



## Belton Update

12<sup>th</sup> November 2021

Dear Parents/Carers and Children,

It has as ever been action pact in school over the past few weeks and the countdown to Christmas begins!

The Badgers enjoyed their trip to Donington le Heath and the Squirrels have got a trip to the Botanical Gardens in Leicester booked for the end of term. The children's photos have been taken and Squirrels have completed their first event to raise money for Shepshed Toy Library. I think they raised nearly £200 at first count!

We held a lovely Remembrance Service in school this week. The children stood in silence very respectfully for 2 minutes. Please join us on Sunday starting at the Village Hall at 10.40am for the Remembrance parade.

### Homework consultation

I have now reissued the policy and each class will have a homework timetable in their reading diaries making it really clear of expectations.

### Anti Bullying Week

Odd Socks Day Monday!!!

Don't forget to wear your odd socks on Monday to mark the start of Anti Bullying week. During the week the children will be coming up with a class charter, talking about E Safety and being kind.

On Friday for **Children in Need** they can wear dots – non uniform day! Bring a pound or donate via the just giving page

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Belton-CE-Primary-School3>



The safety and well-being of our pupils is something that our school strives hard to ensure and we continue to work hard to provide ways to help you tell us if you or your children have any problems or worries which the School needs to know about such as bullying.

Reporting issues is a very effective way to enable us to deal with risks before they escalate into harm, and we already have several ways in which you can report to our school. That goes a long way in helping us create the safe and reliable environment for your children that you expect our school to be.

We understand too that sometimes, coming into school to tell us about these issues cannot always be an easy thing to do. Time? Arranging an appointment? Speaking with staff? Sometimes it can be a



subject that you need to bring to our attention without wanting to identify yourself, but that you feel we need to know, particularly if it involves children's safety.

That's why we are launching **Whisper** on our school website, an anonymous reporting service for pupils, families and local community that allows you to send a message or text to a confidential school email account where staff experienced in responding to issues will receive it.

### How does it work?



Clicking on the **Whisper** button on our website, under Keeping Children Safe, will take you to an online form where you can leave your message. You can choose to send it anonymously or, if you want us to get back to you, you can leave your contact details.

**Whisper** does not collect any information to identify a sender unless they choose to leave it.

You can also send an anonymous text by following the SMS instructions on our school website.

### Why do we think this is important?

For a variety of reasons, such as being classed as a "grass", or mistrust of how their concerns will be handled, young people often find it very difficult to report issues at school. Offering an anonymous route may empower them to raise concerns they may not have felt able to raise before.

We know that reporting can raise awareness of an issue across the school and things can change because of that, through discussion and education.

Whilst your report may not always get the solution you want to see, reporting bad behaviours can often stop them from happening to others. If people know their unacceptable behaviour will be reported they are less likely to do it and this can have a positive effect across the whole school.

### What happens next?

Over the next few weeks we will be discussing **Whisper** with the children as part of our wider safeguarding education programme: how, why and when to use it. How it can provide a useful route for them to help safeguard themselves, their friends or the wider school community

We thank you for your continued support and comments. With that support, we are confident we can build a positive school community in which you, and your family play such an important and valuable role.

## Week 1 Dinners next week

### Certificates

#### Hedgehogs

Well done to Gretel this week, she has worked so hard in her phonics lessons and on her reading.

Harry is also a superstar this week. He has been independently segmenting sounds to write simple sentences.



## **Foxes**

Mason Star of the week  
Katie Mindset Champion  
Bookmarks Lyle and Annalise  
Caitlin Maths  
Rosie Handwriting  
Mathletics Hattie  
Readiwriter Nancy and Riccardo  
Housepoints  
25 Winter, Mason, Genevieve, Isla and Rafe

## **Squirrels**

5 House points  
Libby  
Michael  
Jessica

10 House Points  
Toby  
Katy

Handwriting Award  
Saxon

Star of the week  
Anaya

Mathematician  
Otis

Mindset Champion  
Gabe

TT Rockstars

Rock Legend  
Vivek  
Brooklyn  
Ethan  
Jessica  
Annabelle

Rock Star  
Ivy

Wannabe  
Megan  
Otis  
Lacey



Garage Rocker  
Jenny

Breakthrough Artist  
Saxon  
Leland  
Gabe

Headliner  
Michael

Support Act  
Katy  
Toby

### **Badgers**

Star of the week - Jack  
Mindset Champion - Noah  
Speller of the week - Tom  
Handwriting - Rhegan  
Mathematician of the week - Lydia  
Readiwriter  
Thomas - gold/ silver/ bronze  
Cara - silver/ bronze

Housepoints  
10 - Jake and Harriet  
25 - Amelia, Theo C, Henry, Violet, Jack

TT Rockstars  
Rock Star - Peyton & James  
Rock Hero - Jack  
Rock Legend - Theo O, Harriet, Eden



## **Diary dates (Covid guidance permitting)**

14<sup>th</sup> November Remembrance Sunday

15<sup>th</sup> November Anti Bullying Week – Odd Socks Day

17<sup>th</sup> November Santa Run assembly

19<sup>th</sup> November Children in Need - Wear Dots for £1

3<sup>rd</sup> December Panto – Aladdin Loughborough

6<sup>th</sup> December PCSO Mark - Respecting property assembly



7<sup>th</sup> December Church Service 6pm in Church

9<sup>th</sup> December 9.30am Nativity Hedgehogs and Foxes

9<sup>th</sup> December Santa Run in the afternoon

10<sup>th</sup> December 1.45pm Nativity Hedgehogs and Foxes

10<sup>th</sup> December Squirrels trip to Botanical Gardens

13<sup>th</sup> December 6pm Nativity Hedgehogs and Foxes

16<sup>th</sup> December Badgers and Squirrels Christmas party-wear party clothes

17<sup>th</sup> December Christmas Dinner – wear Christmas jumper KS2

17<sup>th</sup> December Hedgehogs and Foxes Christmas Party- wear party clothes