

Belleville Newsletter



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

SCHOOL PHOTOS

Individual and sibling photographs will take place this week on:

Wednesday 14th November

(Meteor, Reception and Nursery)

Thursday 15th November

(Webb's Y1-6)

If you have not received the letter with the details of the photo day, sent out in bookbags last week, please do collect one from the office.

NORTHCOTE ROAD LIGHTS SWITCH ON

Mrs Hughes and the choirs from both sites will be singing along Northcote Road from 4.30pm on **Friday 23rd November**. They will be joining with other local schools on the junction of Bennerley Road and Northcote Road for carols and turning on of lights at 5.00pm. Children from the choirs will have a letter detailing arrangements for this. All are welcome on the night to support!

BOOK FAIR

The Book Fair will be in school next week from **Monday 19th November** all week on both sites, before and after school.

Please do come along and support as the school does benefit with 60% of sales going towards new books for classrooms.

GYMNASTICS GOLD AND SILVER SUCCESS

On 3rd November, at the British Gymnastics London GfA Final Competition 2018 **Leone Flori (Y5)** took home a gold medal coming first in the floor competition and a silver medal in floor & vault combined. Leone competed against all finalists who qualified in the London Northern and Southern Zone competitions held earlier this year. Congratulations Leone!

ANTI-BULLYING WEEK 12th – 19th NOVEMBER

This is Anti-Bullying Week and this year's theme is 'Choose Respect', which we will be exploring in assemblies and in PSICHE lessons. There are useful resources and information for parents and children: <https://www.bullying.co.uk> and <https://www.anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk>

If you have any questions or concerns, as always, we encourage children or parents/carers to contact class teachers or any member of the safeguarding team.

PARENTS' / CARERS' EVENING CATCH UP

Please do make contact with your child's teacher if you did not attend parent/carer evening and make an appointment to meet with them. We aim to see all parents/carers every term during the school year.

VISITS

Since half term, the children have been very busy with their learning and many have been out and about on a variety of visits.

History visits have taken place bringing some excellent learning experiences beyond the classroom: Year 5 to the British Museum; Year 4 to Hampton Court and Year 6 to the Cabinet War Rooms. Positive comments on the standard of Belleville children's engagement and behaviour come back to us after many trips from the organisers and members of the public. Thank you, as always, for parent/carer support on our trips – we appreciate your time!

REMEMBRANCE AND RED AND BLACK DRESS UP DAY

Thank you from the School Council who arranged our dress up day, which raised a fantastic **£586.91** and for the contributions over the last two weeks to the Royal British Legion (RBL) charity through the sale of poppies and merchandise. We will update you with the total amount placed in the collection boxes when we receive it from the local branch of the RBL. Children also took part in phase assemblies to learn about Remembrance Day.

INSPIRE REMEMBRANCE FOR PEACE SERVICE AT ST PAUL'S

Nine children from Year 6 attended St Paul's Cathedral on Friday 9th November as part of a very special school's Centenary Remembrance event.

The children were great ambassadors for the school and were lucky to be seated in the front row for this wonderful event.



CRICKET FINALS AT THE OVAL

The Year 6 cricket team was back in action again at the Kia Oval on Friday for the Maurice Fulcher competition finals day. Consistent bowling and excellent batting from the whole team secured a place in the final against Furzedown. The final saw more excellent batting and very reactive fielding, the result came down to the final ball in the last over, where Furzedown scored the winning run!

Congratulations to the team for representing the school so impressively. Miss Wilson

POETRY COMPETITION WINNERS

Thank you to all of the children who entered the National Poetry Day competition and wrote poems on the theme of 'Change'. The children below were judged as winners for their year groups. Well done! The poems will be appearing around the school.

Reception - **Anna (RH) Zoe (RT)**
Year 1 - **Finlay (1R) Maisie-Beau (1S)**
Year 2 - **Arthur K (2M) Maya 2SB)**
Year 3 - **Muhammad (3F) Jake (3K)**
Year 4 - **Matteo (4B)**
Year 5 - **Luna (5D) and Rubi & Zara (5D); Mimi G (5AL)**
Year 6 - **Valentina (6S); Isabella W and Libby (6H)**

MOBILE PHONES

If your child does bring in a mobile phone or smartwatch, these are to be handed in in the morning to your child's teacher and are not to be used during the school day. If the school or child needs to contact you during the school day, this will be done via the teacher or school office.

END OF TERM EVENTS

We will, as usual, be having a number of end of term performances and events. Our preparations for these will be happening gradually during the coming weeks. We always try to ensure we respect our community and the diverse range of cultural and religious backgrounds in our school. We have found that where families are made aware of what these events involve then individual families can make their decisions about involvement of their children in the light of all the information. We hope that the following details will be helpful. If you do need any further information in terms of the content of any of these events, please do come and talk with teachers.

Concerts

- **Nursery:** Classes will be singing some Christmas songs for parents/carers at their concerts.
- **Reception:** Each class will be putting on a nativity style performance, which will take place in school in the hall.
- **Years 1 and Year 2:** There will be a nativity performance for each year group, which will be around the Christmas story and will be performed in St Michael's church.
- **Years 3, 4, 5 and 6:** There will be a concert on the theme of 'Peace', which will be performed in St Michael's church. The songs are being practised in music lessons; they are around this theme and do not have any religious content.

If you would rather your child does not participate in the concert preparations and/or the concerts themselves, we ask that you send in a note to the class teacher to this effect. Where there are songs being taught which are of a Christmas theme or rehearsals are taking place, alternative arrangements will be made for your child.

Christmas lunch

This will be on Tuesday December 18th.

Children will have the choice of a traditional Christmas lunch and there will be crackers, hats and decorated halls. Father Christmas visits the children over the lunch.

End of term parties/activities

Class parties will be held at the end of term, class teachers will inform you of dates nearer the time. We hope to include all children in these events and all efforts are made to make these an inclusive end of term celebration for every class.

PTA THANKS

iPads

We are hugely grateful to the PTA for the funds which are helping us purchase new iPads to replace the existing ones, which are beginning to slow down, and we are thrilled to now be able to invest in new sets for both sites.

New books

Our reading project has had a huge contribution from the PTA this year and new books are coming in through our doors every week. The high-quality books are being selected by Mr Hudd and aim to provide a rich range of literary experience and encourage a greater level of engagement with reading from all children. The range of texts chosen, addresses ideas of identity, diversity and some important and significant global and human themes. The children's responses to these new texts have been very positive indeed and the quality of discussion and interaction very impressive at all levels.

DATES TO SEPTEMBER 2019

AUTUMN TERM 2018:

- **CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY:** Monday 24th December 2018 to Friday 4th January 2019. The school breaks up at **2.30pm** on Friday 21st December.

SPRING TERM 2019:

- **INSET DAY:** Monday 7th January – school closed to children. **Children return to school on Tuesday 8th January at the usual time.**
- **HALF TERM HOLIDAY:** Monday 18th February to Friday 22nd February. **Children return to school on Monday 25th February at the usual time.**
- **EASTER HOLIDAY:** Monday 8th April to Monday 22nd April (incl Good Friday 19th April and Easter Monday 22nd April). The school breaks up at **2.30pm** on Friday 5th April.

SUMMER TERM 2019:

- **INSET DAY:** Tuesday 23rd April – school closed to children. **Children return to school on Wednesday 24th April at the usual time.**
- **MAY DAY BANK HOLIDAY:** Monday 6th May – school closed.
- **HALF TERM HOLIDAY:** Monday 27th May to Friday 31st May (incl Spring Bank Holiday Monday 27th May).
- **INSET DAY:** Monday 3rd June – school closed to children. **Children return to school on Tuesday 4th June at the usual time.**
- **SUMMER HOLIDAY:** The school breaks up at **2.30pm** on Tuesday 23th July 2019

AUTUMN TERM 2019:

- **INSET DAYS:** Monday 2nd and Tuesday 3rd September – school closed to children. **Children return to school on Wednesday 4th September at the usual time.**