



Newsletter

Friday 7th December 2018
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Every day Breakfast Club from 8 am
 Belsay Daycare After School Club 3:15 to 6 pm
 Ring 01661 881704 for details/bookings

Monday KS2 Lunchtime Singing Club
 KS2 Netball

Tuesday KS1 Performing Arts Club
 KS2 Lunchtime Gardening Club
 KS2 Badminton

Wednesday Y3/4 Judo

Thursday KS1 Football Club

KS2 Arts and Crafts Club
 KS2 Lunchtime Maths Club
 KS2 Gymnastics

Next week we will be thinking about thinking of others at this time. We have a lovely week of treats, performances and fun planned; not everyone is as fortunate as we are.

Monday 10th December

Y1-Y4 Swimming
 Y4 Transition Evening Performance

Tuesday 11th December

AM Partnership Improvement Visit
 Performing Arts Curriculum Delivery
 Guitar/ Keyboard Tuition
 Partnership Improvement Visit

Wednesday 12th December

AM Whole School Panto Trip- 'Oh yes it is!'
 Y1/2 Judo Curriculum Delivery

Thursday 13th December

9:15am Dress Rehearsal

Friday 14th December

'Save the Children' Christmas Jumper Day- donations please
 Y3 Movement Festival
 Whole School Christmas Lunch
 R-Y5 Flu Immunisation
 Drum Tuition
 Violin/ Pipes

Advance Warning

18th December- Christmas Performance- 9.15am
 19th December- Christmas Performance- 5pm

Please see the school calendar on the website for additional dates and updates as the term progresses.

This week we have been thinking about staying calm during exciting seasons! There has been some reinforcement of this throughout the week! There is lots of making, creating, singing and acting going on alongside our curriculum activities and we need to be able to enjoy these activities as well as keeping our minds focused on our daily work.

Partnership Moderation Events 4-6pm

This week saw staff meeting up with colleagues to discuss outcomes of the children across the whole partnership. Anonymized work was scrutinised, agreements made and good practice shared regarding ways to have positive impacts upon all children. Belsay hosted the Early Years Foundation Stage (Reception) meeting which was very well attended- not a spare chair to be had! KS1 at Ponteland Primary, LKS2 at Richard Coates and UKS2 at Darras Hall- all very worthwhile sessions.

School Improvement Partner Visit

Mrs Williams from NCC visited this week to have her termly in-depth meeting about Belsay. This is part of our monitoring programme to ensure that the best possible outcomes are being delivered for our Belsay children.

Educational Welfare Officer Visit (Attendance)

Mrs Davidson from NCC has been to visit to check on our attendance. Once again, there is a pattern of holidays being taken in term time- please avoid this if you can.

Belsay School PTA Christmas Fair

The first of its kind- with the intention of welcoming the entire Belsay community through the doors! This certainly seemed to be the case as there was a steady stream of visitors, despite the heavy rain. The stalls were magnificent, with a vast array of lovely items for all ages and some tasty treats to sample too! Thank-you to our ever hard working PTA who have ensured the success of this new venture.

Arts and Crafts Club

Ever popular, ever creative and such a huge amount of fun- where does Mrs Younger get her fantastic ideas from? Who knows- but everyone benefits!





School Decorations

Why not take some inspiration and create some of your own decorations for the school hall? Once again we would like your recycled home-made decorations for the hall- please put your name on if you would like them returned for your own festivities!

Past Pupils Preparation

Four past members of our school community will soon be interviewed for Oxford and Cambridge universities! What a great achievement! Well done and the very best of luck to you all, although a great deal of the hard work has been done already in order to get this far. It is great to reflect on our small rural school working with its pupils to achieve their goals.

Helpful Elf

Helpful Elf arrived in school this week-what a lot of activities our Elf has been involved with: in the office sorting out school closet money, greeting visitors at the door, keeping an eye on the paperwork (although getting it all completed may have been more beneficial!), buttering toast, chopping vegetables and making sure everyone is getting on with their jobs. Who knows where he will be next week!



Raffle Prizes

Roll up, roll up- get your ticket stubs and cash back to school! The raffle will be drawn before the evening performance of the Christmas play. I can't wait!

A joke for the week:

- What kind of photographs do elves like taking?
- Elfies!

Thank-you Helpful Elf!

Clare Cantwell, Head teacher