



*"Nurturing Hearts
and Minds"*

Belthorn Academy Primary School

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Friday Newsletter

Week Ending: 8th September 2017

★★★ This week's BADGE WINNERS... ★★★

★ Little Bells –

★ Reception –

★ Year 1 – Harry Scambler

★ Year 2 – Imaan Ali

★ Year 3 – Harrison Johnson

★ Year 4 – Jayden Duguid

★ Year 5 – Bailey Quinn

★ Year 6 – Maisie Byrne

Welcome to this week's newsletter...

Welcome back to the start of a new school year. We hope you have had a good break, and we know all the children are raring to go. The staff have been busy during the holidays making sure their classrooms are ready for the new year and meet the teacher meetings will be taking place over the next two weeks so that you will have a chance to visit your child's new classroom, learn about the new curriculum and the expectations for the coming year. An especially warm welcome to new children and families who have joined us this year, and to Mr Carr, Mr Griffiths and Mrs Nuttall, our three new members of staff.

This year we are focusing on developing writing – especially spelling and handwriting as part of our School Improvement Plan. We have bought into the Lancashire No Nonsense Spelling Programme, which provides a consistent approach to teaching spelling, along similar lines to how we deliver Phonics teaching in KS1. We will be arranging a parent's information meeting about the new programme within the next few weeks. We are also continuing to raise the profile of Reading, and hope that as parents you will support us in reading with your child daily. Alongside this we are looking at developing Growth Mindset and positive attitudes to learning and life. This involves having a 'can do attitude' and learning from our mistakes rather than giving up at the first hurdle.



A letter should have been sent home regarding dates and times of your Meet the Teacher Meeting. If you are unable to make the meeting, copies of the slides will be available for you to read. As always, we encourage you to speak to your child's teacher if you have any concerns. Most staff are available at the end of the day to have an informal chat to, or you can telephone school to make an appointment.



Lifestyle week.

The Life Education Van will be visiting school on Monday and Tuesday next week, and each class from Little Bells upwards will have a session. This is always an excellent way to begin the year thinking about healthy lifestyles and friendships. Again a letter has been sent out regarding this. We are asking for a £1 donation and that children come to school in sportswear on Monday as part of our Healthy

Attendance Award

Reception, Year 1 and Year 5 100%

