



Belton Update 30th October 2020

We have all enjoyed being back at school and getting back into the routine of it all. The hot grab bags are working well at lunchtime and it is nice to see the children get a hot meal. They are £2.30 for KS2 if your child would like one. **Hot dinners are following week 1 next week.**

We are threading diversity throughout our curriculum but this week we have had a focus week to celebrate Black History month in school. It has been great to hear the children are talking and learning about different people, for example Martin Luther King, Mary Seacole and Rosa Parks. I hear the children have spoken about it at home with their parents too. How wonderful!

We also have welcomed Mr. Goldsmith into school for the next term and a half to help the KS2 children with their Maths. Alongside this I have bought into some programmes for the children to work on at home as well as school. They are called Readwriter and Mathletics. Over the next week or so your child will come home with a login and there will be the expectation that they go on them as part of their homework (not EYFS). They are really fun and interactive.

Across school we have bought into the Bug Club programme (Active Learn). With this programme the children are able to read books online and complete quizzes. The logins will also be coming home soon.

We have also bought some levelled reading books for Key Stage 2. All children in Key Stage 2 have been benchmarked to where their reading level is. These will be coming home soon. It is clear that some children are able to read fluently but their comprehension is not as strong. This will be reflected in the book sent home or given to them online through Bug Club. There will be an expectation that they read this book as the first priority but also are still able to read their usual books if they wish. Please speak to the class teacher if you have any more questions.

Mrs Peczek, the school's English lead, will be also sending out a letter with more information next week.

Ventilation

I am always happy to talk to parents about any concerns they may have. However, I understand there has been some concerns shared on social media regarding me asking the children to bring in slippers (KS2) and an extra jumper. We always follow government guidelines and every decision I make is made with the children's and staff's safety at the centre.

To reiterate my previous update

I did send a note out on WEDUC regarding the windows and doors being open for ventilation. The guidance is clear that we need to make sure that the rooms are well ventilated **but it will be proportional to the weather.** Please do put an extra jumper in their bag etc. in case they are cold. This jumper is to be bought in just in case, not instead of the jumper. This hasn't been a problem so far but as it gets colder we need to continue to be prepared.

I regularly go into the classes and continue to find the temperatures in the classrooms acceptable.



(Key Stage 2 only – Lions and Sea Otters)

Due to how lunch time works with keeping the bubbles apart we have noticed that sometimes the children are coming back in with wet feet. After half term the children in Sea Otters and Lions only, can bring in an extra pair of socks, plimsolls or slippers (only sensible slippers please with backs etc.) to pop on if their shoes and trainers are wet.

Water bottles and bags

I have noticed that some children bring juice to school in their water bottle. Unless there is a medical need there should be no juice, just water. Also there should be no big rucksacks in school. Thank you.

Polite Notice

A concern has been raised that there are incidences where parents are not wearing their masks correctly in the playground. Please wear them over the nose to help prevent the spread of Covid 19.

Certificates this week

Tigers - Stars of the Week – Harriet, Genevieve and Gabriella

Owls – Fred - Mindset Champion, Mathematician - Kane, Handwriting - Magdalena and Star of the Week- Jack

Lions – Jenny - Mindset Champion, Mathematician - Hayden, Handwriting - Anaya and Star of the Week – Ava

Sea Otters – Molly - Mindset Champion, Mathematician - Lydia, Handwriting - Erin and Star of the Week – William

Lots of children have also got their 10 and 25 point certificates and 1 person got a 50 house point certificate! Congratulations.

Book Mark Challenge winners - Libby (Owls) and Oscar (Sea Otters) – I hope you enjoy your new books!

I am really pleased with the growing number of children getting their Rock Star certificates too this week!



Remembrance Sunday information - 8TH November

Remembrance Sunday in Belton will be different this year

*We will
remember them*



This year, there will simply be an Act of Remembrance at the war memorial with the laying of wreaths. This will begin at 10.50am. We are not able to hold a parade beforehand, nor an open church service afterwards.

A representative of the British Legion, the Parish Council, the church, the school, St. John Ambulance and the uniform organisations will gather by the memorial to lay wreaths, read out the names and hold the 2 minute silence.

Ways we can mark Remembrance Sunday in Belton:

- Put a poppy in your window or on your gatepost,
- Stand on your driveway or in your doorway to listen out for the church clock and mark our Remembrance together as a street at 11am,
- Watch the events at the village memorial live on a facebook livestream (details to follow),
- Tune in to the national remembrance event on radio or tv,
- We would ask that if you do come as a spectator to the market-place you keep at a distance and observe the rule of 6.



**Thank you.
Let us not forget.**

9th-14th November- Times Tables Rock Stars Competition. We need to get back up the league KS2!



Maths Week England Rock Out 2020



As part of our commitment to make maths exciting and high profile in our school, this November we are taking part in a competition for Maths Week England. It's called Rock Out 2020 and it's all done online via play.ttrockstars.com

For every correct answer to a multiplication or division question, your child will earn their class a point. The Times Tables Rock Stars platform will calculate the class average (the number of correct



answers per pupil in the class who play during the competition hours). Winning classes in the school and in the country as a whole will be the ones with the highest average.

All game modes (Gig, Garage, Studio, etc.) will count but only from games played between 7.30am and 7.30pm on Monday 9th, Tuesday 10th, Wednesday 11th, Thursday 12th, Friday 13th and Saturday 14th.

In the spirit of the competition, please don't play on their behalf but by all means encourage and support them to the extent that it doesn't cause high stress levels or impact on family plans. We suggest a limit of half an hour a day outside school hours – some will play more, some will play less.

Thanks for your support!

Children in Need - Friday 13th November

16th - 20th November - Anti Bullying week

30th November - Flu Immunisations

December 11th - Christmas Jumper Day