

Belton Update

25th February 2022

Dear Parents/Carers and Children,

The children have settled back into school well after the half term holidays and hopefully the weather will soon be on the up. After school clubs have started off well and it has been great to see so many children getting involved. As you know, I think it is very important to have inclusive sport for the children with different activities for them to try and I am delighted how popular the clubs are! We enjoyed a visit from the fire rescue team this week with talks to Foxes and Badgers and next week the Cat Protection League will be teaching the children about cats! Also well done to Dylan who has secured a place at the National Cross Country Championships, running for Leicestershire!

Swimming has now finished for the year and all the children have done so well. Year 6 have also started their SATS boosters and are working hard. Unfortunately, Mr Goldsmith won't be in school for a few weeks but Mrs Hibberd will take on his role with catch up until he is back.

Covid

I will be honest the current guidance around education is not very clear, particularly around the requirement for home learning etc. and I am waiting for clearer updates. However, Health Protection have said the following:

The legal requirement to self-isolate following a positive test will be removed from 24/02/2022. Adults and children who test positive will continue to be **advised** to stay at home and to avoid contact with other people. After 5 days, they may choose to take a Lateral Flow Device (LFD) followed by another the next day - if both are negative, and they do not have a temperature, they can safely return to their normal routine. Those who test positive should avoid contact with anyone in an at-risk group, including if they live in the same household.

Looking at how Covid affected those in school recently, I will be advising the above. The last thing we want in the event of an outbreak for it to go around the school and cause a lot illness and widespread absence.

Volunteers

If you have a DBS and come into school, new rules are that we need to gain references for you. Mrs Smith will be in contact with you soon.

Governors

Congratulations to Mr White who is our new Parent Governor

Dinners: Week three next week

Dog Poo!

I have been made aware of the dog poo problem when walking to school. I have spoken to a Parish Councillor who has informed me they are sending out leaflets to the local community shortly.

Circus

I am so pleased that the plans for the Circus, organized by FOBS has the go ahead! Once the details are out please share far and wide to help them sell some tickets!



Playtime snacks

Please note that there should only be healthy snacks at playtimes - e.g. fruit. No crisps please.

Parents evening letters will be out next week

Lunch boxes

Please remember we are a nut free school. We have noticed there have been a few Bueno bars or Nutella coming into school.

New appointments

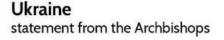
Thank you to Mr Waite, currently the Premises Officer at Long Whatton who has been our interim Premises Officer for a few weeks. Mr Peat starts his role next week and we welcome him to the team!

Stop Press

You may have seen on WEDUC yesterday how we are 4th in the local school league for TIMES TABLES ROCKSTARS! AS of today we are the highest ranked Primary school in the area! Well done to Squirrels in particular!



In assembly today we said a prayer for the people of Ukraine and prayed for peace at this difficult time.





"The horrific and unprovoked attack on Ukraine is an act of great evil.

"Placing our trust in Jesus Christ, the author of peace, we pray for an urgent ceasefire and a withdrawal of Russian forces.

"We call for a public decision to choose the way of peace and an international conference to secure long term agreements for stability and lasting peace.

"We invite Christians to make this Sunday a day for prayer for Ukraine, Russia and for peace.

"We also give our support to the call from Pope Francis for a global day of prayer and fasting for peace on Ash Wednesday, March 2."

Archbishop Justin Welby and Archbishop Stephen Cottrell

The Hedgehogs class are very proud to be supporting

Spikey Critters Hedgehog Care

by completing

THREE bike, trike and scooter rides in one day!

On Monday 28th February

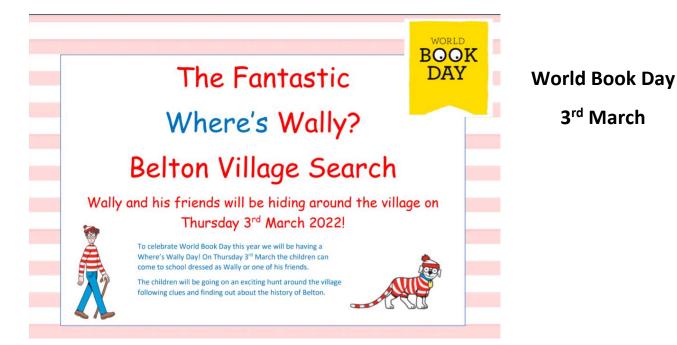
9.40-10.00am, 11.30-11.50am and 2.30-2.50pm

Please come and support us on our final ride of the day at **2**.**30pm** on the school playground.



Please bring a bike helmet on Monday if your child has one.





Diary dates

- 28th February Book Week
- 28th February Hedgehogs Sponsored Scoot, Trike and Bike event
- 3rd March World Book Day Where's Wally costumes
- Week of 7th March Bikeability Badgers
- 7th March Cinema night for whole school Squirrels to organize
- 10th March SATS meeting Year 6
- 14th March Science Week
- Week beginning 14th March Parents' evenings
- 18th March Red Nose Day red noses will be for sale nearer the time!
- 29th March Year 6 Warning Zone
- 30th and 31st March Squirrels Easter performance Three Trees
- 31st March Birds of Prey workshops
- 6th April Badgers Sponsored food tasting event
- 8th April Be Skilled Duathalon KS2

