



Belleville News

10 November 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to all the parents and carers who supported the PTA shopping evening on Wednesday and to all the PTA volunteers who organised such a successful event. We are very grateful for all the time and energy you give to the school and for the funds that these events raise in support of all the children. Thank you!

As the weather turns more wintery, we are delighted to announce all the dates for the Christmas concerts which your children are working hard towards. You will find the full list of dates on the next page, and we hope to welcome as many of you as possible to these festive events.

We hope that you all have a great weekend.

John Budden
Executive Headteacher



To kick off [anti-bullying week](#), on **Monday 13 November**, we will join the 'Odd Socks Day' initiative. Children are encouraged to wear odd socks to school as a way of celebrating diversity and promoting inclusion. It is a symbolic gesture that serves as a reminder that being different is something to be proud of.

We look forward to discussing all the children's odd sock choices and starting the week off in a positive way.

Dates for your diary:

Odd Socks Day – Monday 13 November. Please encourage your child to wear odd socks to school. No donations needed.

Scholastic Book Fair – Tuesday 14 – Friday 17 November, Webb's Road and Meteor Street, before and after school.

Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check - Parent Webinars – Tuesday 14 November, [2pm – 3pm session](#), ID 846 8241 288, PW XtablesPM and [5.30-6.30pm session](#), ID 833 5096 3335, PW XtablesEVE

Parent Reader Workshops – Thursday 16 November, 2pm, [zoom](#).

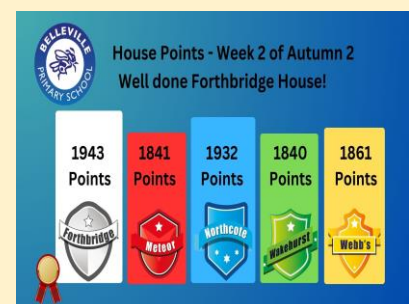
BBC Children In Need – Friday 17 November. Children can dress up in spots for the day. [Suggested donation of £1 if you can.](#)

Winter coat donations for [WrapUp London](#) - 20 – 22 November in the collection bags in school reception areas.

Belleville PTA Christmas Fair – Saturday 2 December, 12noon – 3pm, Webb's Rd.

Christmas Concerts - 4 – 19 December, details on the next page.

House Points



Year 1 and 2 Parent Readers Webinar

We will be running a catch-up session for parents and carers who missed the phonics workshop and would like to volunteer to read with the children. This will be held on **Thursday 16 November at 2pm** on zoom. [Join Meeting](#)

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Christmas Concerts

The children are very excited about their Christmas concerts. The dates, times and venues for each year group are given below. We hope to see as many of you as possible there.

Nursery - am	Friday 8 December	11.15am	Nursery
Nursery - pm	Monday 4 December	2.45pm	Nursery
Reception			
RH	Monday 11 December	10am	Webb's - Lower Hall
RC	Monday 11 December	2pm	Webb's - Lower Hall
RM	Tuesday 12 December	10am	Webb's - Lower Hall
RR	Tuesday 12 December	2pm	Webb's - Lower Hall
REC	Wednesday 13 December	2pm	Meteor - Hall
Year 1	Friday 15 December	2pm	St. Michael's Church
Year 2	Friday 15 December	10.30am	St. Michael's Church
Year 3	Tuesday 19 December	10.30am	St. Michael's Church
Year 4			
4JS and 4M	Thursday 7 December	10.30am	Webb's Road – Middle Hall
4C and 4JM	Thursday 7 December	2.15pm	Meteor - Hall
Year 5	Thursday 14 December	2.15pm	Webb's - Lower Hall
Year 6			
6DB, 6T & 6W	Monday 18 December	10.30am	Webb's - Lower Hall
6B & 6H	Monday 18 December	2.30pm	Meteor - Hall



The address for St Michael's Church is Cobham Close, Wandsworth Common, SW11 6SP.

School Choir – Christmas Lights Switch On, Abyssinia Close, off Northcote Road, Friday 24 November, 4.30pm (free), and **Mayor's Charity Concert**, Wandsworth Civic Centre, Tuesday 19 December, 6-8pm. Tickets £10, [available here](#).

Zones of Regulation Webinars

On **14 and 16 November**, our NHS Education Wellbeing Service is running free webinars for primary school parents, looking at the zones of regulation and supporting big emotions. Further information and sign up [available here](#).

We also have many resources to support children's wellbeing [available on our website here](#).

On **Friday 17 November**, get Spotacular and dress up in spots for **[BBC Children in Need!](#)**

We would like to raise as much money as we can for this brilliant cause. If you can, please donate £1 via [ParentPay](#).



Our number one priority is to ensure that all children and adults are safe.

Please do talk to any member of staff if you have any worries for yourself or others in our community.



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Roman Day

Last Friday, Year 3 was invaded by the Roman Army! The children and teachers had a fantastic day to launch our new history topic 'Why did the Romans invade Britain?' They took part in five different activities, each one run by a different Year 3 teacher.

The activities included a Roman feast, wax tablet making, learning Roman numerals, mosaic making and learning to march like the Roman army. The children's enthusiasm for everything was outstanding and it brought a lot of excitement for the topic ahead. A huge thank you to parents and carers who also helped to make the day such a success by providing costumes for your children.



Job Opportunity – Receptionist/Administrator

We are seeking a receptionist/administrator to join our busy and friendly office team from 8 January 2024. The role is varied, consisting of supporting the school with all administrative tasks and reception duties, welcoming visitors, and liaising with all members of the local community. We are looking for someone with excellent interpersonal and organisational skills, a positive attitude and plenty of enthusiasm. For further details or to apply, [please visit our website](#). The closing date for applications is **12noon on Monday 20 November 2023**.

Duck News!

The Nursery ducks we hatched earlier in the summer term, are now laying their own eggs! Harry (who is now in Reception and whose grandparents kindly took over looking after our ducks in the countryside) brought the Nursery team 12 eggs our Nursery ducks had laid. We were very excited to receive them and know that our ducks are healthy and enjoying their new countryside life!



University of Oxford Study

Suzi Telford, Year 6 Teacher, is currently undertaking a Master's degree. As part of this, in partnership with the University of Oxford, Belleville Primary school has agreed to take part in a study investigating pupils' motivation and perception of learning.

If your child is in Years 3-6 and is having, or has had emotional difficulty coming to school, we would like to invite you and your child to be part of this study. Please scan the QR code or [click here](#) to register your interest.





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Year 1 Update

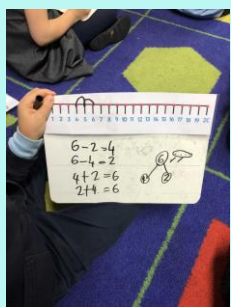
Children were both shocked and amazed this week when the tiger from *The Tiger Who Came to Tea* caused havoc in our classrooms (roarsome!). Children had to retell what the tiger got up to, with a focus on using verbs with the -ed suffix. Next week children will be planning and writing their own narrative based on the famous story.

Since half term we have been learning how to subtract in maths. We have learnt to subtract using crossing out, our number lines and part whole models. We have been challenging ourselves by doing the fact family. We have been super impressed with the children's accuracy when using these methods in partner and independent work.

Our first science lesson was all about seasonal change. The children observed and described the weather, animals and flowers associated with autumn. They also went outside and drew our autumnal tree. We will then repeat this activity each season to see the difference and to notice any changes. Year 1 loved spotting the colourful leaves and enjoyed predicting what would happen to the trees next season.

The children have also taken part in an exciting but messy eggs-periment to launch our new Science topic on Materials. They explored different materials such as wood, metal, plastic, wool, and foam. They then predicted which materials would make a suitable landing pad to prevent Humpty Dumpty from cracking after falling from the wall.

We have also started our first history unit in Year 1 this week, investigating the question 'How has life changed?'. Our children worked as historians to match events and objects to different stages of human life and sorted these on a timeline. Children particularly enjoyed looking at pictures of the Year 1 teachers throughout their lives so far and were surprised by how much they had changed since they were at school!



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Thank you to everyone who supported the Belleville PTA Shopping evening earlier this week, especially to Barbara, Nigar, Ipek, Christine, Laura, and Jo for organising the event and to all the volunteers who helped. It was a huge success!

Here are a few more dates for your diaries:

Final ordering date for your child's **Christmas IQ cards** is **Sunday 12 November**.

Christmas trees are now available to pre-order! Trees are premium quality Nordmann Firs, locally grown in Oxfordshire. You can order them [online here](#), and you will be able to collect your tree at the **Christmas Tree Sale** on **Saturday 2 December, 8.30am-11am**, Wakehurst Rd entrance to Webb's playground. Local delivery is also available, just select the delivery option in your shopping cart. Pre-orders will close on Thursday 30 November.

Wreath making workshop - 28 - 30 November, 7pm - 8.30pm at Webb's. Make your own spectacular fresh wreath under the expert guidance of florist Sandra Janssens. The event costs £50 which includes all the materials, a mulled wine, and a mince pie. Tickets are [on sale here](#).

Governor's Corner - School Open Mornings

Last week over 200 prospective parents experienced a snippet of "life at Belleville" on the school tours. As a parent guide, it was bittersweet to re-experience the first-time parents' excitement and nervousness about sending their child to Reception – I was once one of those parents myself! In addition to the big picture questions, they were keen on details, such as "What is lunch like? What day is homework? What happens if they are sick at school?"

It was a wonderful opportunity to speak to parents as a parent about what Belleville is like in real life. At these types of events, I believe parents appreciate another parent's perspective. Please do consider being the voice of experience at future tours – prospective parents and the school would be most grateful!

Yuki Molteni,
Parent Governor
Local Governing Body



Autumn Term 2023

First day of Autumn 2: Tuesday 31 October
Last day of Autumn 2: Thursday 21 December

Spring Term 2024

INSET day: Mon 8 Jan – school closed to children.
First day of Spring 1: Tuesday 9 January
Last day of Spring 1: Friday 9 February
Spring half term: Monday 12 – Friday 16 February
First day of Spring 2: Monday 19 February
Last day of Spring 2: Thursday 28 March

Summer Term 2024

INSET day: Mon 15 April – school closed to children.
First day of Summer 1: Tuesday 16 April
Bank Holiday: Monday 6 May – school closed.
Last day of Summer 1: Friday 24 May
Summer half term: Monday 27 – Friday 31 May
First day of Summer 2: Monday 3 June
Last day of Summer 2: Wednesday 24 July