**Newsletter**

**Belton C of E Primary School**

**29th August 2014**

Welcome back to a new year and a new look school!

We have welcomed our new members of staff into school: Mrs Eves Hopkins, Ms Smith, Mrs Reid, Mrs Jones and Mrs Gamble who I am sure you will get to know soon.  Mrs Reid will be working mainly in Class C and Mrs Jones and Mrs Eves Hopkins will be working mainly in Class A. We look forward to welcoming our new starters into class A from Monday.

The classrooms in class B and A have been transformed in the holiday and special thanks need to go to the staff in those rooms who have worked so hard over the summer making the classrooms ready and so inviting for the children.

A big thank you too to the parents who have worked in the holiday to improve our school environment and to Mr Cook who has made sure the school is clean and well cared for and ready for the beginning of term.  Special thanks go to Victoria and Darryl Clarke for their gardening and painting skills, to Sandie Bloor for IT support and liaising with builders and to Ralph, (Amelia’s grandpa) who has painted the school gates. Thank you.

**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. Mrs Smith has uniform stocks in the office for you to purchase as you need. Uniform order forms are available on the schools website or in the office. 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 uniforms are available for sale in the office. The school PE kit consists of white t shirt with the school logo on and navy/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. A reminder that jewellery is not permitted in PE lessons for safety reasons and that earrings must be removed or taped over.

**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 named bag to hang on your child’s peg. Thank you.

**Home school agreement**

We will be sending this out early 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 8th September.

**Dates**

Please check the diary attached for upcoming dates for the term.



**Year 4 & 5 residential to Whitby**

This will take place on Tuesday 2nd June to Friday 5th June and letters and payment options will be sent to parents next week in order to spread the cost of the trip.

**Sports fixtures for the relevant people**

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| Football match | 16.9.14 | Belton C of E Primary school | 1-3pm | Y4&5 team |
| Football booster | 23.9.14 | Shepshed High School (SHS) | 3-5pm | Y4&5 |
| Football | 2.10.14 | SHS | 1-3pm | Y3&4 |
| Bisi Badminton | 4.12.14 | SHS | 3.30-5pm | Y3&4 |
| Cross country | 4.10.14  1.11.14  29.11.14 | Prestwold Hall | TBC | TBC |

**Clubs**

Clubs will start week commencing Monday 8th September and details and permission slips etc. will be shared with you next week when clubs are finalised. 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 safe guarding issue.

**Handover and collection**

A new policy is awaiting governor approval. Each class has a different method of dismissing the children. Please make sure you are familiar with the procedure and if you are not able to collect your child at the appropriate time please inform the office immediately. This is for your child’s safety. The gate is now being locked at 8.55am as we are expecting all children to be **in** school ready to learn at this time so we are able to make a prompt start. 5 minutes lost each day equates to 25 minutes per week which work out to approximately 16 hours over the year!

We are working on our priorities for improving and developing our school to move it forward. We welcome contributions and comments from parents, staff, governors, FOBS and children. We will also be taking into account results from our parent survey last term which was overwhelmingly positive. Survey results will be available on the website very soon.

**Newsletters**

Through the survey we have found that the majority of parents would prefer to receive newsletters online instead of the traditional paper copy (like today) so we are going to trial a new system from the next newsletter. You will be alerted by text that there is a new letter posted on the school website. Please give us feedback and let us know how this works for you. **If you are not able to access the website or would prefer a paper copy please register at the office and this will be given to you via your child as before.**



**Morrisons Let’s Grow**

Please save your Morrisons Let’s Grow vouchers

and bring them into school. Thank you.

**Class C Macmillan Coffee Afternoon**

On Friday 26th September you are warmly invited into school between 1.15pm and 3pm for a cup of coffee and cake, with all donations going to Macmillan. If you would like to bring in a cake or a raffle prize Class C would be very grateful. Thank You.

**Recycling Scheme**

Please bring into school on the 29th September any clothing and textiles, and books and toys you no longer need, by 9am. Please keep books and toys separate to the clothing. School is paid by the Kilo for all collections… so the more you recycle, the more money we receive!

**A request from Class A**

Please bring into school any unwanted underwear for our spare clothes box in Class A.

Thank you.

Diary Dates

**September**

Friday 12th Outdoor Development Session 3.30pm – 5pm

Tuesday 16th Football Tournament here at Belton for Year 4 and 5. 1pm – 3pm

Friday 19th Jeans for Genes Day.

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Tuesday 23rd Football Booster at Shepshed High School. Year 4 and 5, 3pm - 5pm

Tuesday 23rd Sports Hall Athletics Training. 3.30pm – 5.30pm at Shepshed High School

Thursday 25th Governors Meeting

Friday 26th Class C Macmillan Coffee Afternoon

Monday 29th Clothing, toys and books recycling collection at school, 9am.

**October**

Thursday 2nd Football for Years 3 and 4 at Shepshed High School. 1pm

Friday 3rd Harvest Festival in church. 9am

Saturday 4th Cross Country Race at Prestwold Hall

Wednesday 8th Open Morning in school. 9am – 10.30am

Wednesday 15th Parents Evening 3.30pm – 6pm

Thursday 16th Parents Evening 3.30pm – 7pm

Friday 17th Achievement Assembly. Parents and carers invited

Friday 17th School closes at 3.10pm for the mid term break

Monday 27th School open after the mid term break

Wednesday 29th Photographer for individual school photos

**November**

Saturday 1st Cross Country Race at Prestwold Hall

Tuesday 4th Open Morning in school. 9am – 10.30am

Wednesday 5th Sports Hall Athletics at Shepshed High School. 12 – 2.15pm, Year 4 and 5

Friday 7th Theme Day in school

Friday 14th Children in Need Day in school

Wednesday 19th Tri golf at Charnwood College. 3.30pm – 5.30pm

**Friday 21st Teacher Day. School is closed today**

Tuesday 25th Class C Assembly in Church

Wednesday 26th Parents meeting. Maths at our School, 6.30pm – 7.30pm

Saturday 29th Cross Country Race at Prestwold Hall

**December**

Thursday 4th Open Morning in school

Thursday 4th BISI Badminton at Shepshed High School. 3.30pm – 5pm, Year 3 and 4

Friday 5th The Journey to Christmas at Leicester Cathedral

Monday 8th FS and KS1 - Dress rehearsal for our Christmas production.

Tuesday 9th FS and KS1 - Christmas Production 2pm and 6.30pm

Wednesday 10th FS and KS1 - Christmas Production 2pm

Thursday 11th Whole school trip to the pantomime at Loughborough Town Hall. Sleeping Beauty

Thursday 18th Carol Concert in Belton Church. 6.30pm

Friday 19th End of term assembly 9am. All are invited

Friday 19th Christmas party 1pm

Friday 19th School closes at 3.10pm for the Christmas break