



Belton Update 6th November 2020

Well, this certainly isn't the week that I had expected! It has been a bit of a whirlwind and very busy but as always I am so pleased and proud of the resilience and support by the children, staff and parents. To top it off we are having a few internet problems at school! We haven't been able to WEDUC as much as we would like but we will be back to it next week hopefully.

We will get through this tricky time together!

I am really pleased with how home learning has been going for some of our children. Hopefully this won't happen again but I think it is sensible to prepare. Please make sure you and your child are having a go on Google classroom. Please also think about if your child did need to self-isolate, how they would access their home learning. The government have given us just one chrome book. I am happy to lend out devices but there are only a limited number and everyone that is sent home also means that the children in school can't use them. Remember that as I mentioned before you can download the app onto a PS4, Smart TV and Xbox one and then if you get a wireless keyboard it can work really well.

When there are staff absences there are of course changes how things work in school and has slowed down the process of being able to send out the new reading books for KS2- we will get there.

As I mentioned during whole school assembly this morning, this year I will represent Belton on Remembrance Sunday and lay the wreath on behalf of the school.

Regarding the National Lockdown. The class clubs currently will continue as part of childcare. However, they are under review. If the children need to come inside for the club due to the weather it will be cancelled. We will try to give you as much notice as possible.

On this point, we had worked out a way to do Nativity but due to the new restrictions it won't be able to happen. Tigers and Owls will do their own performances, which will be videoed and sent home for you to see, (hopefully!). With singing being very tricky in school we are trying to be as creative as possible.

School dinners are week 2 next week

Polite Notice

Please remember to socially distance around the playground whilst waiting to collect or drop off your child.

Certificates this week

Tigers - Star of the week – Ted and Fynn

Owls - Toby - Mindset Champion, Mathematician - Kyran, Handwriting - Charlie and

Star of the week - Freya

Lions - Annabelle - Mindset Champion, Mathematician - James, Handwriting - Imogen and

Star of the week - Harriet



Sea Otters - ALL OF YOU

Book Mark Challenge winners - Harry (Owls) and Clark (Sea Otters) – I hope you enjoy your new books!

I am really pleased with the growing number of children getting their Rock Star certificates too this week!

Along with all the things we do in school, each year I write a school improvement plan where we focus on different areas of school life. I thought you would like to know what some of these objectives are. You may hear me talk more about them during the year.

- To continue to refine and embed a teaching for mastery maths approach in the Early Years, Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2
- To raise standards in Oracy within learning across the school
- To continue to refine and embed our approach to the teaching of reading and writing in the Early Years, Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2.
- To introduce the new Relationships & Sex Education (RSE) statutory guidance
- To review the efficiency and accuracy of the school's assessment procedures and tracking systems to ensure that high quality teaching leads to success
- To facilitate subject leaders in taking greater ownership for their subject
- To extend the outdoor learning environment to include a Forest School approach to all classes
- To ensure that our pupils develop a deeper understanding of the diverse nature of Britain
- In line with our school vision strapline of 'Achieving the Best Together', to embed wellbeing and support improved mental health across our school community during a period of change.



Remembrance Sunday information 8TH November

Remembrance Sunday in Belton will be different this year

*We will
remember them*



This year, there will simply be an Act of Remembrance at the war memorial with the laying of wreaths. This will begin at 10.50am. We are not able to hold a parade beforehand, nor an open church service afterwards.

A representative of the British Legion, the Parish Council, the church, the school, St. John Ambulance and the uniform organisations will gather by the memorial to lay wreaths, read out the names and hold the 2 minute silence.

Ways we can mark Remembrance Sunday in Belton:

- Put a poppy in your window or on your gatepost,
- Stand on your driveway or in your doorway to listen out for the church clock and mark our Remembrance together as a street at 11am,
- Watch the events at the village memorial live on a facebook livestream (details to follow),
- Tune in to the national remembrance event on radio or tv,
- We would ask that if you do come as a spectator to the market-place you keep at a distance and observe the rule of 6.



**Thank you.
Let us not forget.**



9th- 14th November - Times Tables Rock Stars competition.

We need to get back up the league KS2!



Maths Week England Rock Out 2020



Dear Parent/Carer of Lions and Sea otters

As part of our commitment to make maths exciting and high profile in our school, this November we are taking part in a competition for Maths Week England. It's called Rock Out 2020 and it's all done online via play.ttrockstars.com.

For every correct answer to a multiplication or division question, your child will earn their class a point. The Times Tables Rock Stars platform will calculate the class average (the number of correct answers per pupil in the class who play during the competition hours). Winning classes in the school and in the country as a whole will be the ones with the highest average.

All game modes (Gig, Garage, Studio, etc.) will count but only from games played between 7.30am and 7.30pm on Monday 9th, Tuesday 10th, Wednesday 11th, Thursday 12th, Friday 13th and Saturday 14th.

In the spirit of the competition, please don't play on their behalf but by all means encourage and support them to the extent that it doesn't cause high stress levels or impact on family plans. We suggest a limit of half an hour a day outside school hours – some will play more, some will play less.

Thanks for your support!

Children in Need Friday 13th November

16th- 20th November Anti Bullying Week

30th November Flu Immunisations

December 11th Christmas Jumper Day