

# End of Autumn Term Newsletter

19th  
December  
2024

As another successful term comes to a close, I wanted to say how immensely proud I am of all our children and community for their continuous enthusiasm for learning and the way that our Bel Royal core values shine through in all that we do.

From sporting events to fundraisers and accreditations, we have certainly made the most of a busy few weeks and enjoyed some festive events culminating in a whole school Christmas lunch, a visit from Santa and a concert by Jersey Instrumental Service.

It was fantastic to see so many families in school at our Christmas Market which proved a fantastic opportunity for the children to develop their financial literacy and with the support of school staff and our amazing Parent Community Group, we raised a grand total of £1,280. Each class will be given their class profit to spend on learning equipment for the classroom or playground. These activities aim to create cherished memories for the children and have also provided some excellent work throughout the whole school.

Thank you for all the positive comments, well-wishes, cards and gifts.

## Christmas Performance

Please find the link to our Key Stage 1 & 2 Christmas performance

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=E06TWUJb96U>

Please note that these links are for personal use within our direct school community only and should not be shared on social media for obvious safeguarding reasons.



Some of our children visited St Peter's Church to see the Christmas trees. The nursery children thought that our school's tree was the best!

# Sporting News

## **Year 3 and 4 girls football tournament**

Girls from Year 3 and 4 travelled to Springfield to spend the afternoon competing against other schools in a girls football festival. The girls showed incredible team spirit and delivered some impressive performances!

### **Girls football**

In late November, we took two of our girls' teams to play against JCP. The girls were disciplined in defence and showed great creativity and finishing when attacking. Both games finished 3-1 to Bel Royal!



## **Life Skills: Football tournament – catching the bus!**

Our football team competed in a football tournament at the airport pitches. The boys had to use their organisational and communication skills to work out which buses to catch to the venue. Once there, we put in some impressive performances before bowing out at the group stages.

## **Year 1 Balance Bikes**

Year 1 have benefited from Balance Bike sessions with Jersey Sport. The children were put through a range of courses where they improved their co-ordination and balance on a bicycle. They also learnt how to stay safe when riding. This will significantly aid them when learning to ride without stabilisers.



# Hot Lunches - Spring Term

Hot lunches continue to be very popular at school and provide the children with a nutritional lunch and a range of choices. Some changes will be made following our survey results, as well as consultation with Public Health and Climate Change to ensure that the programme aligns with all Government of Jersey initiatives and priorities.

Key Changes to the Menu:

**Increased Variety:** We are introducing a four-week cycle menu to provide a greater range of meal options.

**Removal of Cold Desserts:** As part of our commitment to environmental sustainability, nutritional value, and consideration of the winter season, cold desserts have been removed from the Spring menu.

**Addition of Casseroles:** Two casserole dishes have been included on request of parents. These contain a variety of vegetables, as well as beef or chicken.

**Wholegrain Rice:** We have included wholegrain rice once a week to gauge the interest in whole grain sides.

Don't miss out!  
order your child's meal in time



FOR MEALS SERVED DURING:	ORDER BY 23:59 ON:
06 - 10 JANUARY	25 DECEMBER
13 - 17 JANUARY	01 JANUARY
20 - 24 JANUARY	08 JANUARY
27 - 31 JANUARY	15 JANUARY
03 - 07 FEBRUARY	22 JANUARY
10 - 14 FEBRUARY	29 JANUARY
24 - 28 FEBRUARY	12 FEBRUARY



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The children in the ARP have had some wonderful trips to various locations around the island for enrichment, daily life skills, and outdoor learning. We have been swimming, visited parks, surfing and to see the Christmas tree festival.

We have just been kindly given this huge bear by Maison des Landes as the children see it every week and have been giving it a big cuddle.





The choir visited three care homes this half term, singing beautifully, bringing Christmas cheer to the residents. It was a wonderful time and everyone enjoyed it.

Year 5 attended the States Assembly for a visit and a tour. They then held their own debate as members of the States Chamber. Not only did the class sit in the seats belonging to Deputies and Connetables, but they used their microphones and voting buttons. A real highlight and as one pupil said "The opportunity of a life time."



Thank you to everyone involved in our 'Reading at Home' parent workshop. The evening was a great success with lots of goodies to take away and essential knowledge shared. If you did not attend the workshop, your child will have brought home a copy of the new 'Reading at Home Guidance' which outlines the reading at home expectations for each key stage.

Miss Benn will be holding a catch-up session for any parents that were unable to attend early next term. A date will be sent out for this shortly.

If you have any queries or require any further support with reading at home, please do not hesitate to contact class teachers.

***That just leaves me to say, have a wonderful Christmas and New Year and we look forward to welcoming you back to school on Monday 6th January 2025 after what I hope will be a restful time for you all.***

