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Dear parents and carers,

Welcome to this month's newsletter – as always, it includes important information, reminders and resources.

Privacy notices

Our Data Protection Officer has recently updated the school's privacy notices for parents and pupils: these can be found on our school website or by clicking this link

<https://www.belmontcheveleypark.durham.sch.uk/key-policies-1/>

Main entrance door

As many of you will have noticed over the last few weeks, the automatic main front door into school is not working – apologies for any inconvenience this has caused. We have arranged for the repair to take place on the 19th February (during half term) as the main entrance will be out of use for several hours while the workmen are on site. In order for us to try and prevent the same issue from happening again – the door will be fitted with a sensor. This will mean that anyone entering this door from outside will no longer need to press the pad to open the automatic door. Thank you for your patience during this time.

Children's graphic novels

Our KS2 children absolutely LOVE a graphic novel! We literally can't keep the supply of these books stocked well enough in our library! If anyone has any of these types of books ('Bunny Vs. Monkey,' 'Dog Man,' 'Cat Kid Comic Club' etc.) that they're finished with – please feel free to donate them to our school library: our children will be very grateful ☺

Parent governor vacancies

Currently, we have three vacancies for parent governors to join our governing body. Our governance team are dedicated to improving all elements of school life and to supporting staff and children in any way they can. If you would like further information regarding what being a parent governor entails, please contact the school office (via email or phone) and Karl will provide you with details and how to put yourself forward for election.

Survey responses

Many thanks to all parents and carers who completed our parent survey. As you know, I also provided an opportunity for all children from Year 1 to Year 6 to complete a survey too. On top of this, staff in school have also submitted responses to a survey. It is important to me to gather feedback from everyone in the team and I am currently in the process of collating all of this feedback and creating responses which I will share with you in March's newsletter.



Parents' evening

Our spring term parents' evenings take place on Tuesday 19th March (for Pre-School, Reception to Year 6 and EMP) and Wednesday 20th March (for Reception to Year 6 and parents of children with SEND). The format of the evenings will mirror those which took place in the autumn term. Emails will be sent to parents and carers tomorrow and these will contain guidance for booking appointments. You will be able to book appointments from 9:00am on the 15th February to 4:00pm on 14th March. Please do try to meet with your child's class teacher; it is a wonderful opportunity to look at the work in their books and have an update on progress and attainment. I'm looking forward to seeing you in school on these evenings.

Uniform expectations

Just a reminder that we have a uniform policy in place and we expect our children to adhere to this. Please can you support us with this and ensure that your child attends school in suitable clothing and footwear, which is outlined in our policy, every day – including on PE days. Our uniform policy can be found on our website or by clicking on this link:

<https://primarysite-prod-sorted.s3.amazonaws.com/belmontcheveley/UploadedDocument/a0e6a3c9-67d5-460a-b625-c764721a0f68/uniform-policy.pdf>

Don't forget to visit our swap-shop in the main entrance porch to pick up any uniform you may need.

Computing equipment

I'd like to pass on my sincere thanks to the Friends of the school who have just provided us with a cheque for £4000 which we have spent on replacing some of our computing equipment - which will further enhance the curriculum. We have used this money to buy 13 new iPads with sturdy cases. School have then matched this funding and purchased a further 13 iPads and cases from our budget. This equipment will be used by all children in school and really will make such a difference. Thank you to the Friends and thank you to all of you for supporting the Friends' events – all of your donations impact our children so positively. Thank you ☺

Information from the Local Authority

Please click on the links below to some information shared by the LA.

- 'Fun and Food' Families Information service: https://www.countydurhamfamilies.info/kb5/durham/fsd/events.action?nh=10&date_activity_period_date_month=202402
- Mental Health and Emotional Support Rainbow Resources: <https://primarysite-prod-sorted.s3.amazonaws.com/belmontcheveley/UploadedDocument/a8046368-b93e-45a2-9f2d-6c939d192217/cyp-rainbow-resources-mental-health-and-emotional-support.pdf>

And finally – I would just like to say how immensely proud I was of our Year 2 children who performed in the Dance Festival at the Gala Theatre last Friday...WOW! They were awesome! Well done everyone.

Remember that school closes for half term this coming Friday (16th) and reopens on the 26th. Have a lovely week. Take care.

Warm wishes



Amy Goodwin (Headteacher)

As it is important that school always holds up-to-date contact information for our pupils, please let staff in the Main Office know straight away if any of your personal details (phone numbers / addresses etc.) change. The same applies should you change your mind regarding your options on the photographic consent forms. Thank you.