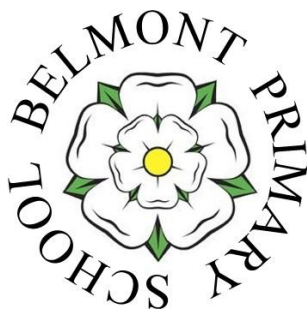




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Dear Parents / Carers,

It would seem very much as though we have completed the first half of the Autumn Term and, as always, it has been a bit of an epic.

Key Stage One Harvest

There can be no doubt as to what takes the headline slot this week. Without a shadow of a doubt, the Key Stage One Harvest Assembly was a worthy winner of this most coveted accolade and I was fortunate to have seen it twice. Many thanks to all who came and supported and for all the overwhelmingly kind and heartwarming comments about our fabulously talented and confident young people. Of course, I do not need to have an extra reason to be proud of them but, nonetheless, I have one without question. Well done to all and many thanks to the staff who worked hard to pull everything together and also to Mrs Morton of FoB who provided refreshments through both performances.

For those in attendance who accepted 'the challenge' (IYKYK!), I very much hope you have now put the song out of your mind and I apologise for planting it in the first place. It is now forgotten....

🎵 **Big. Red. Combine Harvester.....** 🎵

On the subject of Harvest, I have to say that you guys have pulled it out of the bag again (just read that. Not a deliberate pun and I'm quite impressed I did that by accident!). The amount of donations given for the food bank was overwhelming (and sorry, I didn't get a photo this year for which I take full responsibility and apologise grovellingly). Many thanks from us and, of course, on behalf of The Bridge, our local foodbank who provide an outstanding service to our community.

Girls' Football

Many congratulations to our girls' football team who, following last weeks exploits, competed in the area finals this week. They certainly played with passion and determination and, despite not achieving the results they deserved, showed exceptional resilience and stoicism in every performance. Well done to them all; an absolute credit to themselves.

Parents' Meetings

I always thoroughly enjoy seeing so many of you to have a chat with over the two evenings and it is always of great interest to me to share your views. We genuinely hope that you find these meetings with your child's class teacher constructive and useful because we certainly enjoy listening to your thoughts. I don't think it is a massive secret that when school, and home work closely and openly together, outcomes tend to be far more positive and with this in mind, we thank you for your support.

Non-Uniform Today

This has, as always, been brilliantly supported and we will let you know how much has been raised after half term!

Diary Updates

We know that early warning is always useful when it comes to providing dates of school events which is why we seek to inform as soon as we have such information to hand. The list of events has been updated but to save you opening another document, a spoiler is listed beneath for the remainder of this term (as it stands! I am not expecting any more updates at this point!).

Parking

OK. Right. So... I have not mentioned this for a while (and all of you are being jolly good by keeping the layby clear so thanks for that). Let's be honest: parking around any school is rubbish (and I am minded of a comment I received last year criticising me for building a school where there is limited parking... just take a moment to let that one sink in! I mean me, do something practical like build something? Oh, behave! And yes, this was an actual comment made by somebody who was a touch irate at that point! Brilliant!) Anyway, anecdotes and facetiousness aside, could I ask that if you intend to drive onto the pavement, you ensure that there are no pedestrians (especially slightly smaller ones) walking there. Not a great idea and some might say pretty reckless. Thanks.

Those Dates I was Talking About...

Date	Activity
02.11.2026	Return to school
11.11.2026	10.00am Y5 and Y6 Remembrance Service St Nicholas' Church
17.11.2026	Discos
24.11.2026	Inside Out working with Y5 and Y6 children supporting with strategies for social skills and resilience
26.11.2026	THE CHRISTMAS TREES ARRIVE!!!!!!
27.11.2026	PD Day. School closed to children
30.11.2026	PD Day. School closed to children
01.12.2026	Guisborough Christmas Tree Festival DETAILS TBC
07.12.2026	Road safety assemblies delivered by Cleveland Fire Service
08.12.2026	1.30pm KS2 Christmas Service, St Nicholas' Church
09.12.2026	School Christmas Lunch
09.12.2026	2.30pm Singing Club: 'Guisborough Sings Christmas' (to perform at 6pm)
10.12.2026	2.15pm Reception Nativity
15.12.2026	5.00pm Whole School Christmas 'Singalong'
18.12.2016	'Sponsored 'Reindeer Run' in support of Teesside Hospice
18.12.2026	End of term. Children's interim Autumn Term reports to go home

So, another quiet one, then.....

And Finally....

That's it for Autumn Half Term 1! I hope you manage to enjoy the half term break and whatever you are doing and wherever you are going, make sure it is a good 'un! I think every single one of us has fully earned this one. Don't forget that the clocks go back over the weekend which means the afternoons will be getting shorter when we return. Weather? Shoot me down for this but I don't care! If it's pleasant, I'll go out. If not I'll stay in!

As always, thanks for all your support over the past eight weeks or so. As we all know, wherever we work and whatever we do in life, things can go well most of the time but, on occasion, they don't go quite as well as planned. That is the same for a school as anywhere else. And if that should occur, then we want to know. If we are not aware of a concern, we cannot rectify it. If we do know, we seek to ensure that issues are resolved because that is in the best interests of us all.

Have a fabulous week!

Yours Sincerely

C. Gibson

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