



*"Nurturing Hearts
and Minds"*

Belthorn Academy Primary School

Headteacher: Mrs Helen Rowan

Friday Newsletter

Week Ending: 27th November 2020

★★★ This week's BADGE WINNERS... ★★★

★ Year 1 – Fatimah

★ Year 3 – Hana

★ Year 5 – Caitlin

★ Reception – Evie W

★ Year 2 – Alfie C

★ Year 4 – Josh S

★ Year 6 – Lily

Welcome to this week's newsletter...

As I write this, the sound of Samba music is coming from the hall and Mr Griffiths and Mr Furness are looking giddy at the thought of trying to teach the Year 5 and 6 pupils some Samba dancing. The hall is a hive of activity as children complete their South American art work. All of this is part of the Year 5 and 6 topic about what makes the earth angry and looking at different continents.

It is so good to have had a full school in for the last few weeks, and hopefully we can continue this up to the Christmas break. As parents you can help us with this by ensuring all the guidance is followed. We have sent a separate letter out about this. We have noticed that children are mixing on the yard after school – so once again, I am asking that you keep to your set collection and drop off times and do not stay on the yard for longer than is necessary. Also, the yard is not manned **so please do not send your children into school before your allocated times**. If they had an accident, we wouldn't be aware. Some children have been arriving as early as 8.20am. We would have to take children into breakfast club if we notice this and then parents would be charged.



This week, Miss Egan and I carried out a monitoring activity where we talked to children about reading at home, read with children and looked in home reading diaries. It is so important that you read with your children and we know that many of you do. The gaps in learning caused by school closures are only to be expected and one of the best things we can all do to address this is to read with children, discuss books and encourage a wide range of vocabulary. A teacher with 30 children can't read with every child every day, and most classes do not have full time TA's to help with this, so it really is important that reading takes place at home. We recommend that children read with parents at least 4 times a week. Your support in this is massively appreciated and makes such a huge difference to learning in all subjects. Thank you.

INTERVENTIONS

As a school we are constantly monitoring the progress, achievements and wellbeing of pupils. In class interventions are part of everyday activities within school – with teachers as well as Teaching

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Assistants. In addition, teachers are starting to offer before or after school interventions to some groups of pupils. The focus for these interventions varies in different year groups. Our catch up programme aims to include many groups of children over the year, so please do not be concerned if your child says they have received interventions or if you get a letter asking for your child to come earlier to school or stay on after school. As always, I encourage you to talk to the class teacher in the first instance if you have any questions about this.



This event is now booked up – all 50 places have been filled. If you didn't manage to get a place for this one, we have arranged another one for Tuesday 15th December after school. Keep your eyes peeled on the Facebook page for more details. It is great that there has been so much interest in the event. All resources are provided for you to use, so if you fancy an evening of crafting, please sign up.

And finally

Our school Christmas meal is on Friday 18th December. Anyone who usually has packed lunch can opt for a hot dinner on this day. If you have not received the letter about this, please contact school. Thank you.

Have a lovely 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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