



Monday 28th October 2024

Dear parents and carers,

Welcome to October's newsletter! I hope you and your families are having a lovely half term – the children were certainly ready for a break after 7 weeks of hard work. They are now well and truly settled into their new classes and are already making their new teachers very proud 😊

Halloween Disco

As always we had a very successful Halloween disco thanks to The Friends of The School! The children looked amazing and their dancing was pretty impressive too! Thank you for supporting the friends with this event.

EYFS 'Pumpkin Party'

This year saw our very first 'Pumpkin Party' celebrated by our early years children and their families – what a turn out! What a fantastic event! I'd like to thank all of the staff for putting this together for our children and I'd like to thank every parent and carer who attended and kindly donated to our fundraising cause. I'm looking forward to seeing the new resources in use and enjoyed by the children in the classrooms.

Parents' Evening

Just a reminder that next week (6th and 7th November) is our parents' evening – the first opportunity to see your child's class teacher this academic year and to see the work they have produced so far. The vast majority of you have already booked appointments – which is fantastic. If you have not yet had a chance to do so, you can book via Arbor up until 12:00 PM on Monday 4th November. As with previous parents' evenings, appointments will be held in the hall (with the exception of EMP parents – these will be held in the Library) and children's work will be displayed in their classrooms.

Anti-Bullying Week

We are remembering the importance of anti-bullying with all of our children in school during the week beginning 11th November when the Anti-Bullying Alliance raise the profile by sharing a range of engaging resources, assemblies, activities and lesson plans. The theme this year is "choose respect" – a theme which is of paramount importance to all of us in school – in all that we do. On Thursday 14th November, children are invited to come into school wearing odd socks to celebrate the fact that we're all unique. There is no donation needed and the crazier the better!

Remembrance Day

On Monday 11th November, Mr Macdonald will lead a special remembrance assembly for all children and staff. Prior to this, after half term, children can bring money into school to buy Poppy Appeal merchandise.

Children in Need

Children in Need day is celebrated nationally on Friday 15th November and we are joining in with the celebrations! This year, children can come into school on this day wearing their pyjamas and we kindly ask for a donation of £1 to support this very worthy cause.

Football Team

I'm very proud to announce that our football team who took part in a 4-week tournament consisting of 10 teams across County Durham – came 2nd! Not only did they perform brilliantly on the pitch, they conducted themselves superbly off it. We could not be more proud and privileged to have had these children represent our school. Thank you very much to our footballers.

Wraparound

Our wraparound provision is going from strength to strength and our wraparound team are delighted to be able to help so many parents and carers at the beginning and end of the school day. Our 'themed events' are going down a treat and there will be many more to come!

Website

Very soon our new school website will be launched – exciting times! Along with this, you will notice some changes to my monthly newsletters. You may have already noticed our re-designed and updated school prospectus. If not, this can be found by clicking on the following link:

[Belmont Cheveley Park Primary School Prospectus 2024](#)

Moving forward, other school brochures and marketing tools will be updated in line with the above.

Huge Thanks

Finally, I'd like to say a huge thank you to Hannah Ager who has worked for us as caretaker for 2 years now. The difference she has made to our school and our team in this time is wonderful and she will be sorely missed by us all. We wish you lots of luck and happiness Hannah.

That just leaves me to say enjoy the rest of your half term break and we'll see you all back to school on Monday 4th November - the start of an exceptionally busy term in the build up to Christmas (yes... I have just mentioned Christmas in October!)

Warm wishes,
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