

# Belleville Newsletter



## Sept 20th

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

### PLEASE NOTE

**Parents Evening – Change of date**  
Due to a calendar clash, our first Parents/Carers evening will be on **Thursday 17th October**. Apologies for any inconvenience this may cause.

**A reminder: School will be closed to pupils on Monday 28th October.**  
There will be a Trust Inset day.

### GREAT NEWS

Congratulations to Denis who achieved 3rd place in the U10 section of the British Chess Championship, which took place in July in Torquay.

This builds on his success in winning the UK Schools Chess Challenge Southern Gigafinals last summer and Denis' next competition is the Terafinals, the final leg of the challenge where he will play against top juniors in the country.

Denis plays at Battersea Chess Club on Tuesday evenings Other juniors from Belleville are welcome to join: <https://www.batterseachessclub.org.uk/tag/denis-dupuis/>



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back and to our first newsletter of the 2019-2020 academic year. We hope you all enjoyed your summer holidays and the children feel rested and excited to start back with us. It has been a joy to see so many happy, familiar faces and keen children ready to continue with their learning. We also welcome new children and families that have started with us at Belleville. Congratulations to all our new children, especially our youngest in Early Years who have made an excellent start to their Belleville days. The confidence and eagerness displayed is wonderful to see and a great foundation for future learning. Our eldest children in Year 6 also displayed great focus yesterday in tackling the Wandsworth test so well.

Headteachers: Mary-Lyne Latour Sarah Atherton

### INSET TRAINING

We started the term with two staff training days. The first included all our schools and staff together within the Trust. It was a very focused day with John Grove our Executive Head, sharing our vision for the Trust and aims of providing a Quality First education for all our children. An education that ensures all children receive a world class, inspirational and aspirational curriculum driven by the principles of improvement, excellence and equality.

Teachers were also engaged in training from the Directors across the trust in Maths and English. Our school aim of keeping all children and staff safe is of paramount importance to us. We all received further training and guidance from the Director of Inclusion.

The second day was a focused Belleville training day. This involved outlining our school improvement priorities, developing our curriculum including the teaching of reading, training on how we assess and provide impactful feedback to children's learning as well as reflections from pupil and parent surveys.

### ECO-COUNCIL

The Eco-Council started the term very determined to make a difference within our community and local area. We were very proud of their efforts on their first 'litter pick' along Northcote Road. It was also very pleasing to hear from local residents praising their efforts.

### PUPIL LEADERSHIP

As well as having children read with other children across phases, we are in the process of recruiting School Council members, Playground Pals, Community Leaders and Pupil Assistants. We are also developing a Buddy system for our younger children. More information to follow!

### SCHOOL UNIFORM

It is pleasing to see so many children starting the term in school uniform. Please remember we are a uniform school and expect children to wear **correct uniform at all times**. Please encourage your child to wear their uniform with pride to and from school. It sends a message to the wider community that Belleville is a place where children are proud of themselves and their school.

**The uniform shop hours are: Monday and Tuesday, from 8.30am until 9.15am and from 3.15pm until 4.00pm.**

### PTA CLASS CALENDAR PHOTOGRAPHS NEXT WEEK

The PTA has arranged for photographers to take class calendar photographs next week, as follows:

**Monday 23rd September:** classes 5G, RC, 5F, 6S, 4H, 6W, 5W and 6H at Webb's and all classes at Meteor  
**Thursday 26th September:** all other Webb's classes.

*Please ensure your child has correct school uniform (not PE kit) to wear.*

### SNACKS

**Nursery and Reception** - Every morning all our classes have fruit and milk time. Fruit is free and is provided for all children. Water is available in all the classes and the children are provided with their own mug in school.

**KS1 (Years 1 and 2)** – All children are provided with free fruit by the school.

**KS2 (Years 3-6)** - We have a **healthy snack policy** which has been in place for many years. Children may bring a healthy snack for mid morning break e.g. fresh and dried fruit, vegetables or a small savoury sandwich, which is not part of their packed lunch i.e. no biscuits, cakes, brioche, crisps/pretzels or similar, sweets, yoghurt, cheese strings or cereal bars please.

**Drinks:** Children may bring a small bottle of plain water to drink during the day (no juice or squash unless it is for packed lunch).

**Please remember, we are a nut free school.**