



Newsletter

Friday 27th November 2020
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Let us know your news, post your questions or leave a message.

Please do not enter our site if you have Covid-19 symptoms.

Testing is available if required:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/testing-and-tracing/get-an-antigen-test-to-check-if-you-have-coronavirus/>

Belsay Daycare Every Day:

Breakfast Club from 8am OOSC until 6pm

Email Belsay Daycare with your requests:

[Belsay Daycare, Breakfast Club and Out of School Club](mailto:belsaydaycare@yahoo.co.uk)

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Monday	Non-uniform- PTA raffle 'fine'= chocolate KS1 Forest School
Tuesday	YR-6 PE with NUFoundation Y3/4 Forest School
Wednesday	YR-6 French with Mme Magee Y5/6, YR Commando Joe's- NUF Y3/4 Commando Joe's
Thursday	Mrs Stephenson- Violin tuition YR Forest School
Friday	Mr Reay- Keyboard/ guitar tuition Y5/6 Forest School Y1/2 Commando Joe's Mr Bradford- Drum tuition

Looking Forward:

Raffle 'fine' for non- uniform day: miscellaneous Christmas edible goods Monday 30.11.20 –sorry for date error (1.12.20)

Christmas Dinner/ Christmas Jumper day Friday 11.12.20; packed lunch children may order Christmas dinner- please let Mrs Langan know and have payment by 30.11.20

7.12.20 Deadline for Christmas Decoration Orders

Festive Extravaganza via Zoom: Thursday 17.12.20 at 09:30- please let us know your zoom details for admission

Christmas finish time: 18.12.20 at 13:15

This week we have been thinking about Equal Opportunities and speaking out if we think things are unfair.

Next week we are thinking about Ancient Monuments.

British Values

30th November – 6th December

Democracy

People can have very different views about preserving ancient heritage sites.

We can discuss the issue in a calm way and show respect for others even when we disagree with them.



Plans to dig a road tunnel, near the ancient monument site of Stonehenge in Salisbury, have been approved by the Transport Secretary, Grant Shapps. A two-mile tunnel out of sight of the monument will be built even though it went against the recommendations of planning officials. It is estimated that the tunnel will cost £1.7 billion to create.

Things to talk about at home...

- Look at the poster showing Stonehenge. What do you think of the World Heritage Site? Would you like to visit? If you have been, what was it like?
- Do you think the underground tunnel to replace the road sounds like a good idea?
- Are there any ancient monuments near to where you live? Have you visited them before?



Reception have been very busy- using all the props and more from the story shelves (this week- We're going on a Bear Hunt) to create their own stories. In these dark days, the torches are very popular, especially with the colour paddles which can give different shades to the light.

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Year 1/2 have had fun with number recognition by using 'Beetle' and created an array of vehicles as part of their transport topic.



Year 3/4 have expanded their map skills tremendously and have had a huge variety of fantastic work showcased this week: story writing, poems, Scientific testing of rocks and casualty transportation! What a week!



Year 5/6 are testing their joining skills with sewing- oh those needles seem to unthread themselves! 'The children are so persistent' –Miss Cook. Successful work on fractions this week and chapters in Literacy.

I pad Apps

We have updated our educational applications- this has been enabled by using some of a parent/carer donation- thank-you; this will benefit all pupils in school.

Cool Milk

Be aware: the request for next half term payment may have gone to your junk mail box.

Covid-19

Due to Covid-19, we are ensuring increased ventilation in school at all times. This means our classrooms are colder than usual- please encourage your child/ren to 'layer up' if they are feeling the cold.

At Belsay we will do our very best to remain open, however there may be times when we are forced to close classes or the school due to infection or if we are unable to maintain safety and offer a full service. We have seen recently that whole bubbles of primary children are being classed as close contacts if cases are confirmed.

In case of class/ school closure information will be sent via school comms- please keep checking your messages.

Home learning will be posted on the Home Learning tab of the website if entire classes are working from home and this has been reviewed in light of parent/carer, pupil and staff feedback: proposed plans are on the same tab.

In case of kitchen closure, children will need a packed lunch. I have been asked to remind parents /carers that if child/ren are self-isolating, they should remain at home, minimising contacts throughout the period.

Hopefully if all these things are in place we will not need them! Stay safe and fingers crossed!

Admissions to Reception Class

If you require pupil space(s) in Reception Class 2021, the portal is open and will close on 15.1.21.

[Admissions to School](#)

This link is also on the school website:
Key Information>Admissions

Lost...and apparently forgotten

2 coats- dark blue, fur around one hood, will possibly fit Y1-4, unnamed.

1 woollen, fleece lined snood, navy blue.

Please get in touch with Mrs Langan if they belong in your house!

Ponteland News and Views

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There is also a link on the school website under the 'Parents' tab.

From Alan Mackenzie (esafety-adviser)

Playstation 5 - Parental Settings

With the new gaming consoles at the top of many wish lists this year this is a timely guide from Andy Robertson which includes how to set up a parent account and child accounts; setting up the Playstation 5 for your family - click [HERE](#)
Games for (younger) Children

Staying on the gaming theme, Internet Matters has a new article for parents showing some of the top child-friendly games for children aged 3 upwards. Click [HERE](#) to read the article.

Quote of the week:

'This is when I got full confidence and knew I could just crack on'- Dylan.

A joke for the week:

-Why did the baby biscuit cry?

-Because his mother was a WAFER so long!

Thank-you Lucy C!

Clare Cantwell, Head teacher