



Belton Update

24th September 2021

Dear Parents/Carers and Children,

It has been a rollercoaster of a couple weeks, with high child and staff absence but I am pleased to say currently it looks like the outbreak has slowed for us. I have contacted the Health Protection Team and we can lift our restrictions next week.

Regarding Harvest, it will still take place but I can't confirm if we can have an audience and therefore won't be able to give much notice. I have to react to the current picture in school. If not, I am sure I can persuade Miss North to use her videoing skills once again!

This week I have also sent out the proposed Homework Policy for consultation. Please do look at it and let me know your thoughts, even if it is to say it looks alright to you! WEDUC message or email to the office with 'Homework Policy Consultation' as its title - it will run to the 8th October.

As I've mentioned before, this year we will be taking part in the Schools Linking Project, where some classes will be linking up with contrasting schools in Leicestershire.

Yesterday, Miss North went on some training to start our School Linking Project. The Squirrels will be making links with the Lemur class at Linden Primary School in Leicester. Over the Autumn Term Squirrels will learn more about the children from their partner school and be able to share who they are and some special things about them. The first activity they will do is the classes will exchange bunting which will include a drawing of themselves, a fun fact and their name. A few weeks later the children will make information maps about themselves and their identity so that they can compare their likes and dislikes with the children in the Lemur class. Towards the end of the term the classes will get to meet virtually where they will answer questions about their lives and school. They may even get to play a few games like Pictionary and Charades! At Belton we want our children to understand and experience the lives of other people so they can understand the diversity of the world around them.

We are linked with:

Foxes – Westfield Hinckley Yr 2

Squirrels – Linden Yr 4

Badgers – All Saints C o E Wigston Yr 5

The rest of the teachers will be meeting with the teachers from the schools for training in the coming weeks. It is an exciting project, that I first did in Bradford, when I first started teaching.

School Council

We have also started our school council meetings in earnest! Cara, Theo O, Brooklyn and Ivy are going to be leading class councils, talking about worry boxes and school safety next week.

Readiwriter/ Mathletics

Occasionally, I am told that some games aren't working or throwing the children out. After talking to Readiwriter today they have said the best thing to do is that you either ring them or email them directly. They will ask for:

- Child's user name
- Where the error was found e.g. name of game



- A screen shot would be helpful
- The device you are using e.g. Chromebook.

Then they can give you targeted advice.

Contact details

0117 370 1990

support@3plearning.co.uk

Charity work

You will see from WEDUC the Fantastic Foxes are the first class to start their charity work this year. Throughout the year each class will be championing their chosen charity and will be organising their own events/fundraisers. The Foxes have kicked it off with a sponsored walk on behalf of the British Red Cross, raising money for refugees. The aim is to walk the miles it takes to get from London to Paris. The children will also be learning about their charity all through the year. They have already raised an incredible amount of money. Well done Foxes.

Squirrels have organized a toy sale (see poster at the end of the update) and Badgers are having a visit from their charity 'The Bridge' to learn about the work they do.

The charities are:

Happy Hedgehogs: Spikey Critters Hedgehog Care

Fantastic Foxes: British Red Cross - Refugees

Super Squirrels: Shepshed Toy Library

Brilliant Badgers: The Bridge Project- Homelessness

Volunteers and Gardening - PLEASE HELP US IF YOU CAN

If you would like to volunteer in school, e.g. helping out with reading or the library please ask at the school office.

We would be very grateful for any help you could provide.

I am also on the lookout for anybody who could help us get the sensory garden back on track. With obvious different priorities over the last 2 years it needs some TLC and with staff still having extra Covid duties we are short on time and people to give it the time it deserves (and we aren't a particularly green fingered bunch!).

The children would also love a gardening club. If anyone could spare any time to help or would like to run a club please do let me know.

Please note we will need to do a DBS check and it is unlikely you will be volunteering in your own child's class. I would expect volunteers to take a lateral flow test before they come into school.



Certificates:

Happy Hedgehogs –

This week the Hedgehogs have continued to work very hard blending their new sounds in phonics.

This week's superstars are... Arabella and Gretel

Well done girls!



Fantastic Foxes:

Star of the week - Lyle

Mathematician - Genevieve

Mindset - Arlo

Handwriting - Freya

Super Squirrels:

star of the week - Kyran

Handwriting - Katie

Mathematician - Alfie

Mindset Champion - Samuel

Readiwriter Bronze - Riccardo

Mathletics Bronze - Riccardo and Harry

Numbots Rust - Lewis, Riccardo, Jack, Arlo, Finley, Toby, Peyton, Eden, Theo and Rafe

Numbots Iron - Freya

Housepoints:

Brooklyn, Olivia, Harriet

Mathletics - Fred

Readiwriter -

Libby, Ivy, Gabe, Vivek and Anaya

TTRS – Gabe – Garage Rocker

Maths - Brooklyn

Star - Olivia

Handwriting- Harriet

Mindset - Anaya

Brilliant Badgers -

Mathematician of the week - Ashton

Speller of the week - Dylan



Handwriting - Cole

Mindset - Alfie

Star of the Week - Jole

10 House points – Cole, Alfie, Henry, Ashton, Jole

Mathletics

Silver – Violet, Cara

Bronze – Harriet, Ruben, Archie, Charlie, Henry, Violet, Cara, Ava

Readiwriter – Isabella

Dinners: Week three next week- £2.35 for KS2 children

Diary dates (Covid guidance permitting)

Mrs Heleston SENDCO in school 29th September, 13th October

5th October 9.15 am Harvest in Church

6th- 8th October Year 5/6 residential – Mount Cook

Parents evenings (currently in person or via Google classroom - you can choose) 13th and 14th October

Half term 18th - 25th October

25th October INSET DAY. No children in school

1-7th November UK Parliament Week

2nd November Brilliant Badgers assembly in Church 9.15am

9th November Superstition in Science trip Brilliant Badgers

5th November Flu Immunisations (changed date)

7th December Church Service 6pm in Church



The Toys Sale

*Santa is starting to think about getting ready for the festive season -
have you?*



To make room for Santa arriving at your house we thought you might like to have a 'tidy up and clear out' over the holidays and donate good quality toys, games, puzzles, DVDs etc... for the Squirrels

'Bring and Buy Toy Sale'

On Thursday 11th November at 3.30pm

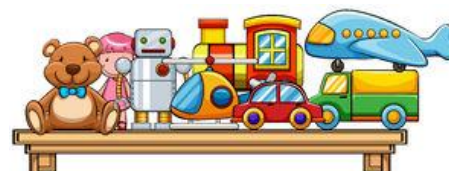
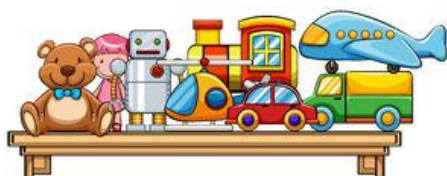
Any donations would be gratefully received by

Monday 8th November.

*Come along on the day to pick up a bargain, play some games,
have a drink and let the children enjoy their purchases.*

*All proceeds will go towards the Shepshed Toy Library who are
our class charity for*

the year.





The Toys Sale

Stay and Play

Toys for Sale

Thursday 11th November at

3:15pm

Teas and Coffees

Lucky Dip

Tombola

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