



Dove and Rainbow News

5th October 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

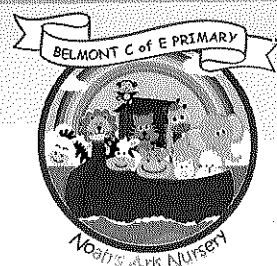
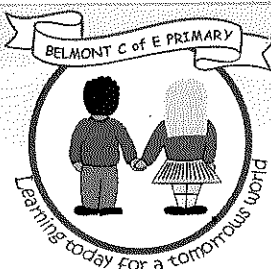
It has been another busy fortnight in school. We had a really positive 'Meet the Teacher' evening; the teachers would like to thank you for attending and for all of your positive comments. It was lovely for our teachers to meet you early on in the new academic year. We have an open door policy and we are always here to help you and your child. The best time to speak to your child's class teacher is at the end of the school day.

Thank you for your very kind donations of cakes and biscuits for our MacMillan Coffee Morning. The children enjoyed buying and eating the cakes at break time and it was great to have some of our families join us for a cuppa and a chat! Thank you to our PTA members who helped. We raised £291.39 -thank you!

Unfortunately, our PTA meeting on the 27th September, was only attended by a few parents, who did successfully organise events for our children and families this term. The PTA, do a wonderful job of supporting the school, but are in need of more members. If you feel you are able to join the committee or are able to support certain events, please contact Mrs. S. Mallard through the school office. Many thanks.

We raised £278.05 for Jeans for Genes Day. Again, thank you!

Year 1 and 2 children enjoyed their visit to Carville Methodist Church, in order to find out what we can learn about Christianity from visiting a church. The vicar explained the significance of some of the artefacts and church furniture. The children asked many questions about his role and about what Christians do in church.



Year 3 and 4 had a very exciting and successful visit to Segedunum Roman Fort. The visit has helped to bring their learning about the Vikings come to life!

It has also been a very busy fortnight for sport. Year 3 attended a tri-golf festival at Belmont Community School where they have worked hard to develop their coordination and build their confidence. There were many activities with kind people helping us. Well done to our football team, who have had two very successful weeks. They are showing great communication and teamwork. Our new Play Leaders and SSOC (School Sports Organising Crew) have been selected and are eager to fulfil their new roles on the playground.

We are enjoying the sunny autumnal days; the trees on our campus and in the play areas are beautiful. The children have enjoyed being able to collect the colourful leaves, acorns, fir cones and of course, conkers.

Staff in school have had a very busy fortnight; all staff have had refresher safeguarding training, training on developing greater depth in Maths and have spent some professional development time compiling data for the new school year. Miss Watson has attended a network meeting for computing, Miss Ward has attended a network meeting for RE leaders and Mrs James has attended training on managing data protection. Miss Warren and Miss Watson enjoyed their training day with the Early Excellence team as they continue their project work to develop the EYFS outdoor space. Thank you for your support with popping your tokens into our project at our local Tesco stores. We have been awarded £1000 for helping to develop our outdoor area.

It was a pleasure to show prospective Reception parents around school this week. If you did not manage to attend the meeting, please do not hesitate to contact me and I will gladly show you around at a mutually convenient time.

We look forward to seeing you at our forthcoming Harvest Festivals and our 'Broth and Bread' afternoon for our grandparents. Please see information below for these events.

With very best wishes,

Mrs K. Harrison-Brown

Head Teacher

Broth and Bread Afternoon- Friday 12th October 2:15p.m.

School Council are looking forward to welcoming our grandparents into school to help us to celebrate Harvest. Please do come along for a bowl of soup and a chat. In order to help us with numbers for catering, please could you let the school office know by Wednesday 10th October if you would like to attend. Thank you.

Harvest Celebrations

We would like to invite all our families to celebrate Harvest with us.

Tuesday 16th October- KS2 (Y3, Y4, Y5 and Y6) families 9:15a.m. - Dove hall

Tuesday 16th October- KS1 (Y1 and Y2) families 2:45p.m. - Dove hall

Wednesday 17th October- EYFS (Nursery and Reception) families 9:15a.m.- Rainbow hall

This year, we will be supporting Durham Food Bank. To support this worthy cause, we would like to ask you to please bring a Harvest gift of non-perishable food with you to our celebrations or give to your child to bring into school. Thank you.

Parent Volunteers needed

Unfortunately, we still have some vehicles driving onto the campus at the beginning and end of the school day. Despite many reminders asking our families not to drive or park on campus, whilst our children are walking to and from school, this dangerous behaviour is still occurring. We would like to ask you for help to keep our children safe. One of our parents has kindly offered to help supervise the zebra crossings for two mornings a week. If you are able to offer any time, in order to help with this supervision, please contact the school office. Many thanks.