



Belswains Primary School Newsletter

Learning and Growing Together

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BSA

The Governors and I would like to thank the BSA for all of their hard work this year. You can find their newsletter on the next page. As you are aware, we were raising money to buy a defibrillator, not solely for our school, but for our community. In the last week, we have had an extremely generous, anonymous donation of a defibrillator and outdoor case. The Belswains School community greatly appreciate this very kind gesture.

BUG CLUB PARENT FEEDBACK

Thank you to those families who have taken the time to provide feedback. 73% of those who completed the questionnaire liked using this platform. Many of those who did not like it, left comments relating to not being keen on computer/ screen based homework.

We believe that although an online book is no substitute for a real book, Bug Club is a helpful literacy program that encompasses a range of genres and has engaging activities, which will consolidate learning. Due to the current restrictions, we are exploring options to support home learning in a fun and interactive way.

Based on the feedback from the survey, we have decided to subscribe to this platform for the coming year. Teachers will be setting appropriate books and activities for your child's level and they will be observing pupils' engagement.

CHRISTMAS PARTIES

To ensure that Christmas parties can take place this year, we will not be requesting food donations (as in previous years). Instead, we are asking for voluntary contributions and recommending a donation of £1. Then, staff will organise parties for their bubbles. Donations will be collected on Friday 11th December so that money can be quarantined for 72 hours.

WATCHES WITH CAMERAS

Pupils have been asked to keep their watches with cameras at home. Although pupils might have the best of intentions in wanting to take photographs, for safeguarding reasons, this is not permitted in school. We appreciate your support with this.

ATTENDANCE

Another excellent week of attendance across our school. Well done Year 4 Rosen!

Class	Percentage
Nursery	91.03%
Reception Tigers	93.50%
Reception Jaguars	95.67%
Year 1 Leopards	95.06%
Year 1 Pumas	97.53%
Year 2 Lions	97.65%
Year 3	96.72%
Year 4 Rosen	98.28%
Year 4 Seuss	97%
Year 5	96.89%
Year 6	97.63%
Highest Class Attendance	Year 4 Rosen
Whole School Attendance	96.43%

DIARY DATES

27th November 2020

Occasional Day
(School closed)

4th December 2020

Deco Day

11th December 2020

Christmas Lunch
Christmas Jumper Day
Class Party Donations

15th December 2020

Bubble Christmas Cards Deadline

16th December 2020

Rapunzel - The Lockdown Pantomime

18th December 2020

End of Term 2
(Pupils finish at 13.30)

21st December 2020

Christmas Holidays
(School closed)

4th and 5th January 2021

INSET Days
(School closed to Pupils)

6th January 2021

Start of Term 3

STAR OF THE WEEK

Class	Star Awards	Star Awards
Reception Tigers	Kiyara	Max
Reception Jaguars	Emily	Anish
Year 1 Leopards	Elsie	Harry
Year 1 Pumas	Alex	Liana
Year 2 Lions	Bobby	Kayden
Year 3	Patrick	Eleanor
Year 4 Rosen	Esme	Valentina
Year 4 Seuss	Henry	Nicholas
Year 5	Nazish	Felix
Year 6	Eshal-Imani	Jake

House Points

Ahlberg	283
Donaldson	260
Hughes	305
Dahl	269
King Smith	262
Morpurgo	271

Well done Hughes!

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Belswains School Association

NEWSLETTER



Sponsored Fun Run

The children took part in a sponsored Fun Run to raise money for a Defibrillator and a new buddy bench for the school.

The children had a great time. Each child received a certificate and packet of sweet for taking part. We also set a prize for the class that got the most combined amount of laps. Year 1 Pumas won. They received extra playtime & medals.

We raised £4452.23. Which is amazing.

This is just the start, with one of our pupils asked his family to sponsor him. A VERY kind gentleman offered to donate a Defibrillator and outdoor case to our school. Which is absolutely amazing.

The defibrillator will be placed by the school office entrance. There will be a plaque put with the defibrillator saying

"Pek" Defibrillator

Kindly donated 2020.

The defibrillator will also be available for the local community.

Halloween Sales



With the children not being able to have a Halloween disco or being able to go trick or treating we decided to bring Halloween treats to them. we raised £113.14

Christmas Orders

The children have designed their own Christmas card design, this has been printed on cards, gift tags, mugs, tea towels & bags for life. These make lovely Christmas presents for parents to be able to buy.



New Logo

The BSA is changing to Belswains School PTA. We asked the children at Belswains to design our new Logo. We short listed 2 designs, they were put on our Facebook page, for parents to be able to vote for which one they like to see as our logo. The winning logo belonged to Sophia Raphael (yr4 -Seuss) the prize was a £20 voucher for Smyths toy shop. We are hoping to use the new Logo after christmas.

We will be funding



The BSA will be buying the school.

*2x Reading Sheds for the playground. KS1 & KS2. The reading sheds are a great way children to be able to read in their lunch breaks. Or if they feel that they would like a few minutes peace and quiet they can go & grab a book.

* New buddy bench to replace the old wooden bench.

* Goals for the MUGA.

* Giant connect 4 for the playground.

Christmas

We don't want the Children to miss out on the magic of Christmas.

We have paid for

"Jack & The Bean Stalk" Online Panto. The children can watch this in their bubbles.

We will also be putting up Christmas Tree up for children will see as they enter the school grounds.

We are also doing a FREE Christmas give away.

This includes

2x children prizes, family hamper & voucher prizes.

The children will be receiving a gift from the BSA this Christmas.

It's time to spread a bit of Christmas Joy to Our School community.