

Points to note/actions needed:

- Club bookings on CHQ close at **9pm on Sunday 19th December**
- If you have not yet set up a Years I 6 Seesaw account, please do respond to the emails
- Children in Years I- 6 who were in school today have their maths workbook in their bags
 - \circ $\,$ This is just in case we are in home learning in January $\,$
 - Please DO NOT complete any of the work over the holidays you do not even need to take it out of your child's school bag (this may also stop it from getting lost at home – we do need them back for evidence of learning)
 - \circ $\,$ Bring this book back to school on the first day of term
 - Children are due to return to school at the normal times on Wednesday 5th January
- We ask all families to complete **lateral flow** tests at home before coming back onto site in January

Dear Parents and Carers,

2021 has been quite a year! We started with a series of twists and turns with the second partial closure of schools and were overjoyed to have all children return in March. The tokens of flowers so many of you brought on your first day back was a memorable sight.

When looking back at all of the highlights of the year for today's newsletter there is so much to be proud of. The special moments are great and it has been a pleasure to see many of the 'in real life' experiences returning to school this term. We have thanked our staff for the difference they make that isn't photographed, day in and day out, in the tiny things (and huge things) they do to support your children's learning and wellbeing.

We thank our community of parents, carers, friends, families, governors and the trust – we continue to work together to benefit the children we serve and are continually honoured that we can be part of your children's formative years.

We continue to push forward with our drive for improvement, excellence and equality in all that we offer. We have shared with you progress we are making with the curriculum, teaching, meeting the needs of all children, professional development and engaging and communicating with all in the school community. We thank you for your insights and feedback that help us to improve further.

This year has seen some very challenging at times for all of us, and for some staff and families even more so – at these times we have been proud to see how the Belleville community care for and support each other.

We don't know what January 2022 and beyond will hold. Schools hear announcements at the same time as the general public but we have put steps in place should we have a period of home learning at short notice again - please see the note above about Seesaw and maths workbooks.

We <u>do</u> know, however, that we will work together - children, their families and the school - to help children learn, grow and flourish whatever may be thrown at us.

So for now, we wish you a happy, relaxing and restful holiday. It's important to switch off and recharge - put the uniform and the school bag in the cupboard for a while. For those unwell, get well soon and we'll see you all again in 2022.

Best wishes,

Mary-Lyne Latour (Headteacher Infants)

Sarah Atherton (Headteacher Juniors)



Looking to get active this holiday?

Children in Years 3 - 6 have been learning about orienteering as part of their lessons in PE this half term. Lots of them have really enjoyed both the frustration and exhilaration with the challenge of locating hidden clues around our playground but to take this further using a map, a compass and locating markers in an unfamiliar outdoor park will most certainly excite them!

I have shared this website Orienteering with your kids

(getoutwiththekids.co.uk) with the children to learn about traditional orienteering and geocaching. Please look at the website for details and information about how to get involved during this break- it is great for all the family!

I have also found this website helpful to discover where in our local area there are permanent courses set up with free maps & courses to download <u>British Orienteering</u>. There are 8 courses within 5 miles of the school!



British Orienteering



Lisa Ogunyemi

Need help or support in the holidays?

Holidays, and especially the Christmas holidays, can be a difficult time for lots of families. If you need support, the Wandsworth Care Alliance <u>CLICK HERE</u> can help you find local groups who could offer you help.

They have a directory of local organisations <u>CLICK HERE</u> which cover many different areas such as:

- Food and money issues
- Mental health
- Carers and the elderly

- Disabilities
- Domestic abuse
- Bereavement



Playground Performances Wow the Crowds

The final performances of the 'outdoor concert season' were held this week. Particular thanks goes to Sam Hughes, our amazing music teacher, and the Early Years teams for their enthusiastic rehearsing and conducting! Thank you to all the families and fans who stamped, clapped and cheered on the children in their first live performances for two years.



Year 3 @ Webb's



Year 6 @ Webb's



Reception @ Meteor



Year 5 @ Webb's



Reception @ Meteor



Years 3, 4, 5, 6 @ Meteor



Year 4 @ Webb's





Just some of the highlights . . .

















































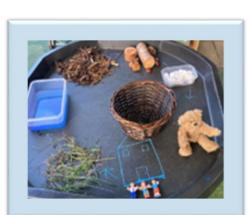






































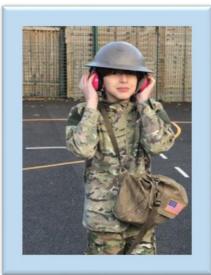


























More great things to come . . .



TERM DATES

Spring Term 2022

Inset Day: First day of Spring I term: Spring Parent/Carer Evenings: Last day of Spring I term: Spring half term holiday: First day of Spring 2 term: Last day of Spring 2 term:

Summer Term 2022

Inset Day: First day of Summer I term: Bank holiday: Last day of Summer I term: Spring half term holiday: First day of Summer 2 term: Last day of Summer 2 term: Tuesday 4th January – school closed to children Wednesday 5th January Tuesday 8th/Wednesday 9th/Thursday 10th February Friday 11th February Monday 14th February – Friday 18th February Monday 21st February Friday 1st April

Tuesday 19th April – school closed to children Wednesday 20th April Monday 2nd May – school closed to children Friday 27th May Monday 30th May – Friday 3rd June Monday 6th June Thursday 21st July



Any news, something to share or celebrate with the school community? Please do email us on <u>enquiries@bellevilleschool.org</u>