 4 – Aleya

★ Year 6 – CJ

### Welcome to this week's newsletter...

Well we have one more week to go of this half term and it has certainly been a bit difficult for some classes. After having the whole school in last week, we were so excited for the last few weeks all together, but it was not to be. Year 3 have been working at home this week and from Wednesday afternoon Year 4 joined them. What we do know is that the positive cases of Covid are not starting at school and we are very grateful to families who let us know if a family member has tested positive and therefore individual children need to isolate. It seems like this will be the way of life for a while and we will have to get used to it. I can understand the massive impact a bubble closure has on families as well as staff and pupils. As I said in my letter earlier in the week, we need to work together to keep all our communities safe and follow the government guidelines so that we can be in school and the children's education is not disrupted



**Home learning** – as more classes are being taught online, our capacity to loan out school iPads has decreased. I realise that families do not want the additional cost of buying iPads, especially at this time of financial uncertainty but it might be something to consider for Christmas/birthdays as the need for them is increasing.

In the summer we added a section called home learning to the school website. There is part of this dedicated to websites – and the reading one has information about lots of online books you can access for free. Please take a look at this and keep your children reading while at home with real or virtual books. Two of the sites are listed below but there are many more on there.

- <https://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/> username:march20 password: home – This is a website full of useful activities linked to phonics as well as games for children to play.
- <https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/for-home/find-a-book/library-page/> Simply choose your child's reading stage/level and read the e-books online.

There are many other links are on the website so please have a look.



Hopefully you will have received a letter regarding details for parent's evening. Because we have to carry this out by telephone/Zoom this year, all the dates and times are different so it is important to look at the letter and book your day and time slot. Siblings will probably have different days. Some of them start on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> October

Next week Year 1 are going on a History Walk around Belthorn. This will be on Tuesday so please make sure they have suitable outdoor clothing. If the weather is really wet they won't go, but we will try to walk even if it is a bit damp.



Year 5 and Mr Griffiths are going to be recording their Harvest assembly for parents in Year 5 next week. Usually the whole school is involved in contributing tins/packets of food which we give to the Maundy Relief Charity in Accrington which provides food for those needing it in the local community. If you would like to send in non-perishable items next week, we will take them down on Friday.

Don't forget to send in your pumpkins next Thursday. We are looking forward to seeing your creations. Miss Egan has been practising already. Come dressed in Halloween costumes, or red, black, green, orange.



We have a selection of school tables and chairs going free to anyone who can collect them. We have ordered a skip for half term, so if you want 1 or many, let us know please.



The date for the school nursing team to come into school to administer the flu jab has changed to Friday 23<sup>rd</sup>. They will be having a second visit to all the children who won't be in school next week.

And finally .....

To all the children at home – keep zooming in. The teachers are there to teach you and support you so that you can complete your work just as you do in school.

Have a good weekend everyone.

**Mrs Rowan and the Belthorn team**

**Keep reading for next week's menu.**



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## THIS WEEK'S MENU

### **Monday:**

Chicken chunks  
Southern style Quorn Burger  
in a bun.  
Pasta in Tomato Sauce  
Jacket Wedges  
Mixed Vegetables  
Jacket Potato with cheese,  
baked beans or tuna  
Peaches and Custard

### **Tuesday:**

Meat and Potato Pie with  
gravy  
Broccoli, Potato and Chees  
Bake  
Pasta in Tomato Sauce  
New potatoes, peas,  
swede  
Jacket Potato with Beans,  
Cheese or Tuna  
Chocolate cake and  
custard

### **Wednesday:**

Roast Gammon  
Quorn Chicken fillets  
Macaroni Cheese  
Pasta in Tomato Sauce  
Roast Potatoes  
Baton Carrots, Broccoli  
Jacket Potato with Beans,  
Cheese or Tuna.  
Mini Jam Donut

### **Thursday:**

BBQ Chicken with Rice  
Quorn Chicken Curry  
and Rice  
Pasta in Tomato Sauce  
Sweetcorn, Peas  
Jacket Potato with  
Beans, Cheese or Tuna  
Syrup Sponge and  
custard

### **Friday:**

Spooky themed buffet  
food.

Mr Tumble Trolley, Fresh Fruit and yoghurt are available everyday