



## Belton Update 6<sup>th</sup> September 2019

Wow ! We have made it to Friday and completed our first full week back. I have enjoyed getting to know everyone a little more and am feeling more part of the Belton family.

I have also held four parents meetings this week and thank the parents /guardians who made it to the meetings.

In total about 20 parents attended. It was great to hear the things that you love about Belton, for example the community links, the environment and our open door policy.

The main themes that parents felt they would like us to develop included communication, particularly when event planning, as well as developing and encouraging children who may not be so interested in sport. These, as well as the other comments made are things I will take on board when planning the year ahead.

We have chosen our school council and they have their first meeting next week.

### WEDUC:

I hope you are enjoying the WEDUC App. Please encourage any parents not signed up to speak to the school office about enrolling.

### Volunteer Reading:

Thank you to those who have offered to read. Please see the letter on WEDUC which asks you to start a DBS (talk to the school office) and to fill in a slip letting me know your availability.



**Next Tuesday at lunchtime there will be a guitar taster session for children in year 3- 6 who may want to take up learning the guitar.**

**Please remember it is Roald Dahl Day Friday 13<sup>th</sup> September. We welcome parents into school from 2.30pm**

### 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:

### Concentrate

- Get lost in the task
- Don't get distracted
- Do one thing at a time
- Break things down
- Plan carefully and think it through
- Draw diagrams, jot down your ideas or things which help you think

Charlie the Cheetah

### Don't Give Up

- Work hard
- Practise lots
- Keep going
- Try new strategies
- Ask for help
- Start again
- Take a brain break

Danny the Dog



## Notices

### SAFE GUARDING

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**

### 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.