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School Attendance=94% National Attendance=94.8% Persistent Absence = 9%

Dream it Learn it Live it

Great Britain, (I was always taught to celebrate the Union Jack by referring to England, Scotland, Northern Ireland and Wales) seems to be questioning its identity at the moment. Great Britain by its very nature, promotes the theory that people and nations are better together, rather than apart, and we see this working brilliantly every day at Belvoirdale, with different nationalities and cultures working, learning and playing together. Therefore, the only flag I will be flying as headteacher, is the Belvoirdale flag of ***Dream it, Learn it Live it***. Together with our Belvoirdale characteristics, we will promote the values and kindness needed to be well-rounded flexible and law-abiding citizens for our ever changing and ever demanding world. Teachers, parents and families are educators and role models to the children and therefore, I dedicate this newsletter to a few simple ways in which you can help and support your child at our school. *Richard Dax Headteacher*

Attendance Behaviour

The government announced new support for schools this week to tackle attendance. Persistent absence is 18% (pupils whose attendance falls below 90%-Primary and Secondary) and this has increased since COVID. Belvoirdale has 9% persistent absence. Arriving after 9am receives a late mark. Arriving after 9.05am receives a U code (absent on register). Attendance meetings will be held with Mrs Heath and Mr Dax for all children below 90%. Term time holidays will receive a penalty notice of £90 per parent). ***SET THE EXAMPLE to your child and ensure that they come to school on time each day.***

Our revised Behaviour policy (draft) is available on the school website and is based on the Golden Rules and simple principles of respect for each other and property, as well as respect for adults. This includes appropriate manners and language. Swearing is not acceptable and adults can set the example by ensuring that they speak appropriately in front of their children. Persistent poor behaviour including swearing, violence, racism and bullying will not be tolerated and may result in suspension. This includes online and social media behaviour outside of school. ***Speaking respectfully to each other is the minimum expectation.***

Reading

The best form of education is reading. If you read with your child, you spend time with them, listen to them, talk to them, show them that you have time for them and remember for yourself of what it is like to be wanted and listened to.



Ladybird: Hana P & Evie-Rose R

Bumblebee: Theo W & Olivia Rae G

Acorn: Thea-Rose J

Cherry: Nali M & Denis SS

Palm: David F & Florence H

Oak: Neveah F & Dalimila O

Chestnut: Leanara S Denis P

Cedar: William B & Logan TH

Apple: Kevin S & Louie C

Birch: Maisie G & Sophia Maria AN

Maple: Abigail S & Lily-May P

Rowan: Anson A & Leyland S

Juniper: Amelia P & Mychajlo E

Hazel: Ava Rose W & Bear H



Ladybird and Bumblebee pupils-Parents are not invited into school until after October half term. Mr Dax



After school clubs

First week 8th Sept
Last week 8th Dec



Bring a coat

It's
Raining!

SEPTEMBER

Thurs 4th	EYFS Phonics/Parent meeting 2:20/4:00
Mon 8th	After school clubs start
Weds 10 th	Water safety assembly-KS1
Weds 10th	Swimming starts YR6
Mon 15th	Harvest Appeal start
Thurs 18th	Open Day: 9:30/1:30
Thurs 25th	Open Day: 9:30/1:30
Fri 26th	Macmillan Coffee & Cake: 2pm

OCTOBER

Thurs 2nd	Open Day: 9:30/1:30
Thurs 9th	Open Day: 9:30/1:30
Mon 13th	Disco tickets on sale online
Tues 14th	Harvest service: 9:30-EYFS/KS1: School
Weds 15th	Harvest service: 9:30-KS2: School
Thurs 16th	Open Day: 9:30/1:30
Thurs 16th	FAB FINISH
Fri 17th	Non-Uniform Day
Fri 17th	DOJO CELEBRATION

HALF TERM

Tues 28th	School Photographs
Tues 28th	Halloween Disco
Thurs 30th	Pumpkin Carving: 9am

NOVEMBER

Weds 5 th	Parents' Evening: 3:15-7:00
Thurs 6th	Parents' Evening: 3:15-5:00
Mon 10th	Anti-Bullying Week
Tues 11th	Remembrance
Tues 11th	Odd Socks Day
Mon 17th	Christmas Enterprise Assembly launch
Fri 28th	Non-Uniform Day-Bring a Bottle

DECEMBER

Mon 1st	PANTOMIME: KS2: Loughborough
Weds 3rd	CHRISTMAS FAIR
Weds 3rd	Last swimming
Thurs 4th	PANTOMIME: EYFS/KS1: Red Riding Hood
Mon 8th	Last week of clubs
Weds 10th	Nativity: 9:30am
Thurs 11th	Nativity: 2:00pm
Thurs 11th	Christmas jumper day
Thurs 11th	FAB FINISH/DOJO CELEBRATION
Mon 15th	Christmas Performance week
Tues 16th	Christmas lunch
Thurs 18th	Carol Service TBC
Fri 19th	TOY DAY-NON-UNIFORM DAY

Contact a school nurse by text message

Leicestershire Partnership NHS Trust runs a dedicated, confidential and secure text messaging service called ChatHealth for parents/carers of children aged 0-11 in Leicestershire and Rutland, which enables you to get professional health advice and support.

Text a Public Health Nurse (School Nurse) on:

07520 615 382



ChatHealth

Contact a health professional via the Healthy Together Helpline

You can also call to speak to the Helpline's qualified health and administrative professionals who offer easy to access, safe and free advice, support and signposting.



Call 0300 300 3001

Calls are answered from 9am – 4.30pm on weekdays, excluding bank holidays.

ADMISSIONS: See the Belvoirdale Facebook page for more details but 2026 Leicestershire Primary and secondary admissions are now

Applications Open:
1st September

Secondary
Deadline: 31st October
Offer Day: 1st March

Primary
Deadline: 15th January
Offer Day: 16th April



*or next working day if this falls on a weekend/bank holiday.

School Admissions Checklist For primary & secondary school places

Step 1: How to get started - preparing to apply

- ☐ Create a [parent portal account](#) or check you can still log in.
- ☐ Create or change to a password you can remember.
- ☐ Keep a note of the email address you applied with – you must use the same email address to log in later.

Step 2: List your school preferences

- ☐ Include your catchment school in your preferences, or the nearest local school if there is no defined catchment area. This will help increase your chance of securing a place at your nearby school.
- ☐ Maximise your opportunities by listing up to 5 different school preferences.
- ☐ Double check your order of preferences – we always aim to try to offer the highest preference where possible.

Step 3: Check your catchment areas

- ☐ Visit your local school website.
- ☐ Contact the school directly to check your catchment area.

Step 4: Review your order of preferences

- ☐ Check your details are correct before you submit your application.

TOP TIPS

1. Check out the [Your Guide to Education](#).
2. Attend open days, visit schools before finalising your choices.
3. Consider how you'd get your child to and from school. More on our [school transport policy and eligibility](#).
4. Remember late applications will be processed after those that were sent on time.
5. Help your child get [school ready](#) if applying for the first time.
6. Download our ["Moving Up" booklet](#) to help anyone transitioning on to secondary school.
7. Choosing one school will not guarantee a place.
8. If none of your preferences are offered, you may be allocated a school further away.
9. Don't assume - boundaries can be different than you expect and in some instances you may live in a catchment with multiple schools.
10. If you make changes or even re-open your application to check your submitted application, you must then click the RESUBMIT button - if you don't your application status is unsubmitted.

For hints and tips about the process, information on Leicestershire schools and to apply, visit

leicestershire.gov.uk/admissions

