



# Belleville News

9 December 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

It was wonderful to see so many of our families at the Christmas Fair on Saturday. Seeing the whole Belleville community together for the occasion was fantastic and what an event it was! Huge thanks to everyone that helped in so many different ways to making it such a success. Your support is much appreciated.

**John Budden**

Executive Headteacher



Belleville has generously chosen to support the **St George's Hospital Time For Change Appeal** this year, with the aim of raising £5,000 towards improving the children's wards. This is a charity very close to my family's heart as our daughter spent many months on Pinckney Ward, before sadly passing away in PICU in 2019 having just completed Year 6 at Meteor.

There is nothing more devastating than losing a child. The team at St George's were wonderful during Izzy's treatment and supporting us through our grief after her death. We owe them an enormous debt of gratitude and are incredibly grateful that Belleville has chosen to provide their support.

To get the fundraising started, donations will be collected after the Christmas concerts. Many thanks in advance for your generosity.

The Wilson Family

## Dates for your diary:

**Last Day of Term** - Friday 16 December – **Own Clothes Day**. **Please note earlier finish times:** Year 1 & Year 2 - 2.15pm, Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 – 2.20pm, Reception 2.25pm, Nursery pm – 2.30pm.

**INSET Day** - Tuesday 3 January. School closed for children.

**First Day of Term** - Wednesday 4 January, usual timing.

**Meet the Executive Headteacher** – The final events are:

- [Nursery & Reception](#), Webb's Road, Thursday 19 January, 9.15am,
- [Reception](#), Meteor Street, Thursday 19 January, 11.15am.

Our first priority is to ensure 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.



If you are worried about something ....  
If you are worried about someone else.....

You can talk to  
**ANYONE** who works  
for the school

Safeguarding is the  
responsibility of EVERYONE



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## Christmas Concerts

*Father Christmas visited Belleville this week for Christmas lunch!*



**Nursery - am** Monday 12 December 11.00am Nursery  
**Nursery - pm** Wednesday 14 December 2.30pm Nursery

**Year 1** Wednesday 14 December 11.15am St. Michael's Church, Cobham Close, SW11 6SP  
**Year 2** Tuesday 13 December 11.15am St. Michael's Church, Cobham Close, SW11 6SP  
**Year 5** Monday 12 December 2.15pm Meteor - Playground  
**Year 6** Tuesday 13 December 2.15pm Webb's - Playground

At our Christmas concerts, we will be collecting donations for two charities – St Michael's Church, where we are holding our Year 1 & 2 performances, and St. George's Hospital - Time for Change Appeal. There will be an opportunity to donate cash or give a £2 donation using our card readers.

Parents/Carers are also invited to the performance of the School Band on Friday 16 December at 2pm in the Castle in the Webb's Road playground.

## Year 4 Instrumental Concerts

Our Year 4 children performed for parents/carers last week, only one term into their instrumental lessons with Wandsworth Music. We hope you enjoyed their excellent performances!



## Year 4 Lacrosse tournament

'Y4 played their first competitive lacrosse against other schools. We used lots of tricks to score many goals and defended well to stop the opposition from scoring too. We all had rosy cheeks from all the running we did throughout the day.' Review by Aidan K, 4C.





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## Sports Update

Year 4s Dance underwater adventure involved individual, partner and group work to explore a variety of water themes. They led their group as a 'school of fish' after watching this amazing phenomenon with David Attenborough's narration. They considered how to lead their group, travelling in different ways changing direction and levels. After watching footage of icebergs melting and discussing global warming, the children explored a variety of interesting shapes and levels for icebergs before joining these shapes as a group. They also taught a partner four different wave movements ensuring they tried different body parts, levels, and directions, and then we put this all together a performance for Year 3.

Year 6 at Meteor worked on their Jive routines. Just like *Strictly Come Dancing*, they have learnt the Jive rhythm and several steps before trying to link these together with music. They have helped each other by teaching and demonstrating before performing opposite one another.



This half term in PE, Year 2 have continued to work on fundamental movement skills, catching and throwing. They have been focusing on successful and accurate passing with a small group. We then progressed to passing and moving (attacking) across the playground to "score a goal" by catching a ball inside a hoop. They have also been looking at moving diagonally and across, communicating where to move and which pass to use if close or further away.



In gymnastics, Year 3 have been practicing shapes. Practicing shapes on the floor, in the air and on different apparatus is key for the children's gymnastics development.





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## Reception Nativity Plays

This week, our Reception classes put on their nativity performances for parents and carers. Their costumes were kindly provided by the PTA Costume Library. The children did a fantastic job at the end of their very first term in school and we hope you enjoyed their performances!



## School Council

This week School Council were visited by the PTA.

Nicola and Louise spoke to School Council across both sites (over zoom), about who they are and everything the PTA do to support our school.

We are excited to see how School Council and the PTA can work together, ensuring our pupil voice is included when improving our school and giving back to our local community in the New Year.



## School Term Dates

### Autumn Term

Last day of Autumn 2: Friday 16 December

### Spring Term

INSET DAY: Tues 3 Jan – school closed to children

First day of Spring 1: Wednesday 4 January

Last day of Spring 1: Friday 10 February

Spring Half Term Holiday: Mon 13 – Fri 17 February

First day of Spring 2: Monday 20 February

Last day of Spring 2: Friday 31 March

### Summer Term

INSET DAY: Mon 17 April – school closed to children

First day of Summer 1: Tuesday 18 April

Bank Holiday: Monday 1 May – school closed

Last day of Summer 1: Friday 26 May

Summer half term: Monday 29 May – Friday 2 June

INSET DAY: Mon 5 June - school closed to children

First day of Summer 2: Tuesday 6 June

Last day of Summer 2: Friday 21 July