

Belleville Newsletter



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

FLU IMMUNISATIONS FORM

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.

CHQ CLUB PAYMENT

If you have secured a club place for your child and have not yet paid the fee, please pay cash or cheque to the school offices, or by using the Paypal link on your child's CHQ account.

MEAL PAYMENT

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, £87.40 for the next half term and £163.30 for the whole term. Parents and carers should pay using the school's online payment system *ParentMail*, or by cash or cheque at Webb's Road, or by cheque only at Meteor Street. Children in classes 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 you wish to change your child's meal preference for next term.

Changes can only be made each half term.

We are now well into the Autumn term and the nights are closing in once again. Part of what has made Belleville successful over the years has been learning from others and what they do well.

We have been privileged to have visited two schools over the last week who have been recently graded as 'outstanding' by Ofsted; Clare House in Bromley and Cheam Park Farm Primary in Sutton. We are thankful for the generosity of each school in showing us what makes their school special and inspiring us to reflect on how we can improve Belleville further. Mr Gashi has visited Churchfields Primary and met with the other premises officers from the schools in the Trust to discuss how to make our sites even better.

We have also hosted two Guided Peer Evaluation events, one for Infants and one for Juniors, where an Ofsted inspector along with the various senior leaders across the Trust visit both sites and many lessons over two days to discuss what is going well, what could be even better and how we can work together to achieve this.

We look forward to meeting many of you at the next parent/carer evening and also sharing with you what we will be working on at Belleville over the coming year.

Headteachers: Sarah Atherton Mary-Lyne Latour

UFTON COURT RESIDENTIAL

5W and 5F spent 3 days and 2 nights at Ufton Court this week enjoying a wide range of activities. It was great to see the children so excited on Monday and even more excited (if slightly more tired and muddy) on Wednesday when they returned. Head over to our Twitter feed to see what they got up to @bellevillesch

ECO-COUNCIL IN ACTION

Eco-Council have been busy on their first campaign of the year and have had two litter picking sessions around school already. Thanks to Surfers Against Sewage for sending bags and equipment – they managed to fill two of them in 20 minutes! See what they have been up to on Twitter @bellevillesch

MORE GREAT NEWS!

"A TEN-YEAR-OLD boy is being tipped as a future grandmaster after storming to victory in the world's largest chess tournament." **Denis Dupuis** triumphed in his age section of the Delancey UK Schools' Chess Challenge, winning nine of his ten games and drawing the other.

Denis, of Battersea Chess Club, south London, 'has the potential to go a long way', grandmaster Simon Williams said. More than 40,000 children from 1,200 schools entered the contest with the final in Daventry, Northamptonshire.

Last December Denis became Under 10 London Junior Champion and he recently finished joint-third in the U10 section [at the British Chess Championships in Torquay](#).

Congratulations on your fantastic achievement Denis!



HERE COME THE GIRLS!

The first ever Trinity Cup Girls Football tournament was held on 27th September at Trinity Fields.

Ten schools from around Wandsworth arrived for an exciting afternoon. Our team of Year 5/6 girls rose to the challenge. We made it through our group stage without conceding a goal, even through the heavy rain. Moving on to the semi-finals, we won 2-0 dominating the whole game.

In our final against Penwortham, our determination paid off. With the girls passing and moving well, making a couple of great defensive plays, they were triumphant in the end, **winning 2-0**. The girls, **Tess, Ainhoa, Daisy, Isabel, Violet, Lucy, Sophie, Chloe and Ava** received the trophy with pride, excited to be the first team to have their name engraved on it.

SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

Well done to all our summer readers, who submitted photographs for the school displays around Meteor and Webb's, who will all be awarded their certificates in assemblies soon!

PLEASE RETURN ANY MISSING SCHOOL 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.

TEMPEST INDIVIDUAL PHOTOGRAPHS NEXT WEEK

As you will know from recent correspondence, Tempest photographers are coming in to school to take individual and sibling photographs next week, as follows:

Thursday 10th October: All Webb's classes from Years 1 to 6

Friday 11th October: All Meteor classes, Webb's Reception and Nursery Red and Blue classes

Please ensure your child has correct school uniform (not PE kit) to wear. Our uniform is compulsory and consists of:

- **TOPS:** Light blue polo shirt and navy blue fleece/sweatshirt/cardigan/jumper
- **BOTTOMS:** Grey/navy blue/black: skirts, trousers, shorts or plain tracksuit bottoms
- **SHOES:** Sensible practical shoes must be worn for safety reasons
- **DRESSES:** Blue and white gingham (checked) dress
- **HEADSCARVES/HIJABS:** Must be in the school colours of navy blue, light blue or white

ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY

Good attendance and punctuality are essential for children to make progress. 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 – DBS CHECKS

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. Teachers will not hand over your child to someone other than yourself unless you have directly informed them.

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).

Visitors and volunteers on site

If you have been in school in the last week you may have already seen our Safeguarding briefing for visitors and volunteers on site. It is also attached on with the email of this newsletter for you all to read. This is to ensure all adults in our community know what the schools expectations are around safety and also what to do in case of a fire alarm, other emergency or if they have a concern of any kind.

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.

WEBBS' GOOD AS NEW UNIFORM SALE – THANK YOU SO MUCH!

Thank you so much for supporting the recent 'good as new' uniform sale at Webb's Road, which raised a phenomenal **£490** with all proceeds benefitting the two schools we support in Ghana.

AUTUMN TERM PARENT/CARER EVENING

There will be a Parent/Carer Evening on **Thursday 17th October from 4.00 - 9.00pm** for all classes except 6H and 2B for whom separate arrangements have been made.

You will be able to book a 10 minute slot with your child's class teacher **from Monday 14th 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 be made through the school offices, also **from Monday 14th October**.

PARENTS AND CARERS, CAN YOU HELP US?

We need your help please!

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.

Our wonderful, supportive parents and carers have traditionally led tours of the school. We are the most oversubscribed school in the borough and about 200 people will visit Belleville over the two days. The more of you who are able to help us the more tours we can run. The smaller the group sizes, the more personalised the tours can be. **Ideally, we would like some representatives from each class in the school.**

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. 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.

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 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.