



*"Nurturing Hearts
and Minds"*

Belthorn Academy Primary School

Headteacher: Mrs Helen Rowan



Friday Newsletter



Week Ending: 18th December 2020

Welcome to this week's newsletter...

We did it. We survived and ended the term with all classes in school. I know I speak for everyone when I say thank you to all parents and friends for their support and kindness during the last few weeks. It means the world to us.

On a personal level I would just like to acknowledge the wonderful work that all the staff do to keep the school safe and clean, as well as delivering stimulating learning, the office staff who keep parents updated and deliver messages as well as managing the important financial side of the school, and not forgetting the Kitchen staff. I am so grateful for the team we have. We have some wonderful characters in this school who make the school a marvellous place to be. Thank you and have a happy, healthy and safe Christmas.

We re-open on Monday 4th January, and who knows, hopefully next term will start to see us return to something resembling normality.



It has been busy busy busy this week. I hope parents of children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 have received your Christmas videos. It is times like this when I am grateful I am not in the classroom anymore. The thought of having to film and edit a nativity would fill me with dread. I know the teachers have had to learn new skills. We are not trained film makes, but we have done our best and the children have enjoyed seeing themselves in a 'film'.

Belthorn's got talent has taken place in class bubbles this year, with all classes joining in. Hopefully the children have had a good time.

On Wednesday afternoon, we all had a Christmas treat with hot chocolate and cream in the hall, and on Friday morning a special visitor came to visit the children in Reception and Little Bells – Ho Ho Ho.



Mistletoe Mystery

Thank you to all those families and friends who have already bought a copy of the Mystery of Mistletoe. Hopefully this will provide some family fun over the Christmas break. Please spread the word – anyone can take part and it raises much needed funds for school. Trails can be bought from the Dog Inn Coffee Shop during the holiday – but please note the opening times are limited – Fridays 2pm – 5pm and Saturdays 11am – 4pm. You have until Friday 8th January to return your entry forms – simply post them through the school post box or hand them back in to the Dog Inn Coffee Shop.



Gosh – after our appeal last week, we received so many fantastic raffle prizes. Thank you so much. The raffle is scheduled to be drawn on Friday afternoon. All tickets are named, so prizes should have been taken home at the end of the day.



Today we all enjoyed our Christmas Lunch. Thanks goes to all the kitchen staff who have not just produced 1 but 2 wonderful Christmas meals this year.



Please remember, you need to tell school if your child has Covid-19. If your child shows symptoms of Covid-19 within 48 hours of the end of the school term, or tests positive for Covid-19 having shown symptoms within 48 hours of the end of school, you should report this to school immediately by emailing Mrs Rowan at office@belthornacademy.co.uk

- I will be checking emails daily in the morning and then again in the evening and will respond to any COVID-19 related emails. **Please do not email with other issues until January 4th**

Please don't message class teachers by email or use the Showbie app. Your messages will not be responded to until school opens again on 4th January.

- Where a pupil or staff member tests positive for COVID-19, having developed symptoms more than 48 hours since being in school, **the school should not be contacted. Parents and carers should follow contact tracing instructions provided by NHS Test and Trace.**

- Where pupils are required to self-isolate due to contact with a positive case after the first 6 days following the end of term, schools do not need to be informed about their absence until the first day of the new term.

Self-isolation from 14th December, the self-isolation period for close contacts of a positive case of coronavirus (COVID-19) has changed from 14 to 10 days. This change applies to all those who are currently self-isolating including those who commenced self-isolation before today. This means that if you are on the 11th, 12th or 13th day of your current self-isolation period today – you can stop isolating. Any new cases identified for self-isolation will be advised to self-isolate for 10 days

And finally



Breaking news – it's a girl..... Mr Griffiths and Miss Trafford have a beautiful daughter – Mabel Winnie. Born last night– everyone well. I am sure you will all join with me in wishing them congratulations – what a wonderful Christmas gift.

We wish all our families a wonderful Christmas break.

Mrs Rowan and all the Belthorn staff.



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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