



Belton Update

27th November 2020

We are hurtling towards Christmas now! We have had a great few weeks and it has been fantastic to see all the children back in school.

Regarding Christmas, it has been tricky to strike the balance between being safe, celebrating with our usual traditions as well as being aware that a lot of children are still catching up on work missed from being off school for so long during lockdown 1.

We are going to be as festive as we can. Normal timetable will be in place at least until Friday 11th December and if still feasible into the beginning of the last week of term.

During the last week there may be a visit from someone from the North Pole and the Rainbows Santa Run - more details below.

We are also decorating our windows with a Christmas carol or song to be a part of Belton's Christmas Trail.

Please also note that it has been made quite clear by the Government that primary schools will not be closing before Friday 18th December. There won't be the 14-day isolation period before Christmas itself, therefore please be extra vigilant during the last few weeks of term!

Christmas Raffle - FOBS are organizing a Christmas raffle – please help support if you can and many thanks to the team for sorting it all out. Please continue to donate anything on the list, there is a box in the office. Thank you for your support.

Friends of Belton School

Christmas Raffle

for a large luxury hamper



£5 per book
£1 per ticket

All money raised will be used by FOBS for the benefit of the children at Belton school

To enter please pop a named envelope with your money through the postbox at 40 De Verdun Avenue.

Traditional raffle tickets will then be put into a pot and the winning ticket will be drawn by members of FOBS on December 18th



Christmas Hamper

Bottle of Rose
 Bottle of red wine
 Bottle of white wine/fizz
 Two boxes of biscuits
 One box of mince pies
 Stollen cake
 Small Christmas cake
 Christmas pudding
 Mini Panettone
 Various boxes of chocolate
 Cranberry sauce
 Chutneys
 Crackers
 Cheese platter
 Cheese twists
 Basket of nuts
 Tea bags
 Hot chocolate
 Chocolate stirrers
 Chocolate bombs

School dinners are Week 2 next week.



Handwriting competition



Belton C of E Primary Handwriting Competition- See WEDUC for the links

The aim of the handwriting competition is for you to practise and improve your handwriting skills. The best entries will be displayed in school.

The rules

You will be given a poem to copy in your best handwriting.

Only entries on A4 paper will be accepted.

The paper can be portrait or landscape with faint lines that do not distract from the handwriting.

All poems must be written in pencil.

In KS2 the handwriting must be joined. This is not a requirement for KS1 children.

Entries must be returned to your class teacher by Friday 11th December 2020

There will be a prize for the best handwriting in each key stage.

Key Stage 2 - Sea Otters and Lions- I am Winter

Key Stage 1 - Owls- Winter

Tigers- Winter

Good Luck



School Dinners

Our uptake on dinners is low compared to other schools, including for those that are in KS1 who are entitled to Universal Free meals and it has been that way for quite a while now.

We have been given the opportunity to potentially change our school dinner provider. It would mean going to 2 hot choices and we would no longer be able to offer a sandwich option daily. I have been told the dinners are very nice! I am after your thoughts. Mrs Smith is preparing a questionnaire on WEDUC. I will let you know when it goes live. I have also attached a **SAMPLE** menu to show what kinds of things they offer. Any more questions please let us know.



Christmas cards:

Children can bring in Christmas cards for their friends and teachers in all classes.

There will however need to be a strict timescale

Each classroom will have a 'post' box for Christmas cards.

- All cards must be put in their own classroom box.
- **Cards must not be handed personally to their friends**
- Cards can be posted into their classroom post box from TUESDAY 1ST December until the final posting day of WEDNESDAY 9th December.
- Cards will be left in their class post boxes until **Monday 14th December which will be card delivery day**

The cards will be sorted by the staff who will have sanitised their hands both before and during sorting the cards and who will follow all COVID-19 guidelines

When your children are writing cards, please make sure they have washed their hands thoroughly before they begin and that they DO NOT lick envelopes - preferably tucking in the flaps.

If you really do not want your child to receive a card, please let your child's class teacher know.

Virtual Book Fair - Don't forget you can still order your books via the virtual book fair! Have a look at the flyers sent home yesterday.



Christmas Dinner

Christmas dinner is going to happen this year in classrooms over 2 days

Friday 11th December for **Tigers and Owls**

Wednesday 16th December for **Sea Otters and Lions**

The children on their Christmas dinner day will also be able to order a normal dinner if they don't want Christmas dinner (no cold option that day)

Christmas parties

Friday 11th December **Sea Otters and Lions**

Wednesday 16th December **Tigers and Owls**

The children can wear their party clothes that day and/or Christmas jumpers

For lunch on party day please bring a packed lunch with some additional treats and a drink. Please note the children will not be sharing food.

Nativities

Unfortunately, we will not be able to invite you all in to watch the Nativities this year but both will be recorded and shared with the Tigers and Owls parents at the end of term. We will also make sure that KS2 get to see the videos in school time too. Here is a flavour of what is in store.

Tigers

It's all very exciting in the Tigers as we gear up to start practising our Nativity. We have nearly all the costumes in and they look fab - thank you!

Work has started on making props this week to turn our outside area in to Bethlehem! We are looking forward to sharing the Tigers amazing acting skills via a video at the end of the term. BAFTAs at the ready!

Owls

Coming soon...

Lights, Camel, Action!

A star-studded line-up of nativity celebrities have gathered in the stable once again to celebrate the amazing events of the first Christmas. The judges have gathered their scorecards and the singers and dancers are waiting (socially distanced) in the wings.

Showing great determination during these difficult times, the Owls are excited to bring you a reprise from last year's performance mixed with the delights of Gabriel's Gospel and the Shepherd's Conga from Light's Camel Action 2.

Ladies and Gentlemen, please put your hands together for...

...our socially distanced, videoed with no audience, shortened, outdoor version of.... Lights, Camel, Action!



14th December - look out children, there might be a visit by a special person!

Santa Run - 15th December

We will be taking part in RAINBOWS SANTA RUN on 15th December. ALL children will need their PE kit and trainers in on that day.

They will be able to purchase a Santa suit for the run for £3 and will get a special gift from Rainbows if they raise more than £20 - sponsorship forms will be given out next week.

More details of how it is going to work will be out soon but the children need to bring in their £3 to the class teacher or pay via WEDUC for the suit by Friday 4th December.

Those who buy them will be able to take them home. Word has is it some of the staff are buying them too to run in!

Half the money raised goes to school, half to Rainbows.

Let's all get involved, support a wonderful cause and have a lot of fun!

The seasonal flu vaccination is taking place at school on Monday 30th November.

Only children who have consent will be given the immunisation.

After Christmas

Sea Otters will have after school sports club on a WEDNESDAY and Year 4 will be on a THURSDAY

Homework

Homework is a tricky subject! If you ask 30 parents there will be 30 different takes on what's enough, too much or just the right amount!

Currently I am in the middle of reviewing the homework policy. There will be a change to the current policy, largely to improve consistency, raise expectations and a deeper concentration on the basics, reflecting what we need to do in school to help support the children catching up all the learning they have missed over the pandemic. I will be sending out the policy, hopefully before Christmas but maybe after, for you to see.



Certificates this week

Tigers - Stars of the Week – Oscar and Gabriella

Owls – Megan - Mindset Champion, Mathematician - Lacey, Handwriting - Arlo and

Star of the Week - Sam

Lions - Jessica - Mindset Champion, Mathematician - Evie, Handwriting - Olivia and

Star of the week -Thomas

Sea Otters - Isabella - Mindset Champion, Mathematician - Clark, Handwriting - Grace and

Star of the week – James

Readiwriter Bronze - Lily and Isabella

Mathletics Bronze - Lily, Archie, Isabella, Giorgio, Max, Jack, Lydia, Dylan and Cara

(Lions you will get yours next week)

Book Mark challenge winners - Megan (Owls) and Harriet (Lions)– hope you enjoy your new books!

Times Tables Rock Stars - Archie and Violet



Dates

30th November Flu Immunisations

TUESDAY 1ST December Christmas card posting boxes open until the final posting day of WEDNESDAY 9th December.

4th December Deadline for £3 Santa suit payment

11th December

Deadline for Handwriting competition

Christmas Jumper Day

Tigers and Owls Christmas dinner

Sea Otters and Lions Christmas party day

14th December

Christmas card delivery day

A special visitor from the North Pole

15th December Santa Run

16th December Sea Otters and Lions Christmas dinner

Tigers and Owls Christmas party day

18th December FOBS Raffle Draw

18th December School breaks up for Christmas

TUESDAY 5th January school reopens