



Belton Update 2nd October 2020

Another week has passed and we are moving ever closer to half term! We really enjoyed celebrating harvest with Vicar Louise, a little video is on its way next week. I have really been pleased with our attendance at school, with it reaching 100% on some days this week! That is brilliant - the national attendance figure at the moment is something like 88%.

I know I have mentioned it before but please be mindful of how many bubbles your children are in, out of school. We are required to keep the children from mixing in school with another bubble and we are constantly cleaning, washing hands, wearing PPE etc. to keep the cross contamination at a minimum and 'touch wood' it is working ok! To give another example, at school we have a rota for the climbing frame etc. of a different bubble per day, with a full clean in between uses. It does worry me when I hear that children are at the park together after school. I am not saying don't go, just please be mindful - keep up the handwashing!

Please remember that Monday 26th October is an inset day and the children return to school on **Tuesday 27th October.**

Certificates this week

Tigers - Stars of the week – Isabelle and Rafe

Owls - Braxton - Mindset Champion, Mathematician - Harry, Handwriting - Meg and

Star of the week - Lacey

Lions - Evie - Mindset Champion, Mathematician - Jenny, Handwriting - Peyton and

Star of the week - Daisy

Sea Otters - James - Mindset Champion, Mathematician - Lily, Handwriting - Giorgio and

Star of the week - Reuben

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

Book Mark challenge winners - Rosie, Henry, Cara and Lewis – I hope you enjoy your new books!

October 9th - We are celebrating World Mental Health Day on Friday October 9th. Like last year the children are able to wear yellow to school #HelloYellow and will be taking part in mental health activities during the day. Please check out the website <https://youngminds.org.uk/> , where you are able to also donate if you wish.

Diversity - 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.



Remote Learning - You will have received my letter, regarding remote learning. I hope it all made sense and I also hope we never need to use the information in it! However, please make sure you are familiar with its content, feeling more confident with Google classroom and where possible have access to the technology. 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.

I am willing to lend some of our chrome books out in the event on a first come first served basis (a letter is on the school website regarding the terms for borrowing a chrome book), however there are only 15.

You may have read the government are giving schools laptops etc. Belton has been allocated just one. We are going to see if local businesses might wish to donate some to school but obviously there are no guarantees. As I said in my letter, provision will be made for those with no access but it would be really beneficial to have the technology where possible.

Parent's evenings - Parents evenings start next week via phone, please remember if you would also like to speak to me, please email the school office to arrange a telephone appointment.

Breakfast Club - The good news is that Breakfast club has never been so busy! The bad news is due to Covid 19 we need to restrict our numbers to strictly 15 children per day and we will NOT be accepting any walk ins. If your child is not on our list, we unfortunately will have to turn you away. Previously it wasn't an issue as there was always space but now we are up to capacity most days.

Those currently using the service will have had a phone call from Mrs Kendrick by now to check whether the bookings you have already made **up until half term** are permanent or ad hoc.

After half term the system will be changing - all previous bookings will not stand - Don't worry a booking form will be going out next week to explain the new system.

Have a super weekend.