



Belton Update 7th February 2020

Another week has gone by and we are hurtling towards half term. Over the last few weeks we have enjoyed Owls Class church assembly all about having a go, which encapsulated one of our learning powers – Holly the Hippo. Over the coming term you will hopefully hear the children begin to talk about growth mindset. At Belton, we are constantly striving to enable the children at our school to be the best they can be and to become life-long learners. As the year goes on will be exploring the research of Carol Dweck and her work on Growth Mindset.

Growth and fixed mindsets are a powerful way of explaining our attitudes to learning. Having a growth mindset encapsulates all of our work at Belton. When you have a growth mindset you believe that your basic abilities can be developed through dedication, hard work and practise.

It is not about being the best at everything but is about giving the children the tools to be able to respond to challenges positively, whatever their starting point.

Tigers Sports Clubs

Following our visit from Welford the Tiger, we are offering 2 after school clubs - Archery for KS2 and Multisport for KS1 and EYFS. The clubs cost £3.50 per session. There are still spaces for both. It is a real opportunity to try something new. Please contact the school office if you would like some more information.

Belton's Colour Run

I have been absolutely blown away by the amount of support for our Colour Run, in aid of WIRES. I'm hoping our total will take us over £1000! What an achievement for our brilliant school! I hope everyone enjoyed the event - I think the parents were having more fun than the children!

Ssssh! We do have a secret stash of paint left over ... we are hoping to use it on Sports Day later in the year!

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/belton-ce-primary-school>

We would like all the money in by February 25th to put on just giving or if you want to donate directly please do so by that date.

Storytelling Week

Once upon a time, storytelling was a way to pass the time and now it is an excellent way to entertain and teach each other new ideas. This is why National Storytelling Week is celebrated annually by all ages who read the likes of folktales, fairy tales and more. The possibilities are endless!

Here at Belton we have been using a story generator which can be found at <http://www.scholastic.com/teacher/story-starter/> if you wanted to have a go at home. We have had a wonderful tale told about a noisy fox at sea, a proud princess lost in an enchanted forest and a backflipping sheep that won a trophy!

Why not try telling made up stories at bedtime instead of reading their usual book?

Mrs Peczek



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<https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/3FHITB4MIGMYH>

Reading

Over the next half term we will be auditing the individual reading book provision in school. Every child will spend some time with a member of support staff, who has been trained to take the children through a benchmarking exercise. This will enable us to be really clear on whether the children are taking the correct individual reading books home and whether as a school we need to invest in some more/new banded reading books.

Easter Performance

This year Lions will be performing the Tale of Three Trees for their Easter performance.

Attendance

We have recently reviewed and updated our attendance procedures. As part of this update, letters have been sent out to parents/carers whose children's attendance is currently dropping below 95%. Letters from now on will be sent out termly, however next time I will send separate letters so you will know if they refer to lateness or absence. I will be honest, I had intended for these letters to be sent out after the update had been received to give you more information, as well as to offer any support you may need to improve it. I am sorry that this didn't happen and the tone of the letter was not perceived by parents in the way it was intended. I will reflect on that and adjust them accordingly. Sometimes headteachers get it wrong!

As you will be aware I have a duty to monitor attendance and attendance letters are used routinely at most schools. I hoped to help highlight to parents/carers that their child's attendance is currently sitting below the expected %. All absences, whether authorized or unauthorized do count within these percentages. I am mindful there was lots of illness towards the end of the Autumn term and this may be the cause of some children's absence, which will mean hopefully their % will improve as the year progresses.



Get ^Up and Go

... more fun, games,
songs and crafts!

Sunday 15th March
3.30—4.30pm at Belton church

There will be

- * activities,
- * something to make ready for Mothering Sunday
- * time to chat,
- * story, song
- * and of course cake!





Coming up

11th February Safer Internet day

13th February **TIGERS** Parents Evening

Half term competition Extreme reading - entries in 28th February

2nd-6th March Book week

Monday 2nd March Internet safety for parents, 6pm

Tuesday 2nd March Book morning with parents 8.55am-10.15 am

3rd March (TBC) parent meeting with next year's Year 5 and 6 re residential, 3.30pm

Thursday 5th March World Book Day dress up as a word for the vocabulary parade

Friday 6th March Book Swap - Bring in 3 books you don't mind swapping

10th and 12th March Parents evening

16th March Dance event

Book week competition Book in a Jar – entries in by 13th March

24th March Be skilled Year 5/6 event (in school time)

25th March Netball at St Botolph's School

26th March Belton 2021/22 School readiness meeting for EYFS. (those applied for 2020/21 also welcome)

30th March Year 3 and 4 Easter Performance 2pm

1st April Year 3 and 4 Easter Performance 6pm

2nd April Easter Egg Hunt (FOBS)

Have a great weekend

Miss Scott