

Belleville Newsletter



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

CHQ CLUBS

CHQ club bookings are now live and will close on **Wednesday 19th September at 12 noon**. Please email any enquiries direct to: onlineclubbookings@bellevilleschool.org

MISSING BOOKS

Please return any Belleville books that you have unearthed during the summer holiday, by placing them in the box in the school office at Webb's Road or Meteor Street.

BELLEVILLE APP

The App can be downloaded on to Android and Apple phones by searching for 'Belleville Primary School' on Google Play or App Store.

You can also scan this QR code to download the App. Username: **bellevillesch** Password: **6727**



Welcome back!

We hope that start of term has been good for all our families; it always is a busy first week getting back into the swing of school for everyone. We are delighted to be welcoming several new teachers and staff as well as all our new children and families who have joined us throughout the school on both sites. We hope all are already feeling very much part of the Belleville community.

The first days of term are really important in setting up our systems and structures for the year. Our two INSET days were very important and productive in sharing our vision for the school and the Quality First Education Trust. We remind staff of our school aims and why we are here and the importance of what we do every day to ensure that all children:

- Are safe
- Fulfil their potential
- Have excellent social and emotional skills
- Are excellent learners

The quality of teaching and learning is central to this and so the majority of our time we spend on ensuring consistent approach i.e. that all staff know what to do and why to do it so children have the same excellent provision in all areas, be that in English, maths, history, homework, assessment, how to behave, how to talk to others or how to be more independent. The level of consistency and quality of what the experience is for every child every day is our core work of providing 'quality first education' and so our first priority is staff development to ensure everyone is skilled and resourced to do an excellent job. Our work with the Trust adds hugely to our capacity for this staff development such as supporting new teachers, subject leadership and development, administration and training.

Belleville continues to have a relentless drive for improvement and we have looked at areas of our school and structure where we can drive even harder for excellence and equality. As part of our school end of year reviews and planning for the year, we have looked at our children's results, our parent/carer and pupil surveys completed in the summer as well as our staff reviews of the curriculum. We have used these to understand our strengths and keep our focus on all that needs to be maintained, as well as inform areas for further work and improvement. Our school improvement plans are displayed around school. One aspect for development which your children may well talk about with you is around pupil wellbeing and our PSCH curriculum and the development of excellent social and emotional skills. There will be timetabled sessions weekly with new plans and a time for circle time each week. We will also be looking to improve our systems and efficiency in communication within and beyond the school community.

We appreciate the huge support of parents and carers in ensuring every child comes to school ready to learn and encourage you to speak to your child's teacher, or member of staff, if you are not sure about anything or have any concerns.

JANE FORD, Head of Meteor, MARY-LYNE LATOUR, Head of Infants, SARAH ATHERTON, Head of Juniors

PTA THANKS

We are delighted to be in a very fortunate position to be able to have the funds to support a number of projects this year thanks to the incredible fundraising organised by our PTA. Continuing support for music projects, sports equipment and playground equipment is already planned. There is also an exciting reading project being led by Mr Hudd which has been given substantial funds by the PTA and the children are already seeing some exciting new texts coming into their classrooms and bookbags. There are a number of other projects being costed and will share these in the coming weeks and months.

ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY

Good attendance and punctuality are essential for children to make progress. Our target this year is 97.3%. Please help us to maintain a good start to the new school year by:

- Ensuring that holidays are not taken during term time
- Making any necessary appointments for your child *after*, or *as close to*, the end of the school day as possible
- Keeping your child off only if they are truly sick and calling the school office on 020 7228 6727 ext 474 on the first day of absence
- Making sure your child arrives at school on time (R, Y1, Y2: **9.10am** and Y3, Y4, Y5, Y6: **9.05am**)

PARENT/CARER HELPERS

We are delighted that so many parents and carers are prepared to give their time in order to assist the pupils and staff at Belleville. It makes an enormous difference and we are extremely grateful to those of you who are able to help.

It is a statutory requirement for any parent/carer helping in the school on a *regular* basis to have a Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS check). **Any parent/carer who has previously completed a check may now need to complete another form.** Please contact the school office if you have any queries. Should you no longer be in a position to continue to be a parent/carer helper in the school, again, please speak with the school office so that your name can be removed from the list.

KEEPING CHILDREN SAFE

The Government has updated its statutory guidance for all schools and this set out the responsibilities for the safeguarding of all children. We use this to inform our training and policy in school. The school policy for child protection and safeguarding can be found on our website.

Sharing information

Staff are out on the playgrounds for you and the children at the start and end of days. Parents/carers may also leave a message with the office which can be sent on if you are not around at these times. Please do pass on anything that will help us ensure your child is safe, which could be anything from allergies and illness or sharing their anxieties or concerns. Early communication really does help if there is any change in circumstance that may affect the child's wellbeing or learning and the smallest things can sometimes cause upset, so please do let us know. There are a number of staff members with additional training within the school's safeguarding team to help with situations where a child, or a family, may be at risk or need more support.

Start and end of day

School will be locked at the start and end of the day as swiftly as possible to secure the site so please do help us by exiting promptly after drop off and pick up. **No child should be dropped off at school on either site earlier than 8.45am** unless they attend the breakfast club or a specific before school club or an intervention group.

End of days are busy times on the playground and where the sites are most congested, so please inform teachers or the office in good time of any changes in pick up arrangements. It is also a time where younger siblings may wander and older children may feel they are not being monitored and accidents may happen. Please do stay vigilant at these times. Ensuring the teacher knows your child has been collected is essential. Saying 30 goodbyes takes a few moments to do safely so please do be patient.

We also ask that you collect your child/ren promptly from school at the end of their school day. If you give permission for your child to go home alone, please send a note into the school office to inform us. If the arrangements for collection of your child change temporarily (including if another parent or carer is taking them), please inform your child's teacher in person or in writing.

If there is an unexpected change please call the office by 3.00pm, so that we can inform your child's teacher. If we have not had direct contact from a child's parents/carers we will keep them in school until we can contact you by phone for confirmation. This will also apply if a child is being collected by a family member who is under 18 years old. These arrangements are to ensure that the children are dismissed safely at the end of the school day (3.30pm, or 4.30pm for most clubs).

Adults on site - signing in

All adults in the school need to report to the office and wear a lanyard until they leave and sign out. Staff and children know that the lanyard shows you have been signed into the school. Children know that a lanyard signals who is a member of staff and who is a visitor. Staff and children know to check if they see anyone in school who is not wearing a lanyard or who is wearing a red lanyard and is unaccompanied, so please do help us with this by signing in and speaking to a member of staff before walking into school and showing understanding if you are asked the reason for being in school.

Who to talk to

The children are reminded that they can speak to any member of staff about anything that is concerning or worrying them about themselves, or someone else. There are additional members of the safeguarding team on both sites at all times who can also be spoken with.

Local safety

Our biggest local risks are mainly around road safety. We will be revisiting this in lessons and ask that you talk through the risks of your own local journeys and for children to be made aware of them and how to keep safe. There are, of course, the risks of walking home and taking transport, either with or without a parent/carer present. Talking through risks and what to do in various scenarios is really important in ensuring your child knows how to be responsible, aware and keep themselves safe.

SNACKS, PACKED LUNCHES AND SCHOOL MEALS

School meals: The school meals menu was sent home in your child's bookbag at the end of last term. If your child has any food allergies or intolerances please make direct contact with Harrisons Catering on 01844 216 777 to arrange a meeting about your child's needs

Payment is now overdue for pupils in Years 3 – 6 who are having school meals this half-term. Meal charges are £2.30 per day, £11.50 per week, £75.90 for this half term, £92.00 for the next half term and £167.90 for the whole term. Parents and carers should pay using the school's online payment system WisePay, or by cash or cheque at Webb's Road, or by cheque only at Meteor Street. Children in years Reception - Year 2 are in receipt of Universal Free School Meals which entitles all children in those year groups to a free hot meal per day.

Please notify the school office should your child change meal preference for next term. **Changes can only be made each half term.**

Packed lunches: We have posted some useful information from the Wandsworth dietician under the "Lunchtime" section of the school website, which has recipes for interesting and balanced pack lunches and recommended portion sizes. Please remember that sweets e.g. Haribo, lollipops etc are not allowed as part of packed lunch.

Playtime Snacks:

Nursery, Reception, Years 1 and 2 – Fresh and dried fruit or vegetables are provided for the children by the school.

Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 - We have a **healthy snack policy** which has been in place for many years. Children are **only** allowed to bring 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).

GOOD AS NEW UNIFORM SALE, BOTH SITES

Good as new Belleville uniform sales will be held at **Webb's in the top playground on Friday 21 September from 3.30pm** and at **Meteor in the playground on Friday 28 September from 3.30pm**, with all proceeds benefitting the two schools we support in Ghana.

SCHOOL UNIFORM AND THE UNIFORM SHOP OPENING HOURS

The correct Belleville uniform is **compulsory for all children and consists of the following:**

TOPS:	Light blue/white shirt or polo shirt Navy blue fleece/sweatshirt/cardigan/jumper (<u>no hooded</u> tops)
BOTTOMS:	Grey/navy blue/black: skirts, trousers, skort, shorts or plain tracksuit bottoms (<u>no denim</u>)
SHOES:	Sensible practical shoes must be worn for safety reasons
DRESSES:	Blue and white gingham (checked) dress
PINAFORES:	Grey or navy
HEADSCARVES:	Any headscarf worn must be in the school colours of navy blue, light blue or white
P.E. KIT:	Navy blue, light blue or white T-shirt and shorts/tracksuit/jogging bottoms (no football kits or other sportswear) Please make sure that your child also has the appropriate footwear for P.E. lessons.

Please avoid sending your child to school wearing jewellery and be aware that your child may be asked to remove large or excessive pieces of jewellery for health and safety reasons. There is an expectation that you will send your child/ren to school in the correct uniform as stated above and with clothing appropriate for the variable weather conditions. **Now that the new academic year has begun, we will be checking more rigorously that these standards are maintained.** Children may be asked to remove/change items and/or reminded to wear uniform items the next day.

All items with the school logo on (including book bags, P.E. bags, leotards and coats) can be purchased from the uniform shop by completing an order form, which is available from either school office, or by placing an online order using Wisepay. Meteor uniform orders will be delivered back to the Meteor Street site, if desired. Please give 5 working days' notice for all online bookings.

Shop hours are: Monday and Tuesday, from 8.30am until 9.15am and from 3.15pm until 4pm.

Please note that blue **short sleeved** polo shirts are currently unavailable in all sizes. The **short sleeved** polo will be available to purchase / collect shortly as we are awaiting delivery. Blue long sleeved polo shirts are currently available in all sizes.

DATES TO JULY 2019

AUTUMN TERM 2018:

HALF TERM HOLIDAY: Monday 22nd October to Friday 26th October
- **Children return to school on Monday 29th October at the usual time**

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 (including 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 (including 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

FAMILY ASSEMBLIES

Family Assemblies will start at 3.00pm

Reception

RB	Thursday 20th June
RC	Thursday 27th June
RH	Thursday 4th July
RT	Thursday 27th June

Year 1

1C	Thursday 9th May
1T	Thursday 16th May
1S	Thursday 23rd May
1R	Thursday 23rd May
1B	Thursday 16th May

Year 2

2S	Thursday 21st March
2P	Thursday 28th March
2B	Thursday 4th April
2M	Thursday 2nd May
2SB	Thursday 28th March

Year 3

3F	Thursday 7th February
3E	Thursday 14th March
3G	Thursday 7th March
3K	Thursday 14th March

Year 4

4AB	Thursday 15th November
4B	Thursday 22nd November
4C	Thursday 6th December
4J	Thursday 22nd November

Year 5

5D	Thursday 17th January
5S	Thursday 24th January
5CW	Thursday 31st January
5AL	Thursday 24th January

AUTUMN TERM PARENTS/CARERS EVENING, 1ST NOV

There will be a Parents/Carers Evening on **Thursday 1st November from 4.00 - 9.00pm.**

You will be able to book a 10 minute slot with your child's class teacher **from Monday 29th October** and to look at your child's exercise books in advance of your meeting time.

If you wish to see your child's specialist or SEN teacher on the same evening, bookings for 10 minute timed appointment slots must also be made through the school offices **from Monday 29th October.**