



Dear Parents and Carers,

December is here – time flies when you're having fun! We are looking forward to the many festive events in the next few weeks and also preparing for 2022. Club bookings for the Spring term will be opening soon.

### Parent/Carer Forums

Thank you to everyone who joined us at the parent/carers forums in the last fortnight. It was good to meet with you and hopefully share what is happening at school and an opportunity to ask questions. We will look to book some more dates for these in the new year.

### Local Governing Body

We had our second official meeting of the year last night with the local governing body. We meet 6 times a year as a group with various visits, meetings and catch up sessions in between. Topics of conversation last night were: progress on the school improvement plan; finances; catering and traffic. We are working with the caterers to adjust and improve the menu, with the aim to get back into eating in halls once it is Covid-safe to do so. You can find out more about what the local governing body do and about its members [here](#).

We hope you enjoy the updates and we look forward to seeing many of you at the first fair since 2019 tomorrow at **Webb's Road 12.30 – 3.30pm!**

Best wishes,

Mary-Lyne Latour (Headteacher Infants)

Sarah Atherton (Headteacher Juniors)

## Important - Covid Update

We have had **a further 14 positive cases in school since last week**. We are continuing to update the Health Security Agency and follow their advice. Children required to self-isolate are sent home learning as last year, to complete if they are well enough.

Please continue to follow the guidance below to help keep the spread down as much as possible – it has been good to see more parents/carers wearing masks in the playgrounds this week, thank you.

### Green Measures - Already in place for all children/classes/families

- Families and staff encouraged to use lateral flow tests at home twice a week (daily in amber classes)
- Self-isolation and PCR testing required (not a lateral flow) if:
  - o Symptomatic (cough, fever, loss of smell/taste)
  - o Had a positive lateral flow test (must be done within 2 days)
  - o Contacted by Test and Trace
- Ventilation in all spaces, especially when singing/exercising – children should wear additional layers to keep warm
- Hand and respiratory hygiene measures
- Enhanced cleaning during the day
- Adults wearing face coverings in communal areas (unless exempt), including on the playgrounds and parents/carers/visitors
- Minimising mixing of classes (and staff) through assemblies, performances, meetings, lunch halls
- Encouraging staff and families to take up their vaccination/vaccination boosters when available



## CHRISTMAS FAIR

SATURDAY 4TH DECEMBER 12.30pm - 3.30pm  
*Free Entry - donations welcome!*

### CRAFTS

- Write a letter to Santa
- Bauble Decorating
- Children's Wreath Making
- Biscuit Decorating
- Personalised Baubles

### GAMES

- Christmas Buzz Off!
- Catch a Christmas Donut
- Knock the Elf off the shelf
- Hoop Santa's Hat
- Knock Santa off the Chimney
- Lucky Dip
- Candy Cane Fishing

### THE FAVOURITES

- Real Donkeys
- Raffle
- Pre-Loved Toys
- Glitter & Tattoos
- Adult Tombola
- Santa's Grotto
- Chocolate Tombola
- Bullet Photobooth

### FOOD & DRINK

- Reindeer Pool!
- Candy Floss
- Indian Street Food
- Crepes
- Pizza
- Cakes

*Warm up with Mulled Wine, Hot Chocolate and drinks from the bar*

## WIN A MULBERRY HANDBAG ON GUESS THE REINDEER'S NAME GAME!

### Covid Precautions

Hand sanitiser will be readily available throughout the fair and its use encouraged.

Whilst there is no legal requirement to wear masks we would encourage them being worn.

Any adults entering Santa's grotto will be required to wear a facemask unless exempt.

Thank you,  
PTA

Thank you very much to the many parents and carers that have given up a great deal of their time to prepare for the different stalls. We are very fortunate and thankful to have such an active and dedicated PTA.





## Join us for an end of term singing performance in the playground!

**NEW:** Performances will be in your child's usual playground for drop off/pick up (except Year 1 at Meteor).

**NEW:** As both sites have 'amber' classes, public health advice is for parents/carers to take a lateral flow test before coming to school, wear a mask (unless exempt) and to socially distance as much as possible so that these events can go ahead – thank you for your cooperation.

	Meteor Street	Webb's Road
Reception	Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> December 3.00pm	Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> December 2.45pm
Year 1	Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> December 2.45pm <i>Large Key Stage 2 Playground</i>	Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> December 2.45pm
Year 2	Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> December 2.45pm	Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> December 2.45pm
Year 3	Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> December 2.50pm	Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> December 2.50pm
Year 4	Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> December 2.50pm	Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> December 2.00pm
Year 5	Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> December 2.50pm	Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> December 2.50pm
Year 6	Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> December 2.50pm	Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> December 2.50pm





## Christmas Lunch and Jumper Day – Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> December

To add some festive fun and cheer to the children's Christmas lunch day, children can come to school wearing their brightest cheeriest jumper, a Christmas jumper they already own or even decorate an existing jumper!

We ask for a small donation of £2 towards the charity, SAVE THE CHILDREN. This can be given to your child's class teacher.

We can't wait to see you all in your jumpers!

In assembly this week, we have been learning about festivals in the UK and around the world.

### Hannukah (Global)

Hanukkah is the Jewish Festival of Lights. The word 'Hanukkah' means 'Dedication' in Hebrew and celebrates a miracle that happened in Jerusalem over 2,000 years ago.

We learned the story of the Maccabees and how Jewish people celebrate with lights, food and games.



### St. Andrew's Day (Scotland)

It was St Andrew's Day on the 30<sup>th</sup> November. He is the patron saint of Scotland. He is also the patron saint of Romania, Greece, Russia, Ukraine and Poland. Patron saints are chosen to be special protectors or guardians over things.

We learned the story of King Angus and how Scottish people celebrate with a ceilidh and Cullen skink.



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

 ChildLine  
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**ANYONE** who works  
for the school



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responsibility of EVERYONE

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## parentgym

### Parentgym returns to Belleville in 2022

Parentgym is an evidence-based parenting programme that aims to help parents/carers raise happy confident children.

Our last programme at Belleville in Spring 2020 was very popular and had great feedback from the parents/carers who took part. We are hoping to host this 'in real life' starting on 19<sup>th</sup> January with a taster session and the six-week programme on Wednesday mornings after drop off from 27<sup>th</sup> January to 9<sup>th</sup> March. We will be able to confirm dates, time and locations soon.

The Parentgym website also has some digital, bite-sized free modules, called 'eWorkouts' to help parents/carers not just cope, but conquer... even in the toughest of moments. Click [here](#) to find out more.

PARENT GYM

## Six-week programme

Parent Gym is a programme made up of six two-hour sessions, with 'missions' to complete between sessions. Each programme has up to twenty parents and one Parent Gym coach.

The Parent Gym programme has been designed by leading psychologists, drawing on parenting research. All sessions are designed to be highly interactive and participative.

### 01 WEEK Chat

Talking and listening to your child in a positive way every day

### 02 WEEK Love

Getting the right balance of closeness and independence

### 03 WEEK Behave

Bring calm to your family with rules and routines that work

### 04 WEEK Care

Keep yourself and your family healthy and happy

### 05 WEEK Discover

Help develop healthy learning habits with your child

### 06 WEEK Together

Keep your family feeling happy, supported and loved

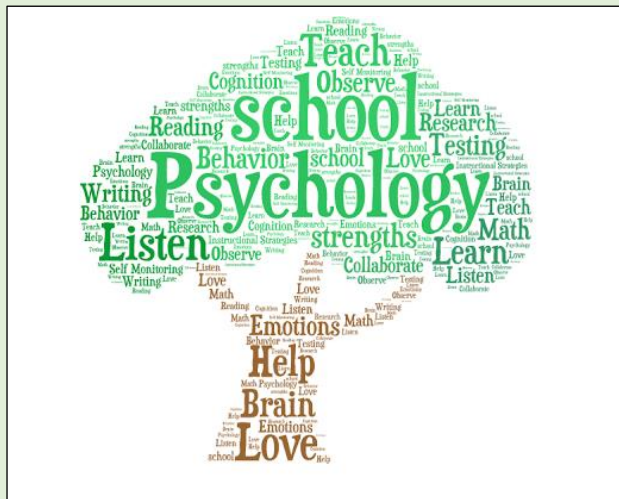
[FIND OUT MORE](#)



## Meeting the needs of all

As you know, from our previous newsletter, this is one of our school improvement priorities this year and our staff have been busy this week in professional training.

### Our Educational Psychologist



Marcia Mota-Kerby is the Educational Psychologist that we buy in to support the school. She provides expert knowledge about knowledge and understanding of how children learn and the most effective ways of supporting.

Over the last few weeks she has been holding ‘Teacher Surgeries’ for teachers to get informal advice on how to support their classes better.

We will also be holding a coffee morning for parents and carers to meet with Marcia in the new year as the feedback from our last event was that it was very helpful (and reassuring)!



Vicki Brand – Assistant Headteacher  
(Inclusion and SEND)

### Bell Foundation - Centre of Expertise



Did you know that our children speak 43 different languages at home?

Belleville is one of four centres of expertise for supporting children with English as an additional language across the UK.

We work with this group to use research to improve how schools can help children with the stages of learning English.

I will be delivering training to the East London Initial Teacher Training hub and to Kingston University students in the coming weeks.



Hannah Coles – Assistant Headteacher  
(Y1 – 3 and English Lead)

If you need to contact a teacher you can speak with them directly on the playground at the end of day or call/email to the office and a message will be passed on.





## Year 2

### Dulwich Village Trip



Year 2 children travelled to Dulwich this week to explore the village as part of their urban and rural unit this half term.

While walking around Dulwich Village the children carried out a geographical enquiry about what human features can be found there.

The children learned about what Dulwich village was like in the past and will compare it to their experience of it now, seeing how settlements can change over time, before debating whether they prefer rural or urban life.

## Year 4

### Anglo-Saxon Day



Year 4 transported themselves to the 9/10<sup>th</sup> Century today. In addition to exploring the Old English poem Beowulf and exploring some of the religious history of Anglo-Saxon England, Year 4 also enjoyed some themed activities.

Classes had a go at performing poems in Old English, learning to write using Futhorc runes or trying their hand at manuscript illumination. They also had an opportunity to use our Now Press Play resources to take part in their own Anglo-Saxon adventure. I know Year 4 had a wonderful time and will be full of new information! There were some fantastic Anglo-Saxon costumes on show too!

### Chess Success



Congratulations to Daniel who recently played in the Brentwood Rapidplay Chess tournament against children of varying ages under 18. Playing against older opponents, Daniel managed to win five games and draw one – he will be receiving his official English Chess Federation rating next month. Great effort Daniel!



## Art In Process – Year 2

Inspired by 'The Hungry Caterpillar' collage by Eric Carle



1. Create a range of papers with different colours and textures



2. Cut out shapes



3. Arrange to make your own mini-beasts

## Art in Process- Year 5

Using shoe design in sculpture



1. Roll out clay and cut out pieces



2. Join together with scoring and slip



3. Embellish your design



4. Leave to dry

More photos to come of the finished products . . .





### **Year 3 and Year 4 Girls' Football Festival**

The girls enjoyed a wonderful morning out working on their football skills. The girls moved from station to station developing their striking, dribbling, movement off the ball and match play. They received great coaching and worked extremely well as a team. Well done girls!

### **Year 3 and Year 4 Rugby Festival**

We had a brilliant day of tag rugby in the sunshine. For many children this was their first attempt at tag rugby, but with a determined attitude and quick warm up, went out with great enthusiasm. With each game the children improved their passing, running and changing speed to successfully pull the tags. The children loved the day out and especially the chips served at the end!



Mel George  
(PE Teacher)



## TERM DATES

**Last day of Autumn 2 term: Friday 17th December**

Break up at:

Years 1 – 3: 2.15pm

Years 4 – 6: 2.20pm

Reception: 2.25pm

Nursery pm: 2.30pm

### Spring Term 2022

Inset Day: Tuesday 4th January – school closed to children  
First day of Spring 1 term: Wednesday 5th January  
Last day of Spring 1 term: Friday 11th February  
Spring half term holiday: Monday 14th February – Friday 18th February  
First day of Spring 2 term: Monday 21st February  
Last day of Spring 2 term: Friday 1st April

### Summer Term 2022

Inset Day: Tuesday 19th April – school closed to children  
First day of Summer 1 term: Wednesday 20th April  
Bank holiday: Monday 2nd May – school closed to children  
Last day of Summer 1 term: Friday 27th May  
Spring half term holiday: Monday 30th May – Friday 3rd June  
First day of Summer 2 term: Monday 6th June  
Last day of Summer 2 term: **Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> July**



Any news, something to share or celebrate with the school community?

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