

Belton Update

30th April 2021

It has been a really busy time in school over the last few weeks. The Sea Otters did brilliantly with their Bikeability and Tigers celebrated St George's day in style! We are looking forward to our May day filming next week, hopefully the sun will shine. I have had some positive feedback regarding parents evening - please do fill in the survey which is on WEDUC forms if you haven't already. I had a really enjoyable week this week watching different lessons in school. I saw the children immersed in their learning, focused and happy. I hope the sun shines this weekend for Bank holiday and we will see you in school on Tuesday 4th May.

Polite Notice

From time to time I am informed of playground rumours or things that parents are unhappy about but not told specific details or who indeed is experiencing issues. As a Headteacher I find this really tricky, particularly as these concerns are rarely brought to my attention by those who have them. My position always is if I don't know I can't do anything to help or sort things out. Please do come and see me, **give me the chance to help**. Email the office, WEDUC me, phone school, make an appointment, fill in the surveys on WEDUC or grab me on the playground. I **am always willing to listen and to work together to find solutions.**

<u>Covid</u>

Even though national restrictions are currently easing, there has been no significant change in the guidance for schools. Therefore, all the measures we are currently following will continue. I have been informed that new guidance is imminent **but it is not expected to simply follow the national roadmap.** When there is more guidance I will update you but please remember the rules for schools is not and will not be the same as out of school.

Please continue to inform me if your child is unwell and gets a positive PCR test. This is best via WEDUC as I get the message quickly or the office email. Please remember that the lateral flow tests are not to be used on primary aged children. They must have a PCR test. If your child has symptoms, for example a high temperature and you do not want them to have a PCR test, they must isolate for 10 days.

Please can I reiterate if you have more than one child in school and where you have felt that one is poorly enough to warrant a test ALL your children MUST self-isolate until that test result has come back. You must NOT send siblings in during that period. This is for the safety of us all to minimise the spread.

Guitar Lessons - There are a few spaces available for guitar lessons for students in years 3 - 6. These take place on a Thursday afternoon and are 20 minutes long. The cost is £5 per student per session. A guitar is available to borrow for the lesson if your child would like to give it a try before investing in an instrument. Contact - george@goguitarlessons.co.uk

May Day celebrations

We will be filming our 'in school' May Day on Friday 7th May. The children can bring in their costumes on Wednesday, posies and sticks on Friday morning please. Thank you to FOBS for sorting out the flowers and thank you to Mrs. Baxter who has agreed to play the music. I know there have



been some people questioning why we are doing it as the children have missed so much school. I decided to put something together as I understand what an important village tradition it is and wanted to support the community. The children are only practicing in the afternoons. Others have questioned why parents can't come and that is because of the COVID restrictions as I have explained earlier in my update. It will be a great day for the children and we will video the occasion for you to see.

Week two dinners, week beginning Tuesday 4th May – Thursday is chip day, Friday special May Day picnic.

On Wednesday 5th May we will be celebrating World Maths Day.

The Sea Otters have been working hard creating exciting Maths Mysteries for each of the classes.

Throughout the day there will also be the chance to log in to Mathletics and challenge the rest of the World!

Certificates this week

Tigers

Stars of the week

Annalise and Isla

Owls

- Readiwriter -Silver - Jessica Bronze
- Theo
- Olivia
- Ivy
- Vivek
- Jessica
- Thomas
- Ava

Mathletics Bronze - Mathletics

Handwriting - Katy

Maths - Vivek - For excellent converting of pounds to pence. Learning Power- Henry - For not giving up with his writing. Star of the week - Michael - For his excellent attitude to his history lesson.





Lions

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Mathletics Bronze - Ava

Handwriting - Katy Maths - Vivek - For excellent converting of pounds to pence. Learning Power- Henry - For not giving up with his writing. Star of the week - Michael - For his excellent attitude to his history lesson.

Sea Otters

Star of the week: Charlie Rees - for having a positive attitude in everything that he does.

Mindset Champion: Theo Oakley - he listens to others and says when he doesn't understand.

Handwriting: Alice

Mathematician: Grace - for super work devising a Maths Mystery

Mathletics: Bronze - Cara

Readiwriter: None

Times Table Rockstar: None

Bug Clubber of the Week – Clark

Bookmark challenge Annalise and Riccardo

Dates for your diary

3rd May Bank holiday no school

4th May school reopens

5th May bring Mayday costumes to school

5TH May Maths day

7th May Mayday special picnic lunch and bring in posies and sticks

Class photos 12th May

11th June Sea Otters evening, Year 6 camp out (hopefully).