



Belton Update 16th October 2020

We made it to half term!!!

I can't believe that it is October half term! When we came back to school in August it seemed such a long way off but here we are! The Tigers don't seem so little anymore and are part of the furniture. It has been great to see them settle in to school life.

It has been a half term like no other, with different rules, new ways of working and lots of adjustments. I am incredibly proud of all the children for their adaptability and all the staff for their dedication to making school the happy place it is despite all the many extra things they have to do. Thank you to all of them.

Lunches

After half term we will be moving to have the option of school packed lunches or hot grab bags (see menu on WEDUC). The children will still eat in the classrooms, apart from Tigers who will continue to eat in the hall. This routine is working well.

Washing hands outside

Hand washing on entry is really important, when the weather is really cold or wet we do have another system in place, so please do not worry.

(Key Stage 2 only –Lions and Sea Otters)

Due to how lunch time works with keeping the bubbles apart we have noticed that sometimes the children are coming back in with wet feet. After half term the children in Sea Otters and Lions only, can bring in an extra pair of socks, plimsolls or slippers (only sensible slippers please with backs etc.) to pop on if their shoes and trainers are wet.

Ventilation

I did send a note out on WEDUC regarding the windows and doors being open for ventilation. The guidance is clear that we need to do this but it will be proportional to the weather. Please **do** put an extra jumper in their bag etc. in case they are cold. This hasn't been a problem so far but as it gets colder we need to continue to be prepared.

Water bottles and bags

I have noticed that there are some children bringing juice to school in their water bottle. Unless there is a medical need there should be no juice, just water. Also there should be no big rucksacks in school. Thank you.

Parents evening

It was a very different way to do parents evening. I do hope you found it useful to talk to the teachers. We have noticed that since lockdown that the children's reading and reading comprehension and times tables particularly in KS2 are not as strong (generally) as they were. Please



keep working on these areas at home. After half term, Mr Goldsmith will be joining us for 1 day a week to work with KS2 on their Maths, as part of our commitment to catch up.

Nativity and Christmas

I will be totally honest - I have not got a clue on how this will all work as yet, but we are thinking about it and hoping we will be able to do something, even if it isn't the usual celebrations and performances we are used to. It is on our radar!

Residential trip for Sea Otters

The time is coming to make the decision whether to cancel completely or to keep a tentative booking for some time in the summer. After half term I will be seeking your views.

Back to school

Please remember that Monday 26th October is an inset day and the children return to school on **Tuesday 27th October**. If your child does get any Covid symptoms over the holiday, or if anyone in your household gets any symptoms, or you are asked to isolate etc. and you need to contact me, please do so via WEDUC or the office email office@beltonprimary.org

Please don't leave it until we go back to school.

Certificates this week

Tigers Star of the week – Annalise and Fynn

Owls Harry - Mindset Champion, Mathematician - Caitlin, Handwriting - Finlay and
Star of the week - Rosie

Lions Annabelle - Mindset Champion, Mathematician - Ivy, Handwriting - Alfie and
Star of the week - Rhegan

Sea Otters Harriet - Mindset Champion, Mathematician - Erin, Handwriting - Jack and
Star of the week- Dylan

Lots of children have also got their 10 and 25 house point certificates too! Congratulations.

Book Mark challenge winners - Hayden and Harvey – hope you enjoy your new books!



Dates

Week beginning 26th October -Diversity week - As a school it is really important that we teach the children about diversity. In classes the teachers are already weaving in books, lessons and talk around the subject throughout the school day. However, the week after half term we will be celebrating with a diversity focus week.

Poppies for sale from 27th October

Poppies will be for sale in each class bubble. We have separate collecting pots and everything is currently being quarantined so we will be good to go. We are not sure at the moment how Remembrance Sunday is going to work and I am currently liaising with Vicar Louise about it.

9th-14th November - Times tables Rock Stars competition. We need to get back up the league KS2!



Maths Week England Rock Out 2020



Children in Need - Friday 13th November

December 11th - Christmas Jumper Day

Have a super holiday.