

# Belleville Newsletter



## Feb 14th

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Please remember to keep informing us about cases of Chickenpox, Measles and Shingles within your family.

## PARENT GYM

Thank you to the number of parents and carers that have signed up for our Parent Gym programme. We have held two sessions so far this half term, which have been very well received.

Parent Gym is a series of six sessions proven to increase parents' skills and confidence and so improve the behaviour and wellbeing of their children. The programme has been designed by leading psychologists and is suitable for parents of children aged 2-11. Sessions are highly interactive. As this course has been very popular, we will look to hold more later in the year.

## P.E. KIT REMINDER

A reminder that all children are expected to wear the appropriate clothing and shoes for their P.E. lessons.

Children should come to school dressed in their P.E. kit if their lessons are in the morning and then get changed into their school uniform; or bring their P.E. kit to get changed into for their afternoon sports lesson.

Dear Parents and Carers,

It is hard to believe but the half term break is already upon us. The children have been working extremely hard and been fully engaged in their learning. It is a joy to see so many happy children displaying our excellent learner traits and working collaboratively in lessons.

With our focus this year on ensuring our curriculum is exciting and memorable; teachers have planned many trips and learning experiences to bring the children's learning to life. Thank you very much to the number of parents and carers that give up their time to make these trips happen.

Thank you also to the number of parents'/carers' that attended parents'/carers' evening this week.

Mary-Lyne Latour  
Headteacher Infants

Sarah Atherton  
Headteacher Juniors

## EVENTS AND HIGHLIGHTS

It has been a very busy few weeks with many exciting events happening throughout the school.

- **Nursery** had their first experience of travelling on our school minibuses to visit the Postal Museum as part of their 'People who help us' topic. A great trip was had by all!
- **Year 1** stepped back in time fully dressed as Victorian children to visit Holly Lodge as part of their 'Victorian Life' unit of work. The children were met by some very strict teachers.
- **Year 3** have been busy visiting the Saatchi gallery to explore the life of Tutankhamun as well as visiting the British Museum's Egyptian gallery. A group of 15 children have started a new intergenerational project, visiting a local retirement home to play games and share stories.
- **Year 4** had a visit to the Tate Gallery to see their photos in the Steve McQueen 'Year 3' exhibition; as well twenty children receiving a coaching session with musicians from the London Philharmonic Orchestra.
- **Year 6** have had a visit to the Black Cultural Archives in Brixton, a visit from a Humanist speaker as part of their RE topic and a group of children were treated to a performance of 'We will Rock You' at Bolingbroke Ark Academy.
- **School Council** visited the Houses of Parliament for a tour and a questions and answers session.
- **Orchestra:** our players proudly performed at the Mayor's Gala Concert at Wandsworth Town Hall on Tuesday evening.
- Representatives from the **Eco-Council** took part in the Youth Climate Commission event today.

## PARENT WORKSHOPS

Thank you to the number of parents and carers that attended our Early Years and Key Stage 1 maths workshops. The feedback was very positive with many parents/carers commenting on how informative the sessions were on how we teach maths at Belleville and how they can support at home.

We also held further reading training sessions for volunteer readers across the school.

## KEEPING SAFE IN OUR AREA

There has been an increase in street robberies where children/teenagers are targeted and also of burglaries from property. The local police have increased their presence in our area as a result.

Please take extra care to close your doors and windows at home and try to avoid having valuable items (e.g. jewellery or laptops) on show through windows when you are out. If your child(ren) go out in the local area by themselves, try to avoid them having expensive items (e.g. phones, clothing or bikes) or lots of money with them; avoid staying out when it is starting to get dark and also being in areas where there are not many people (especially on/around the commons).

Please talk with your child/children about where they can and can't go, what time they need to be home and also what to do if they are approached or threatened (e.g. be with a group, give any valuables away without struggle or arguing and get to a safe space like a shop or cafe as soon as possible).

## REMINDER: START OF DAY

The safety of Belleville pupils is of utmost importance and, for this reason, no child should be dropped off at school on either site earlier than [8.45am](#), unless they attend the "Schools Out" breakfast club run by Balham Community Centre ([7.30-9.00am](#)), or a specific before school club or an intervention group.

When the bell rings at the start of the school day, parents and carers should say goodbye to children and not enter the school building with them. If you need to speak with your child's class teacher, they are outside in the playground before the bell rings or you can make an appointment with them for a convenient time.

## DATES: SUMMER TERM and 2020/21 ACADEMIC YEAR

Please see the confirmed dates below:

- Last day of Summer term 2020 – Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July
- Inset days Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup>, Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> and Friday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2020
- Children's first day back Autumn term 2020 - Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September
- Autumn half term - Monday 26<sup>th</sup> October - Friday 30<sup>th</sup> October
- End of Autumn term - Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2020
- Inset Day January 4<sup>th</sup> 2021
- First day of Spring term Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2021
- Spring half term – Monday 15<sup>th</sup> February – Friday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2021
- End of Spring term Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021
- Inset Day Monday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2021
- First day of Summer term Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2021
- Summer half term – Monday 31<sup>st</sup> May – Friday June 4<sup>th</sup> 2021
- End of Summer term Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2021