



*"Nurturing Hearts
and Minds"*

Belthorn Academy Primary School

Headteacher: Mrs Helen Rowan

Friday Newsletter

Week Ending: 18th June 2021

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

★ Year 1 – Max and Logan

★ Year 3 – Isaac

★ Year 5 – Graysen and Jennifer

★ Reception – Ayesha

★ Year 2 – Dexter

★ Year 4 – Hollie

★ Year 6 – Evie

Welcome to this week's newsletter...

Gosh, the year is flying by and we are as busy as ever in and out of school. Unfortunately, this week we have had to close two bubbles – a stark reminder that the situation is not improving at the moment. In addition, we have staff isolating due to track and trace contacts and so it is all hands on deck in school. A huge thank you to parents for being really vigilant with testing their children and for communicating with us, and also to all the staff who have stepped up and filled in for absent colleagues. It is increasingly difficult to cover all the roles, so let's hope for an improvement soon. In the meantime, if a bubble has been sent home, please check out Showbie as this has all the daily learning including messages and updates from the class teacher.

We wish all our staff and children who have tested positive to get well soon.

We are currently having a big push on writing in school, especially in key Stage 2. All the children are to be commended for listening and trying their absolute best. We are keeping going with our interventions, hoping that these next few weeks will make a difference. We are also reminding parents to keep going with the reading – this is one area which does not seem to have been hit too badly with the children missing weeks out of school. Please keep reading with your child. Those parents who have embraced the ebooks are noticing that the children are interested in the variety of texts and genres there is on offer. Of course for those children who are at home, the books are readily available for you to access.

As mentioned last week, the current situation means that a lot of our plans have now had to be changed. Sadly, the Belthorn in Bloom event that we were looking forward to won't be happening. Instead we invite all our children who have grown sweet peas, potatoes, vegetables and fruit to bring them into school. If you haven't grown anything, it isn't too late to make a cress head or a story book themed scarecrow. And just because we love a good cake – we will have a best fruit or vegetable

based cake competition too. It could be a carrot or courgette cake, or it could be a chocolate cake in the shape of a carrot!! It is all for fun – and of course the wonderful winning rosette. Mr Lowe, who is one of our governors and also well-known local radio presenter will be coming in to judge the entries.

We have been thinking of ways in which we could do something with the parents as we are missing getting together. I think it is the good weather; maybe the sunshine has got to us! The classes have come up with the following as an end of year chance to get together.

We will have to stick to the no more than 30 gathering, so we ask that one parent per child attend, with the exception of Year 6 leaver’s assembly where we will sit parents in groups of ten.

Little Bells	Little Bells Graduation and refreshments. Outside on Thursday 15 th July at 2pm.
Reception	Stay and play – outside with parental refreshments on Tuesday 6 th July at 2pm. Help your child with their money learning as they buy a cake from the ‘shop’
Year 1	Afternoon tea – Friday 9 th July at 2pm. The children will be making and serving afternoon tea as part of their DT cookery work.
Year 2	Afternoon tea – Tuesday 13 th July at 2.15pm. The children will be making and serving afternoon tea as part of their DT cookery work.
Year 3	Sow and Sew. Come along and see our gardening projects, and also help your child with their wonderful sewing masterpieces. Refreshments will be provided. 2pm on Thursday 1 st July.
Year 4	Eyes, down, clickety click. Parent and child bingo session on the yard. July 2 nd at 1.45pm and then join us for good work assembly at 2.30pm if the weather is fine.
Year 5	Get your PE kit on and come along to take part in a circuit session with your child. The children have designed it. Afterwards have a smoothie which has been made by the class. All this is part of the healthy lifestyles work Year 5 are doing.
Year 6	Are you smarter than a 10-year-old? Come along and take part in a quiz against your children. 9am – 10am on Friday 9 th July. Leavers assembly – outside to parents. Two adults per child can attend, we will have to sit parents in groups of ten. Wednesday 14 th July at 2pm.

All of the events will have to take place outside so will be weather dependent. Bring a coat if it’s chilly, but unless it is really wet, we will still go ahead.

We are also planning some fun outside things for the children – Belthorn park and water fights seem to feature heavily in these plans.



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Today was our big potato harvest. It was in my diary as 'Potato Festival' and I smiled to myself thinking – this could only happen here! The Year 3 children got involved and harvested our potatoes. The Year 3 class have counted out how many potatoes were in each potato sack – weighed them and looked at the different sizes and



varieties.

Mrs McGurk will now cook the potatoes and make a potato salad with some and the others will be added to the cheese pie for Tuesday's dinner.

And finally.....

On Monday, Years 3 and 4 will have their visit from the Lancashire Museum to look at life in the Saxon times (all being well).

Wishing everyone a good weekend and that all our families stay safe and well.

Mrs Rowan and the Belthorn team.

SEE BELOW FOR NEXT 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
Cheese 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:

Battered Fish
Vegetarian Ravioli
Pasta in Tomato
Sauce
Beans, Mushy Peas,
Chips
Jacket Potato with
Beans, Cheese or
Tuna
Chips
Homemade Rice
Pudding

Mr Tumble Trolley, Fresh Fruit and yoghurt are available everyday