

Belgrave School News



Welcome Back!

Dear parents and students,

I hope you have all had a wonderful summer, have recharged the batteries and have made the most of the sunshine.

We have been busy improving the school building over the past few weeks. We have transformed the toilets to include both male and female facilities and have added a staircase from the library to the floor above. This has created more classroom and work-

space, which will be a welcomed addition to the school.

This year, I will be taking a more active role in the day-to-day management of the school. I hope to continue to build the Belgrave community and look forward to working with you all.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me. I look forward to seeing you all soon.

Matt Baker

Hello from Belgrave Staff

The staff are eagerly awaiting the beginning of the new term and are looking forward to seeing familiar faces and new students. Shelia Dolby, Hannah Brunt and Sue Hughes will all be returning this year.

We are also pleased to welcome four new members of staff to the Belgrave community. Hannah Forrest will teach in the Blue and Yellow class. Rosie Adams will work as a full time Learning Support Assistant (LSA). Clare Morgan will share LSA responsibilities with

Sue Hughes and Sally Van-de-Burgt will work a secretary/LSA.

Parents will have an opportunity to meet new staff at the parent meeting.

The **Parent meeting** will be held on Friday 4th September from 7:00pm to 8:00pm at the school. We hope as many of you can make it as possible.

New for 2009-10

Student Council

The pupils will elect a student council this year which will give students a chance to put their ideas forward and take a more active role.

Student of the Week

Each week we will celebrate a different student in the Belgrave community.

Book Challenge

To motivate students to read we will introduce a book challenge. Can our students rise to the occasion and read 100 books? See future newsletters for updates!





September Sports Update:

Swimming:

Yellow Class:

- ❖ 8th September
- ❖ 22nd September

Blue Class:

- ❖ 15th September
- ❖ 29th September

Kingsdown Leisure Centre

Yellow Class:

- ❖ 18th September

Blue Class:

- ❖ 11th September
- ❖ 25th September

Blue and Yellow Classrooms

Over the summer, student test scores have been analysed and classes have been organised based on students' individual abilities. This has allowed us to create homogenous classes, which will allow teachers to instruct individual students more effectively.

Students are able to make gains when they are removed from the emotional pressures of an 'age grouped' classroom and placed in a true peer environment. These settings provide opportunities for students to succeed, to increase their self esteem and to bridge the gap between their outstanding potential and their present abilities.

Students have been placed into registration groups (Yellow and Blue classes), based on individual need. In order to promote learning and sociability children may break into

different, smaller groups, drawn from both classes, throughout the day.

Yellow Class:

Amelia Breen, Stephanie Edmonds, Joel England, Samuel Farrall, Hayley Hembury, Matt Maggs, Fynnley Pritchard, Aliyah Solker, Aaron Webb, Megan Wren.

Blue Class:

Oscar Bailey, Jack Browning, Rowan Clark, James Dibiase, Hannah Jeal, Matt Mohan, Harry Peters, Mhairi Poarch, Georgina Samson, Joshua Wrixon.

Calendar 2009/10

Autumn Term

- School Starts: Monday 7th September to Friday 23rd October
- Half Term: Monday 26th October to Friday 30th October (1 week and 1 day)
- In-service days: 31st August to 4th September and 2nd November
- Term recommences: Tuesday 3rd November to Friday 11th December
- Christmas Holiday: Monday 14th December to Friday 1st January

Spring Term

- School Starts: Monday 4th January to Friday 12th February
- Half Term: Monday 15th February to Friday 19th February (1 week and 1 day)
- In-service day: Monday 22nd February
- Term recommences: Tuesday 23rd February to Friday 26th March
- Easter Holiday: Monday 29th March to Friday 16th April

Summer Term

- School Starts: Monday 19th April to Friday 28th May
- Half Term: Monday 31st May to Friday 4th June (1 week 1 day)
- In-service day: Monday 7th June
- Term recommences: Tuesday 8th June to Friday 9th July