



Belton Update 30th August 2019

What a wonderful first week back! The children have settled back quickly and it has been a joy to begin to get to know them. Everyone has made me feel so welcome and I am very much looking forward to the coming term. Congratulations also to our youngest children in Tigers who started school this week.

WEDUC:

I hope you are getting to grips with the WEDUC system and thank you to all those who have already signed up. I hope you have enjoyed the daily updates of things the children have got up to in school. If you haven't signed as yet, please contact the school office who will be happy to help you.

The introduction of WEDUC replaces the weekly newsletter. You will notice, particularly as we get it up and running, it will replace many of the things traditionally included.

There will now be a monthly newsletter and an update in between when necessary.

CLUBS:

Next week you will receive a Clubs brochure, telling you about the different clubs we are offering this half term. Please fill in the form and return to the school office. We will operate a first come first served policy.

Volunteer Reading:

Are you a Parent, Guardian, Grandparent, Auntie or Uncle of a child at Belton?



Are you free during the week for an hour or more?

Do you know someone who might be? If so we need your help!

We are hoping to extend the number of volunteers in school to try and to encourage the children to read as much as possible.

In order to help us we are hoping we can recruit volunteers to listen to the children read during the school day. If you would like to help, or know someone who might and can commit to coming into school each week for an hour or more, please speak to Miss Scott or the school office.

All volunteers will be subject to an enhanced DBS check, which school can organise.

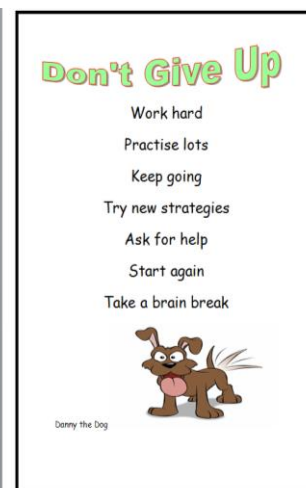
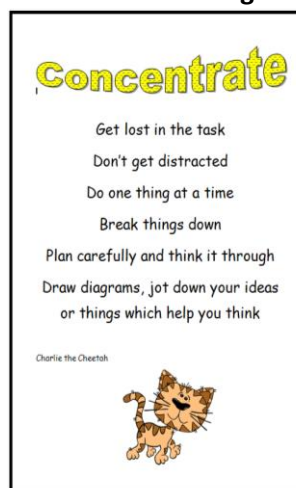
Learning Powers:

Over the next term in assemblies the children will be finding out about our learning powers. Each learning power has a character attached to them. Learning powers are based around the Growth Mindset approach and giving the children skills to build resilience. Please ask your child all about them.

The first learning powers we will learn about are:

Have a lovely weekend

Miss Scott





Notices

SAFEGUARDING

If you have any concerns re the wellbeing or care of a child please speak to the school office and they will put you in touch with the designated safeguarding leads - Miss Scott, Miss Ebbs and Mrs Cobbin

FLYERS

Please note that flyers given out from time to time by outside organisations promoting sports clubs or out of school activities are not necessarily endorsed by school.

We advise all parents to carry out their own checks before sending their children to ensure they are completely happy with the arrangements and safety issues.

PUPIL PREMIUM

If you are in receipt of any of the following the school can access extra funding which really helps us and benefits all pupils as well as individuals

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on -paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit -if you apply on or after 1 April 2018 your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)

Other pupils eligible for pupil premium grant include children who have been looked after by the local authority and Service children.

Please see the school website for how we spend the pupil premium fund to benefit pupils and raise attainment.

Please speak in confidence to a member of office staff who can offer further advice.

Or ring the free school meals team on any of the following numbers:

0116 3056588

0116 3057093

0116 3052740

This extra money could really help us to improve your child's learning and development. Please apply if you are eligible.

Attendance

We are really proud of our high levels of attendance at Belton. Please remember I am unable to authorise holidays in term time.

If your child is poorly and absent from school, please ring the school office before 9.30am. If we have not heard from you by then, a member of the office team will ring you to confirm your child's absence and the reason why.

We do ask that all non-urgent medical appointments are not made during the school day.

However, if this is unavoidable please show your surgery text message/ letter etc. to the office team when filling in the absence request form. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.



Friends of Belton School

If anyone would like to join the Friends of Belton School (FOBS) please contact the school office or Alice Styles, chair of FOBS - (friendsofbeltonschool@outlook.com).

Dates for the Diary

Have a cup of tea with Miss Scott- an informal meeting so you have the chance to meet me if you haven't already. I will be asking parents for their views on what is working well and what they would like us to consider doing differently at this meeting.

9.00am-9.45am or 3.15pm-4.00pm Tuesday 3rd September Parents/Carers of Tigers and Owls

9.00am-9.45am or 3.15-4.00pm Thursday 5th September Parents/Carers of Lions and Sea Otters

Roald Dahl Day 13th September- information will come out separately. Parents are welcome in their child's classroom from 2.30pm

Macmillan Coffee Morning 27th September

2nd October School Nurse drop in 2-3pm

Harvest in Church Friday 4th October 9.30am

8th October Parents Evening

10th October Young Minds Mental Health Day

10th October Parents Evening

HALF TERM 11th -20th October.

21st October Teacher INSET day – no children in school

22nd October School begins again

23rd -25th October Residential Kingswood

5th November Year 3/4 assembly

11th December KS1 Nativity 2.00pm

12th December KS1 Nativity 6.00pm

16th December Pantomime Loughborough Town Hall