



# Newsletter

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2019  
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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 Hockey  
**Tuesday** KS2 Badminton  
**Wednesday** Y3/4 Judo  
**Thursday** KS1 Cookery Club  
 KS2 Airfix Model Club  
**Friday** KS2 Lunchtime Maths Club  
 KS1 Gymnastics

Next week we will be thinking about helping; 'Many hands make light work' is a phrase adults are familiar with. Do we all know what this means- even the younger members of our school community? It certainly helps jobs to be completed more easily, and you can have company whilst you do them!

**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> February**  
 Y3/4 Stone Age Visitor  
 Y1-Y4 Swimming

**Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> February**  
 Safer Internet Day  
 9:15 Educational Welfare Officer (Attendance Update)  
 Keyboard/Guitar tuition  
 Y1/2 Link Visit

**Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> February**  
 R-Y6 Career Visitor- Andrew Parkin- Archaeology and the Great North Museum  
 Reverend Fiona and Pam Assembly  
 Partnership French Tuition with Mme Magee  
 KS1 Judo Curriculum Delivery

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> February**  
 Y5/6 Partnership PE with Ms Alderslade

**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> February**  
 Drum Tuition  
 Violin/ Pipes  
 R-Y4 Partnership PE with Ms Alderslade

**Advance Warning:**

**Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> February**  
 9.15am Come and See the Classroom for parents/carers  
 10.00am Parent/carers social in hall

**Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March**  
 Biodiversity Day

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

This week we have been thinking about recycling and how we can all get involved. You will have seen the huge array of items that we are currently able to recycle via a parentmail communication last week and by looking at the bins at the school gate. Our recycling will make a huge difference to the volume of plastics that currently go to landfill and we will receive a donation for items too! Keep collecting!

**Focus on: Year 3/4**

Years 3 & 4 are particularly enjoying our Stone Age to Iron Age topic. As part of this topic, we have produced some amazing kenning poetry, written instructions for how to make a Bronze Age sword and acted out some news reports for the discovery of Skara Brae. The children were amazed at the findings there! In Maths we have been looking at column addition and subtraction, including word and missing number problems. Some very tricky concepts covered but the children are relishing the challenge!

We have begun writing based on our new text, The Stone Age Boy, this week and will continue to do work based around this book next week. It certainly has captured the children's imaginations. We are eagerly awaiting our Stone Age Visitor on Monday morning and are set for a fun filled time. This workshop will not only help us with our Stone Age topic but information gained here will be used in literacy too. Fingers crossed for dry weather!

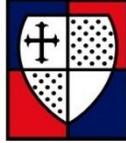


**Focus on: Gardening Club**

This club is perennially popular, ha, ha! This week has been very exciting as the club have been using seeds and mealworms to make fatballs which have attracted a huge number of birds to the garden: blue tits, long tailed tits, tree creepers, robins, coal tit, nuthatch, blackbirds and the perennial pheasant!



## Belsay School



### **Career Visitor- Fiona Sample**

What a morning! Fiona stayed with us long past the appointed time as there were so many discussions going on! Fiona has worked for the Red Cross, as a teacher and as a minister. Perhaps the most interesting to the children was her work as a charity founder, working in the prison service.

### **Pele Trust**

Belsay is delighted that the Pele Trust has been formed and our expectation is that we will be joining in the next few weeks.

### **Telephone Communication**

If you are reporting a child's illness, if possible please inform us via the telephone.

If you are reporting changes to school transport/ pick up arrangements, if possible please inform us via the telephone. This will ensure that the information can be collected by any member of staff.

### **PTA Annual General Meeting**

All parents / carers are welcome- come along and find out the plans for the year ahead. Have a cuppa and a laugh with your fellow grown-ups at school! There is also the chance to make a real difference to the extra opportunities that are available to the children in school.

### **Letters**

Letters that have gone out this week via Parentmail:  
Pele Trust Update  
Reception Show and Tell advice for next week  
Y3/4 Workshop

Letters that have gone out as paper copies:  
School Clubs for next term

### **A joke for the week:**

- What kind of cheese isn't yours?  
- Nacho cheese!  
Thank-you Jacob.

Clare Cantwell, Head teacher