

## **Belton Update**

#### 4<sup>th</sup> December 2020

It has been a very busy week in school this week. We do have quite a lot of sickness going around school at the moment. As I said in my letter yesterday it is really important we are as vigilant as possible. If you are in any doubt, please get your child a test.

Alongside the symptoms we all know, high temperature, loss of sense of taste and smell and a new continuous cough, other symptoms to look out for:

- Aches and pains
- Headaches
- Feeling very tired for no good reason
- Sore throat
- Runny nose
- Sneezing
- Tummy ache

As we move into next week we are reaching isolation periods which will run into Christmas.

#### 'Thank Yous'

We have tried really hard this term in extremely difficult circumstances to make school as festive as we can for the children, which has put extra strain on staff. I thank Miss Ebbs for sorting the Santa Run out, Mrs Peczek for the handwriting competition and book fair, support staff for the Christmas Trail windows, FOBs for the raffle and the rest of the staff for their Nativities and Christmas activities, as well as continuing with learning on top of the extra Covid procedures we have to contend with on a daily basis.

## **SANTA RUN**

This event was organized to be a fun event to raise everyone's spirits in a time where we cannot celebrate our usual traditions and to raise money for a worthwhile cause. The prize for sponsorship was not something school decided on but part of the Rainbows package. There is no pressure to raise sponsorship if you are unable to do so.





We may not be able to go to the Pantomime but the Pantomime is coming to us virtually and for free! Each class will be able to watch it during the last week of term!

#### **Belton Christmas trail**

Please check out our Christmas windows for the Church Christmas trail!

Christmas Raffle - FOBS are also organizing a Christmas raffle – please help support if you can and many thanks to the team for sorting it all out. Please continue to donate anything on the list, there is a box in the office. Thank you for your support.



#### **Christmas Hamper**

**Bottle of Rose** Bottle of red wine Bottle of white wine/fizz Two boxes of biscuits One box of mince pies Stollen cake Small Christmas cake Christmas pudding **Mini Panettone** Various boxes of chocolate Cranberry sauce Chutneys Crackers Cheese platter Cheese twists Basket of nuts Tea bags Hot chocolate Chocolate stirrers Chocolate bombs

School dinners are Week 3 next week.

Please continue to fill in the survey on Weduc in the forms section.



#### **School Linking Project**

We are really excited to have the opportunity to link up with Year 4 at Thurnby Mead Primary School in Leicester City. In fact, it is the school my Dad went to as a little boy!

The Lions have each been given a penpal from the class and have made them some lovely Christmas cards. We are hoping after Christmas to keep writing to each other and meet up virtually. One day we are hopeful the children might be able to meet up in person and see what it is like in different schools, in different areas.

### Please get involved in the Handwriting competition!

#### Handwriting competition

Belton C of E Primary Handuriting Competition- See WEDUC for the links

The aim of the handwriting competition is for you to practise and improve your handwriting skills. The best entries will be displayed in school.



## The rules

You will be given a poem to copy in your best handwriting.

Only entries on A4 paper will be accepted.

The paper can be portrait or landscape with faint lines that do not distract from the handwriting.

All poems must be written in pencil.

In KS2 the handwriting must be joined. This is not a requirement for KS1 children.

Entries must be returned to your class teacher by Friday IIth December 2020

There will be a prize for the best handwriting in each key stage.

Key Stage 2 - Sea Otters and Lions - I am Winter

Key Stage 1 - Owls- Winter

Tigers- Winter

Good Luck



We achieved the Gold Award for Active Travel Month - well done all!

#### **Christmas cards:**

Final posting day 9<sup>th</sup> December.

Virtual book fair- thank you for those who bought books. Approximately £100 was bought, raising £18 for school.

## **Christmas Dinner**

Christmas dinner is going to happen this year in classrooms over 2 days -

Friday 11th December for Tigers and Owls

Wednesday 16th December for Sea Otters and Lions

The children on their Christmas dinner day will also be able to order a normal dinner if they don't want Christmas dinner (no cold option that day).

# **Christmas parties**

Friday 11th December for Sea Otters and Lions

Wednesday 16th December for Tigers and Owls

The children can wear their party clothes that day and/or Christmas jumpers.

For lunch on party day please bring a packed lunch with some additional treats and a drink. Please note the children will not be sharing food.

14<sup>th</sup> December - look out children, their might be a visit by a special person!

Santa Run - 15th December

### **After Christmas**

Sea Otters will have after school sports club on a WEDNESDAY and Year 4 will be on a THURSDAY

Bikeability will take place for Year 5 and 6 from 25<sup>th</sup> January 2021 to the 29<sup>th</sup> January 2021. Letter to follow next week



#### Certificates this week

**Tigers** - Stars of the week — Isabelle and Hattie

Owls - Finley - Mindset Champion, Mathematician - Braxton, Harry - Handwriting and

Star of the week - Fred

Lions - Jenny - Mindset Champion, Mathematician - Thomas, Handwriting - Rhegan and

Star of the week - Hayden

Readiwriter – Last week Gabe, Noah, Olivia, Vivek, Henry, James, Jessica, Daisy, Ethan and Thomas This week Olivia, Henry and Daisy

No Mathletics

Timetables Rock Stars - Jenny and Michael

Sea Otters - Sally - Mindset Champion, Mathematician - Theo L, Handwriting - Libby and

Star of the week - Theo O

Readiwriter Bronze - Lily, Isabella and Theo O

Mathletics Bronze - Lily, Harriet, Archie, Charlie H, Isabella, Giorgio, Max, Theo O, Jack, Lydia, Dylan and Cara

Times Tables Rock Stars - Cara, Giorgio and Lily

Book Mark Challenge winners - Isla and Lyle. I hope you enjoy your new books!

#### **Dates**

TUESDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> December - Christmas card posting boxes open until the final posting day of WEDNESDAY 9<sup>th</sup> December.

11th December - Deadline for Handwriting competition

**Christmas Jumper Day** 

**Tigers and Owls Christmas dinner** 

**Sea Otters and Lions Christmas Party Day** 

14th December - Christmas card delivery day

A special visitor from the North Pole

15th December - Santa Run

16<sup>th</sup> December - Sea Otters and Lions Christmas dinner

**Tigers and Owls Christmas Party Day** 

18th December - FOBS Raffle Draw

18<sup>th</sup> December - School breaks up for Christmas

**TUESDAY 5<sup>th</sup> January - school reopens** 

25th-29th January - Year 5 and 6 Bikeability