

# Belleville Newsletter



**Oct 18th**

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

## FLU IMMUNISATIONS

If you have not yet done so, please complete and return the flu immunisations form to the school office to indicate whether or not you wish your child to be immunised against influenza.

## CONGRATULATIONS

Well done to Ella in 6W who has completed 50 junior parkruns and is now a member of the 'Ultra Marathon Club'. Parkruns are free and parents can run too (if you wish), more info can be found at [www.parkrun.org.uk](http://www.parkrun.org.uk)

## READING SUPPORT

Thank you to so many of you who attended the Early Year and Key Stage 1 phonic training workshop last week. We hope it was helpful in explaining how we teach early reading to the children. We look forward to seeing many of you volunteering in class.

Thank you to so many of you who have already volunteered to read with our older children in Years 3 – 6. Please see the attached flyer if you have any time to spare (no experience or expertise needed, just enthusiasm).



Dear Parents and Carers,

It's hard to believe but half term is here! It was great to see so many of you at parent/carer evening this week. One of the areas we are working on this year is pupil leadership. We are fortunate to have so many children who are keen, passionate and committed to improve our school and our wider community. We are looking to expand the variety of opportunities on offer to all of your children to develop their leadership skills.

### School Council

Congratulations to all of the newly-elected School Council members. The members across both sites have met twice already and are very excited about the fantastic opportunities they have coming up this year.

This week the main topic of discussion was Remembrance Day. The Councillors have begun to think of different ways that we can raise money, with some excellent ideas shared such as: wearing red and black; dressing in the colours of the Union Jack; holding a poppy parade and making our own poppies. The Councillors have now been tasked with discussing the ideas shared with their class and we will have another meeting to decide the theme. The Councillors will be selling poppies, wristbands and accessories before and after school after half term in the playgrounds on both sites.

Another topic discussed was how we could support local charities in the coming months. We have begun to research causes that we would like to support as a school, for instance donations to homeless shelters and food banks, raising funds for local hospitals and Battersea Cats and Dogs home. Thanks to all the Councillors for their enthusiasm in their new roles. We can't wait for a busy year ahead!

### Buddy System

Our Year 2 children have paired up with their Reception buddies this week to share their learning and read to each other. It was lovely to see our younger children meeting and admiring the reading skills of their buddies.

### Community Ambassadors and Playground Pals

For children in Key Stage 1, older children are on hand on the playground to help with disagreements and to find friends to play with.

A group of children have volunteered and been selected to act as role models for others in Key Stage 2. Their duties include: problem resolution; building friendships; monitoring and assisting at lunchtime; guiding children to the playground; helping children find people to play with and suggesting games to play.

They are ready and willing to help and wearing red badges so please encourage your children to seek them out if needed.

### Visits and Visitors

In just two weeks:

- Nursery and Reception have enjoyed a drama workshop developing their speaking and listening skills from Perform drama – watch out for the Early Years dragons!
- Year 2 have visited the London Eye as part of their geography topic to see the London landmarks and develop their understanding of aerial maps by going up so high.
- Year 3 enjoyed dressing up as Romans for their Roman day and experiencing aspects of Roman life – it was great to see so many parents and carers visiting at the end of the day.
- Our second group of Year 5 children enjoyed their 2 night and 3 day residential at Ufton Court enjoying re-enacting the siege of Troy, archery and exploring the woodland environment.
- Year 6 have visited the Churchill War Rooms as part of their history work on World War Two; 6G and 6W were also lucky enough to see the Queen passing through in her carriage on the way to the Houses of Parliament on Monday.
- We have also hosted a group of leaders from South Camberley Primary in Surrey to share our practice in English and maths teaching and also students from Roehampton University as part of their PGCE training course.

We are always thankful for the number of parents, carers and staff who volunteer their time to support us in being able to offer these learning experiences to the children and to staff from other schools. We are still looking for parent/carers to tour prospective parents and carers on our open mornings after half term – please see overleaf for details.

We wish you and your family a restful half term break and we look forward to welcoming you back to school on **Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> October** at the usual time.

Mary-Lyne Latour

Sarah Atherton

## PTA THANKS

Thank you to the PTA for two successful movie nights and staff are busy writing their pledges for the upcoming Auction of Promises. We have been discussing possible projects that the PTA can support this year, for example, new and exciting curriculum resources to bring learning to life in all subjects, improving the outdoor learning space in Reception classes at Webb's and some new wet play games amongst others.

Thank you to all who volunteer on the PTA and support PTA events, as well as providing opportunities for children and parents to socialise, the funds raised make it possible to add the extras we may struggle to afford otherwise.

## FAREWELL TO MRS JEFFREYES

It is with sadness that we said farewell and good luck to Kirsty Jeffreyes (nee Rankin), one of our teaching assistants since 2008, who has left to find work closer to her home and young family. We are very thankful for all of the support she has offered the children over the years and wish her all the best in her future endeavours.

## ALUMNI NEWS – GCSE SUCCESS!

We were very proud to receive a letter last week from Burntwood School informing us that one of our former pupils has achieved seven GCSEs at Grade 9 (formerly A\*) and two at Grade 7 (formerly A). This placed her in the top 10% of her year – congratulations!

It would be great to hear from more of our former pupils about what they have been doing post-Belleville, no matter how long ago they left, as it is an inspiration to our current pupils.

If you have any news to share, please email [alexandra.turnbull@bellevilleschool.org](mailto:alexandra.turnbull@bellevilleschool.org) marked 'Alumni News'.

## OPEN MORNING TOUR GUIDES NEEDED

Our wonderful, supportive parents and carers have traditionally led the tours of the school on open mornings. Thank you to those who have already volunteered but we still need more of you to give the parent to parent experience that our visitors tell us they appreciate so much as the smaller we can make the groups the more personalised the tours can be.

We have a very large number of parents and carers at Belleville so don't be shy in coming forward, anyone can help us! You can be new to Belleville, a parent or carer with a child in Year 6 or anything in between. **No previous experience is necessary as training will be provided** by the Headteachers, who will hold meetings for those who are willing to help on Tuesday 29th October at 9.30am at Webb's Road and at Meteor Street at 11.30am. Floor plans and information sheets will also be provided and Local Governing Body members and staff will be on hand to help on both Open Mornings.

Each year, the school holds two Open Mornings in the week immediately following the half term holiday. This year they will take place on **Wednesday 30th October and Thursday 31st October**. There will be rolling tours of Webb's Road starting at 9.30am and a talk from a Headteacher at 10.45am. Tours of Meteor Street will start at 11.30am and end by 12.35pm.

If many of you are able to give a little of your time on either or both mornings and at one or both sites, it will be very much appreciated so do please email: [alexandra.turnbull@bellevilleschool.org](mailto:alexandra.turnbull@bellevilleschool.org) or advise the school office.

## 2019/2020 DATES

### AUTUMN TERM 2019:

- **HALF TERM:** Monday 21st October – Friday 25th October.
- **INSET DAY:** Monday 28th October – school closed to children.
- **Children return to school on Tuesday 29th October at the usual time.**
- **CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY:** The school breaks up at **2.30pm** on Thursday 19th December 2019.

### SPRING TERM 2020:

- **INSET DAY:** Monday 6th January – school closed to children.
- **Children return to school on Tuesday 7th January at the usual time.**
- **HALF TERM:** Monday 17th February – Friday 21st February.
- **Children return to school on Monday 24th February at the usual time.**
- **EASTER HOLIDAY:** Monday 6th April – Friday 17th April (including Good Friday 10th April and Easter Monday 13th April). The school breaks up at **2.30pm** on Friday 3rd April.

### SUMMER TERM 2020:

- **INSET DAY:** Monday 20th April – school closed to children.
- **Children return to school on Tuesday 21st April at the usual time.**
- **MAY DAY BANK HOLIDAY:** Friday 8th May – school closed.
- **HALF TERM HOLIDAY:** Monday 25th May – Friday 29th May.
- **Children return to school on Monday 1st June at the usual time.**
- **SUMMER HOLIDAY:** The school breaks up at **2.30pm** on Friday 17th July 2020.