

# Welcome to Belton C of E Primary School



## Information book for parents and carers September 2020

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Dear Parent/Carer

This booklet has been written to help you prepare your child for school, and to give you information you may require.

It is very important that your child's transition is planned both at home and with the school and that your child feels happy and secure. Please let us know if there is any other information you require.

We look forward to working with you.

The Tiger Team

## Preparing your child for school

There are many ways in which you can help to make sure that your child has the skills, which make starting school easier. Many of these are the things that your child will be doing at home or at pre-school, already.

- Put on a coat
- Put on socks
- Put on school clothes
- Do up zips and buttons
- Use toilet and flush it
- Wash hands
- Cover mouth when coughing
- Use a tissue effectively
- Tidy up after using toys or equipment
- Use scissors
- Sit comfortably on a chair at a table to write and draw
- Sing/recite nursery rhymes and songs
- Share books and stories
- Counting - steps, cutlery, food etc.

# Tiger Timetable

8.45 am	Doors open to come in to school
8.50 am	Early work activities
9.00 am	Registration
9.10 am	Squiggle Whilst You Wiggle
9.15 am	Handwriting
9.30 am	Phonics / Literacy activities
9.50 am	Children play inside and outside accessing a range of curriculum activities
10.20 am	Milk and fruit time
10.30 am	Break time
12.00 noon	Lunchtime
1.00 pm	Crazy counting
1.10 pm	Number formation and maths activities
1.40 pm	Children play inside and outside accessing a range of curriculum activities
2.50 pm	Tidy time and story
3.10 pm	Home time

### What to do when you first come to school.

The classroom door opens at 8.45 am and children come into the classroom. Parents are welcome to come into the cloakroom in the morning to say their goodbyes, but we ask that you encourage your child to be independent by letting them sort their own belongings before entering the classroom to join their friends.

There will be activities out in the classroom for your child to take part in before registration at 8.55 am.

It is very helpful if all uniform and belongings are labelled with your child's name as there can be mix ups.

## WEDUC

Our primary method of communication with you as parents and carers once your child has started with us at Belton will be WEDUC. Weduc is a secure digital communication tool and will be used for information sharing and messaging. You will also be able to use it for cashless payments to the school. During your child's first week at school you will be invited to log in and download the app to your smartphone. All parents and carers will need to log in separately with a personal login.

### Morning Break

While your child is in the Tigers class, the children will have milk and a piece of fruit (the fruit is provided free for your child as part of a government scheme up to the age of 7). A carton of milk is provided free until your child's fifth birthday. When they have turned five they can continue to receive milk upon payment of a termly fee. Details on how to order the milk are in the pack. (Note: you are required to order the milk even if your child is under five and entitled to it free of charge).

At 10.30 am the children go out to play on the playground. Playtime ends at 10.45 am. Your child will be provided with a named water bottle which is to be brought to school each day and filled with fresh water. The children are encouraged to drink regularly throughout the day to remain hydrated.

### Lunchtime

Lunchtime is from 12 noon to 1 pm and during this time your child will eat a school dinner in the school hall. As a Reception pupil, your child is entitled to a free school dinner. When your child has finished their lunch, they are escorted to the playground where they are supervised for the remainder of the lunch hour.

### Home Time

The school day ends at 3.10 pm. The children will be let out of the door and walked down to the gate on the tiger playground. Children will be dismissed when the teacher has seen the parent and watched the child go to the parent/carer. It makes it easier to do this if you stand in a visible place.

If you need to change the way your child goes home for any reason, please let the teacher know or alternatively telephone the school office: 01530 222304 and leave a message. (Please see our arrival and collection policy on the website for further details.)



## Writing

If your child shows an interest in writing, give them opportunities to write for real purposes and to see you and your family writing. Children will 'write' in their own time. We call early writing mark making. Hand writing and correct formation of letters will be taught throughout the year. Sing nursery rhymes with actions to get fingers and hands active. Use short, wide pencils, chinks or crayons to encourage children to hold them between the thumb pad and index finger in the 'tripod grip'. See school website for more ideas.

## Reading and Phonics

Your child will be taught to read using a phonic scheme (phonics is about learning the sounds that make up words). E.g. c-a-t is cat.

There will be a phonics meeting for parents in the Autumn term.

## Mathematics

We will be approaching Mathematics in a practical manner which will involve counting, real life maths stories and role play. Your child will use everyday language to talk about size, weight, capacity, position, distance, time and money to compare quantities and objects and to solve problems.

## Illness or injury

Occasionally children become unwell whilst at school. Please make sure that we have up-to-date contact details so that we can get hold of you as soon as possible. We also require details of other people who we may contact if you are unavailable.

Please do not send your child to school if you think they are unwell. If your child has vomited and/or had diarrhoea then they need to be kept off school for the following 48 hours, (this is to guard against the spread of the illness).

If your child has a bump during the day we will administer first aid and inform you at the end of the day. If your child bumps their head we take this very seriously and a letter will be sent home informing you of the injury.

## Once your child has started school

After your child has started school it is helpful if you try and do the following:

- Make sure that you are on time to drop off and collect your child
- Talk to your child and show an interest in what they have been doing each day
- Read **with** and **to** your child each day. It may be a book they've brought home, a game to play to learn sounds or words, or a favourite book at home. Reading with your child shows your child that you value reading and also that you value their efforts at becoming a reader.