

Welcome back to a new academic year and to a decorated and refurbished school!

Most classrooms have been decorated and have new flooring and the hall has had a major overhaul and refresh including new flooring. Our staffing and classroom organisation this year is as follows and there are only a few changes to make you aware of. The Meerkats will be taught by Mrs Jones in the Meerkat Manor and the hall until their new classroom is built (completion date is March 2017 if all goes according to plan). The Bees class (Year 1 & 2) will be taught by Miss King. The Bears (Year 3 & 4) will be taught by Mrs Scott and the Sea Otters (Year 5) will be taught by Mrs Cobbin. This group of children will not leave in September 2017 but will be our new Year 6 from then!

Miss Smith has had a little girl Florence and she and her baby are doing well. We wish her family all the best. Miss Sheldon will be covering Miss Smith during her maternity leave.

Priorities for 2016 – 2017

We are working on our priorities and are committed to improving and developing our school to move it forward. One of our main areas of focus of our work will be preparing for retention of Year 6 pupils from 2017 with all that it entails and we will be working closely with the whole school community, Local Authority and the Trust to ensure this works smoothly.

We welcome contributions and comments from parents, staff, governors, FOBS and children.



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Uniform

The children look very smart in their uniforms and are a credit to yourselves and the school. We are asking that all children wear school uniform each day. If a sweatshirt or cardigan or fleece is worn it **must** have the school logo on. These can be sourced from the school office free of charge.



Order and pay for your school uniforms online with Jon Coppard at <http://www.sportsadvocate.co.uk/schoolwear/belton-ce-primary.html>

Jon will bring the completed order into school and the items will be given out with the book bags. His aim is to fulfil orders within 7 days.

All items of uniform/clothing must be labelled with your child's name as we gather many lost/mixed up items throughout the year!

PE kits

PE kits are available for sale from the website above. The school PE kit consists of a white t shirt with the school logo on and black shorts with black plimsolls. Joggers (navy or black) and trainers are useful for outside PE activities and cross country. A school PE kit looks professional and is line with our ethos and policy on school uniform. A PE kit should be in school every day. Hair should be tied up and jewellery (including earrings) is not permitted for PE activities. If PE kit is not in school your child will not be able to participate in the PE lesson.

Playtimes

We are asking that children who would like to go on the field at playtimes (Years 2 - 5) have a spare pair of (old) joggers/trousers and trainers/shoes to change into as they can get very muddy. Please put these clothes in a named bag to hang on your child's peg. Thank you.

School Meals

These are free for our Meerkats and Bees. The cost for a school meal for the Bears and the Sea Otters is £2.20 per day - £11.00 each week.

Absence from school

Holiday requests are **not** authorised unless there are exceptional circumstances to the request. This is in accordance with our attendance policy and application must be made to the headteacher and is verified by our attendance officer.

A reminder that if your child is unwell and unable to come to school please let us know as soon as possible in the morning. If we do not hear from you we will be contacting you to find out where your child is.

If your child has sickness and/or diarrhoea a period of 48 hours must elapse before your child returns to school for the safety of others.



Clubs

Clubs start week commencing Monday 5th September and details and permission slips etc. are included with this newsletter. It is important that parental permission is sought for attendance at clubs and also we need to know if your child is not able to attend on a particular day. This is a safeguarding issue. Certain clubs have limited numbers e.g. drawing club and gymnastics so **please do make sure your child really does want to take part in the club as other children could take their place.**

BeSKiLD Trust

We are continuing to work with our partner schools: St Botolph's, Kegworth, Long Whatton, Diseworth and Oxley.

We have a packed programme planned for the year which will benefit our pupils, staff and governors. We will be letting you know events and activities when they occur. The aim is that within the trust every child will be involved in an activity within the 2-year period. We nearly achieved that last year with almost all our children being directly involved in at least one activity.

Year 5 Residential to Whitby



This will take place on Tuesday 9th May to Friday 12th May and letters and payment options will be sent to parents in the next few weeks.

Home School Agreement

We will be sending this out at the end of next week for you to discuss with your child as it deals with many expectations and school matters. This needs to be signed and returned to the school office by Monday 12th September.

Collection at the End of the Day

Year 5 Pupils – If you would like your child to walk home from school unaccompanied at the end of the school day please sign a permission slip in the school office.

The Bees, our Year 1 and 2 pupils will leave school from the rear door to their classroom. Year 2 will exit first and wait on the blue square on the playground until collected. Year 1 will go out overseen by the teacher. Please be visible when you are on the playground. It is important that you are seen by your child and teacher so that collection can be swift.

We ask that non-one is waiting in the NO WAITING ZONE at the side of the school and the area at the bottom of the path is clear at all times. This is for the safety of all of your children. Thank you for your co-operation with this.

School Council

School Council members will be elected next week from Years 1 – 5. If your child would like to stand for school council please encourage them and talk with them about the role and how they can make a difference in school to prepare them for the election.

Sports leaders

Sports leaders have been selected in Year 5. They are Natasha, Jennifer, Jack, Harvey, Charlie and Tyler. They will be trained weekly so they can pass on their skills and encouragement to the younger pupils in school.

Junior Road Safety Officers

Jennifer and Natasha in Year 5 are our new Junior Road Safety Officers and are excited about their new role. They are going to be running a club and are keen to make the environment a safe place for us all. Please help them to do their job by parking safely on the recreation ground if possible and walking through the park to ease the congestion outside school.

