

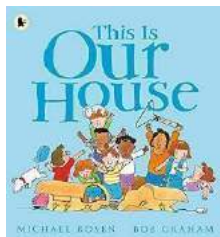


Friday Flyer

4th November 2022

Head of School Update

We have packed a lot of learning into this shorter week with all classes launching a new core text which will drive the curriculum over this half term. High quality books are an integral part of our curriculum and for good reason. The human brain learns better through story and so by linking learning to a book, the children are able to understand more and remember more. In addition to this, stories provide pure enjoyment and it is our aim that all of our children will develop a love of reading through their exposure to engaging, interesting and exciting texts in school.



Reception



Y1/2



Y3/4



Y5/6

During the half term break, I submitted an application for a grant to the Widdrington Trust which is a charitable organisation which supports small, rural schools. I'm happy to share that we were awarded a grant of £3250. I will keep you updated on how we allocate this funding to develop our provision in school.

The figures are back from the PTA's fundraising activities prior to half term and we now have new funds to support resourcing in school. Thank you to the PTA for all their hard work and to all families for supporting the initiatives.

Harvest Festival donations for refreshments: **£34.62 PROFIT**

Halloween Disco and Pumpkin display: **£155.80 PROFIT**

Halloween hamper raffle: **£140.92 PROFIT**

We are keen to provide as many enrichment opportunities for pupils as possible and so we are running a number of extra-curricular clubs this half term. All clubs start immediately after school and run to 4.15pm (except badminton which finishes at 4pm). Please note that Dance Club has changed from 4.30pm to 4.15pm to allow for the same pick up time for families who have children at multiple clubs.

This week we have noticed a significant drop in temperature and a lot more rain! As you know, the children (and staff) at Belsay don't let wet weather get in the way of getting outdoors and so could we please ask that children bring in a coat as well as a jumper or cardigan each day to ensure they can stay warm and dry. As always, please ensure all items are named!

Best wishes, Claire Johnson



The week in Reception

What a busy week everyone had during half term, not only did everyone have a lot of family time together, two new baby brothers were born during the break. We have talked about how special this is for the families and how lucky they are. We used this as a discussion to think about when we were little. The children found it hard to believe that when Miss Houghton was little they hadn't even been born!

We have enjoyed being together again this week and we have had a lot of fun in our new role play. This half term it has been transformed into a cafe, where the children will have an opportunity to use money and be as creative as they like with their food choices. We are looking forward to seeing how this will develop.



Miss Houghton



The week in Key Stage 1

KS1 had a brilliant first week back of the new term! We were very excited to begin our study of *The King Who Banned the Dark* and worked hard as Reading Detectives in English. We learnt lots of new vocabulary from the text and made predictions about characters, setting and plot. We used clues from a passage of the book to help us draw illustrations, they were very thoughtful and carefully drawn! We had lots of fun in Art yesterday creating a bonfire collage on a chalk drawn background. We are very excited to celebrate the 5th of November!



Miss Dixon



The week in Year 3 and 4

What a busy week we have had in Year 3 and 4! We have really enjoyed starting our new text in English and have been excited by predicting what our new topic might be. We have spent a lot of the week being curious, starting off with a dictionary scavenger hunt and exploring Europe using our Atlas. We are also really lucky in Year 3 and 4 because we have had a new Rugby coach come in to train us as well as some artists coming to work with our class. As a class we have been learning about different zones of regulation and how this might impact us and those around us.



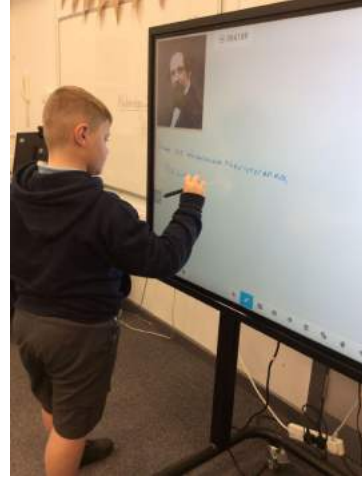
Miss Cruise

Belsay School





The week in Year 5 and 6



We have had a very busy week back after half-term. In PE, we have been practising our 'invasion games' skills and building up our team resilience.

We have launched our new curriculum text, 'A Christmas Carol' by Charles Dickens. We will study the text up until Christmas and enter the wonderful world of Victorian Britain and the events that unfold.

Well done Mary for achieving 3rd for dressage and jumping at a recent event.



Mr Harvey


Upcoming events:

7th & 8th November	Parents' evenings - please book online if you have not already done so
2nd December	Teacher training day - school closed to children
12th December	Christmas performance 9.15am
13th December	Belsay Carol Singers perform at Kirkharle (TBC)
14th December	Christmas lunch day (wear Christmas jumpers)
16th December	Pele Trust Primaries Music Concert at St Mary's church
20th December	Whole school trip to the pantomime
23rd December	School closes at 1.30pm for the Christmas break
9th January	Return to school
15th January	Closing date for Reception applications
All dates may be subject to change.	



Hartburn

CHRISTMAS MARKET

— Saturday —

19TH NOVEMBER

— 10am – 4pm —

Hartburn Church, near Morpeth, NE61 4JB

FREE ENTRY



Cash &
Cheques
Recommended



CALLING ALL FAMILIES

**Come and Party at
Bouncy Church**

!!!

**1st Sunday of every month
9.00 at Ponteland Methodist
Church**

breakfast

bouncy castle

**Sunday November 6 at 9a.m.
"In God's Care"**

crafts

**lots & lots
of fun**

stories

**Any enquiries please
phone 01669 621347**



Vacancy - Lunchtime Supervisor

Are you, or a friend or relative, interested in a role in school? We are looking for additional Lunchtime Supervisors to support the supervision of children at lunchtime, between 12pm and 1pm Monday to Friday (we can be flexible around days if you would prefer not to work every day).

You will:

- Provide support and guidance to children in the school setting during lunchtimes.
- Work as part of a welcoming and supportive team of staff, parents and governors
- Have excellent communication skills and a commitment to working within a team
- Be a positive role model for all of our pupils and uphold our school values.

Salary details:

£9.50 per hour (equated to account for term time working)

Access to the Local Government Pension Scheme

This school is strongly committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people. The successful applicant will be required to obtain an Enhanced Certificate of Disclosure from the DBS and a range of other recruitment checks.

Please contact Claire Leightley at c.leightley@peletrust.org.uk or 01661 864426 if you wish to apply, or for a further discussion about working hours.