



Belleville News

7 July 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

It was fantastic to see so many of you at the Summer Fair on Saturday. It was a wonderful community event and thank you to everyone for your support on the day. Huge thanks to the PTA and parents who gave up so much of their time before, during and after the event to ensure it was such a huge success.

Parents' Evening takes place for most classes next week. Thank you for signing up for your appointment because we know that home and school working together is a vital part of ensuring a child has a successful education. You will also receive your child's end of year report next week. Please take the time to read it and bring any questions you may have to parents' evening. We look forward to a productive series of evenings.

Thank you for all your ongoing support.

John Budden

Executive Headteacher

Minimum School Week

There is a new expectation that all mainstream state-funded schools should provide a school week of at least 32.5 hours by September 2023. This does not include the Early Years - Nursery and Reception. Years 3 to 6 already comply with this new expectation.

From September 2023, the timings for Year 1 and Year 2 will be the same as for Years 3 to 6.

The bell will ring at 8.50am (no change) and the end of the day will now be at 3.20pm.

Dates for your diary:

Year 3 and Year 4 Sports Day – Monday 10 July, 1.30pm – 3.15pm, Clapham Common

Parents'/Carers' Evenings – Wednesday 12 and Thursday 13 July. (2W - Tues 18 and Weds 19 July.)

Belleville PTA AGM – Thursday 13 July, 9am, Webb's Road top playground. All welcome.

Last day of Summer Term - Friday 21 July. School finishes at the earlier times of: Year 1 and Year 2 – 2.15pm. Year 3 to Year 6 – 2.20pm, Reception – 2.20pm, Afternoon Nursery – 2.30pm.

Concerts and performances:

Year 1 – Pirate Show – Tuesday 18 July, 2.30pm, Webb's Top Playground.

Year 2 – Ocarina Concert – Monday 17 July, 2.30pm, Webb's Top Playground.

Year 3 – Recorder Concert – Friday 14 July, 2.30pm, Webb's Top Playground.

Year 4 – Instrumental Performance – Thursday 13 July, 2.30pm, Webb's Top Playground.

Year 5 – Ukulele Concerts - **5G and 5P** - Tuesday 11 July, 10am, Webb's Top Playground, **5T** - Weds 12 July, 10am, Webb's Top Playground and **5OG and 5B** - Wednesday 12 July, 2.30pm, Meteor Hall.

Year 6 – Drumming Performances – **6H and 6S** - Wednesday 19 July, 2.50pm, Webb's Lower Playground and **6F and 6W** - Thursday 20 July, 2.50pm, Webb's Lower Playground.



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Music Update

It has been a busy week for music! Our Year 4 string and woodwind musicians performed alongside other Wandsworth schools at the Wandsworth Music WCET festival at All Saint's Church in Tooting where they put on an impressive performance.

They were joined by our school orchestra who played a selection of music from the movies – they sounded fantastic. Our specialist music teacher, Mrs Hughes, had the joy of conducting the orchestra in the absence of the wonderful tutors from Wandsworth Music who usually lead and develop the musical skills of our school orchestra to an excellent standard.



Finally, our school band and our amazing choir performed at the Summer Fair on Saturday with the band playing a selection of hits by The Beatles and the choir singing a range of songs in unison and harmony. Many congratulations to all our young musicians on their performances and to all the finalists in Belleville's Got Talent who performed to great applause at the school fair on Saturday. We now look forward to all the end of year concerts and performances over the coming fortnight.



Our number one priority is to ensure all children and adults are safe.

Please do talk to any member of staff if you have any worries for yourself or others in our community.



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Sports Days

This week we had sports days for Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. The children had loads of fun taking part in a variety of activities. We were also very impressed by the effort shown in the grown-up races!





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Year 6 hear Baroness Floella Benjamin at the BFI

On 28 June, Year 6 visited the BFI for a truly inspiring event with Baroness Floella Benjamin. The pupils first watched "Coming to England", a film based on her experience of leaving Trinidad to start a new life in England. Children were amazed to learn that Benjamin had travelled with her three siblings (the oldest of whom was 11) and no adults! The highlight of the event, however, was hearing her message: she spoke of the three C's (consideration, confidence, and contentment); the power to say "no" to making the wrong choices (for example, resisting the temptation to use screens); and how to stand up to bullying.

Children from Belleville, as well as other schools, were completely rapt in the company of one of 24 holders of the Order of Merit. Hopefully, Year 6 will remember her words about education being a passport to life as they move on to their new schools. The event culminated with several of our children asking questions before Year 6 had the opportunity to have a photograph with Floella.



Summer Term 2023

Last day of Summer 2: Friday 21 July

Autumn Term 2023

INSET days: Mon 4 & Tues 5 Sept - school closed to children.

First day of Autumn 1: Wednesday 6 September

Last day of Autumn 1: Friday 20 October

Autumn half term: Monday 23 – Friday 27 October

INSET day: Monday 30 October - school closed to children.

First day of Autumn 2: Tuesday 31 October

Last day of Autumn 2: Thursday 21 December

Spring Term 2024

INSET day: Mon 8 Jan – school closed to children.

First day of Spring 1: Tuesday 9 January

Last day of Spring 1: Friday 9 February

Spring half term: Monday 12 – Friday 16 February

First day of Spring 2: Monday 19 February

Last day of Spring 2: Thursday 28 March

Summer Term 2024

INSET day: Mon 15 April – school closed to children.

First day of Summer 1: Tuesday 16 April

Bank Holiday: Monday 6 May – school closed.

Last day of Summer 1: Friday 24 May

Summer half term: Monday 27 – Friday 31 May

First day of Summer 2: Monday 3 June

Last day of Summer 2: Wednesday 24 July