



# Friday Flyer

11th November 2022

## Head of School Update

It was lovely to welcome so many parents and carers into school this week for parents' evenings. The children were so excited that you were coming in to see their classrooms and their work and we hope that you felt as proud of the children as we do.

This week, a representative from each year group was nominated by their class to represent their peers as a Pupil Ambassador on our School & Eco Council. This group will play an important role in school, speaking on behalf of their classmates about issues which are important to them and helping to make decisions about school. Read on to hear the decisions they have already made!

Next week is looking extremely busy with a number of national themes as it is Road Safety Week, Anti-bullying Week and also Children in Need! Our Pupil Ambassadors met to discuss the arrangements for Belsay and have decided that we will start the week with Odd Socks Day on Monday to launch Anti-bullying Week and celebrate the fact that we are all different and we will end the week dressed in spots to support Children in Need. Separate emails with further details have already been sent out this week. In class, the teachers will be helping the children understand how to stay safe around roads which is particularly important as the daylight hours reduce.

This month our value is empathy which provides a useful lens to view our anti-bullying work. The teachers will support the children to recognise healthy friendships and understand what to do when they are experiencing difficulties. This year's Anti-bullying Week theme is 'Reach Out' and so we will explore the ways that children can do this both at home and in school.



Best wishes  
Claire Johnson



### Twitter

We have so much happening in school which we are eager to share with you and so we would like to increase our use of Twitter. Currently we have limited numbers of children who have consent for photos and so we will be sending out a form next week to capture whether there has been any change from the last time permission was sought and whether families are agreeable to their child being in photos for this purpose.

### PE Tops

We are looking into the possibility of a Belsay sports top which the children would wear for PE and in competitions. Last half term we purchased tops for our Y5/6 rugby team to wear when they competed at Kingston Park. They reported the pride they felt when wearing team tops with the Belsay logo and we wanted all of the children to experience the pride of being and looking part of a team. We are currently exploring cost and options to fund this and I will update you once we've reached a decision.

### Hosanna Rock Christmas Performance



We are excited to announce that all classes will be performing Hosanna Rock this Christmas in school on Monday 12th December at 9.15am. We would be grateful if you could arrange a costume for your child to bring into school before 5.12.22 in time for dress rehearsals.

Reception - Stars

Year 1 - Angels

Year 2 - Donkeys

Year 3 and 4 - Children have been allocated individual roles and parts chosen by themselves and Mrs Wigham

Year 5 and 6 - Narrators to dress in a coloured t-shirt and plain bottoms

Please do not feel an expectation to purchase expensive costumes; simple ho



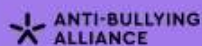
# Odd Socks Day



## MONDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER

This year we are holding **Odd Socks Day** with the support of Andy Day, CBeebies and CBBC star and front man of Andy and the Odd Socks. Odd Socks Day is a chance for schools to celebrate Anti-Bullying Week in a positive way by asking pupils and staff to wear odd socks to school. There is no pressure to wear the latest fashion or buy expensive costumes. All you have to do to take part is wear odd socks, it could not be simpler!

Odd Socks Day will take place on the first day of Anti-Bullying Week, **Monday 14th November** to help raise awareness for Anti-Bullying Week.



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**BELSAY PTA  
FORTHCOMING EVENT**



**CHRISTMAS  
JUMPER SWAP  
SHOP - DETAILS &  
DATE TO FOLLOW**



<b>Upcoming events:</b>	
2nd December	Teacher training day - school closed to children
8th December	PTA Christmas Fair (TBC)
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.	



## The week in Reception

We have had a busy week and our outdoor area has been very well used! The rain hasn't stopped us from being outside exploring and having a great time. We have had a team of explorers who wanted to dig and see if they could find any treasure. They then made a trench in the digging area. We are looking forward to seeing if enough rain comes down to flood the trench. A lot of teamwork and communication skills were used during this time and it was lovely to see and hear the children working together. We have also had a busy mud kitchen this week with all sorts of delicious treats being made.

Our focus task work has been magnificent and everyone has tried really hard with every task set. A very positive week!



Miss Houghton





## The week in Key Stage 1

Year 1 and 2 had a fabulous time taking part in the Newcastle United Foundation Multiskills Festival at Ponteland High School this week. We got to meet up with KS1 classes from the other Pele Trust schools and engaged in a number of different sports activities across the morning. We learnt lots of new ways to keep fit both independently and as a team! We enjoyed representing our school and receiving coaching from Belsay past pupils who are now in Year 7.



“My favourite activity was buckaroo!” April

“We liked scoring goals and working as a team.” Edward, Miles and Henry.

“I liked playing football because we learnt how to dribble the ball.” William

Miss Dixon



## The week in Year 3 and 4

What an amazing week in Year 3 and 4! We have loved continuing our rugby sessions every Thursday and are having so much fun. Thursday afternoons are super busy as we also have been working collaboratively to produce a piece of art work as a whole class. We have continued our work on the Roman Empire in History by discovering why Claudius invaded Britain and in English we wrote some beautiful character descriptions about Boudica the queen of Iceni, which was a great chance to practise our similes and metaphors. We have also been working really hard at our new code in spellings which has challenged us to further explore our adjectives. Well done on a great week Year 3 and 4!



Miss Cruse





## The week in Year 5 and 6

### English



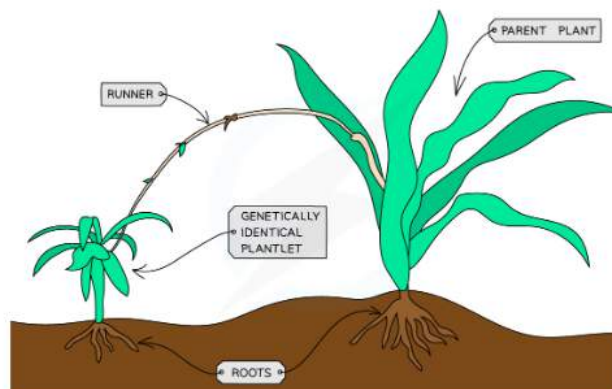
"I am really enjoying the book because it has scary stuff in it and great descriptions of characters". Olivia

"It's quite good but also creepy because there is a ghost visiting Scrooge at night and also appears on the door knocker". Ralph

"Marley has lots of chains around him. Don't be a nasty person in life as you might have chains in your after-life". Myles

### Science

In our science lesson this week we have been studying the advantages and disadvantages of asexual reproduction. We had a detailed whole-class discussion about the whole process.



"Asexual reproduction is when a living thing can make another clone of itself without the need for another one of its species". Max



## Remembrance



“We have created a SlideShow about Remembrance Day”. Mary  
“It’s important to remember those people who have died because some of them were really young and thought the war was going to be an adventure but they lost their life”.  
Lucy

Mr Harvey



*Hartburn*

**CHRISTMAS MARKET**

*Saturday*

**19<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER**

*10am - 4pm*

Hartburn Church, near Morpeth, NE61 4JB

**FREE ENTRY**



Cash &  
Cheques  
Recommended





### **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](mailto:c.leightley@peletrust.org.uk) or 01661 864426 if you wish to apply, or for a further discussion about working hours.