



*"Nurturing Hearts
and Minds"*

Belthorn Academy Primary School

Headteacher: Mrs Helen Rowan

Friday Newsletter

Week Ending: 11TH June 2021

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

★ Year 1 – Nieve

★ Year 3 – Owen

★ Year 5 – Jenson

★ Reception – Qasim

★ Year 2 – Lewis

★ Year 4 – Rohan

★ Year 6 – Ahad

Welcome to this week's newsletter...

Welcome back to our final half term of the year. WOW I feel like it has flown, especially when I look back and think about all that has happened and the strange year it has been. I hope everyone had a brilliant half term holiday. The weather certainly made it for me. It was lovely to hear what the children had been doing, and enjoying some time outside in the sunshine.

This week twenty-one of our Year 5 and 6 pupils went off to PGL in what seemed something of an oasis of normality. I am not sure who were more excited – the children or the staff, or indeed who had the most snacks for the coach journey. Facebook pictures show all the children having a great time and embracing the challenges of the physical activities – that tower did look high to be abseiling down. I am sure they will all come back exhausted but having had an amazing time.

The Year 5 and 6 children left in school have been taught by Mr Furness. Because of the number of staff needed to accompany the trip, and also due to several staff having to self-isolate this week, it has seemed a bit strange in school. Huge thanks goes to all the staff who have been in, many of whom have had to take on extra duties to fill the gaps.

BELTHORN IN BLOOM



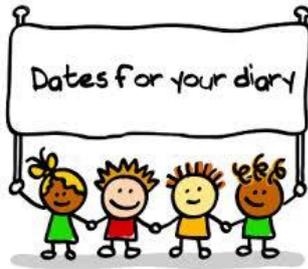
Because of the rising local infection rates, and because we are unsure of the government's roadmap, especially with regard to relaxing the rules on the 21st June, we have made the difficult decision to postpone our Belthorn in Bloom event. We did not want to outlay any money for us then to cancel things. We have therefore decided that the event will take place on Tuesday 13th July.

Fingers crossed that the government will by this point say that more than 30 people can meet outdoors. We have ordered the marquee for the event – this comes at quite a cost, but we will be able to use it for the Leaver's assembly on the 14th July all being well. Whatever happens the flower and vegetable growing competitions will still take place, so make sure you are watering and tending your crops. My flowers look somewhat slug eaten. We are also hoping to have a mini bake-off at the event, so for all those brilliant Belthorn bakers – dust off your cookery books and have a look at what inspiring vegetable based cakes you can create! More details to follow.

Attendance Award

Blog

A recent parental survey said that 16% of parents did not know about the class blogs. These are to be found on the website under the news tab. Simply click on the year group you wish to view. The weekly blogs provide information about what has been going on in class that week, and also what might be coming up. Some classes also give reminders re homework etc. That said, this week, there will only be blogs from Year 1 and Year 6 as these are the only classes who have had their usual teacher all week! Normal service will resume next week.



All being well – the following end of term events have been planned:

New Parent's evening – 1st July 2021 at 7pm.

Stay and Play for Little Bells new starters – Friday 9th July 4pm – 5pm.

Year 6 Leaver's Assembly – Wednesday 14th July at 2pm.

Little Bells graduation – for those children moving to Reception in September – 2pm.

Year 6 'clap out' – Friday 16th July at 2.45pm.

We will do our best to make sure these events will take place. We have to follow guidelines and some events will be outside so therefore weather dependent.

We will be having sport's day, but this might simply be in class bubbles, or two bubbles joining together. No parents will be invited for this year. There will be a theme – details will be sent out separately. We will look at the weather and pick a date. Currently we are looking at June 29th.



There are limited number of extra-curricular activities taking place in school at the moment – some are after school or before school interventions, others are sport's activities and Mr Lenge is also working with Year 5 currently after school one night. We cannot look after siblings who are not at a club. If siblings are not collected, or children who are in the clubs are not picked up on time, we will have to place them in after school club or breakfast club and there will be a charge for this. We really do not have any extra adults to supervise children and this shouldn't be an expectation.

And Finally.....

The number of staff who have had to isolate this week due to new Covid infections has been somewhat of a stark reminder that the Covid situation is still very much with us. We are all still lateral flow testing, and being mindful of outside contacts. I ask that all our families do the same. We really don't want to have to send any bubbles home. Thank you to all parents who are remembering to distance on the yard when dropping off and collecting, and also for using face coverings when speaking to other adults. If you do want to speak to a member of staff, please be mindful of this.

I hope you all have a wonderful weekend and enjoy some sunshine.

Mrs Rowan and the Belthorn Team



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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

Attendance Award