



Belton Update

28th May 2021

I can't believe we are now at May half term! It has been nice to have the sun back again the last few days and I understand that it is set to be sunny during the half term break! The children have had a busy half term, getting used to being back in school. They have all been wonderful. I am so lucky to have a school full of such amazing children.

Covid

I understand that there has been a question regarding why at Belton we have not stopped asking parents to wear masks in the playground, following a letter from the local authority saying they are not requesting it anymore. As Headteacher, I am responsible for the school risk assessment regarding Covid and it is my duty to make sure I feel it is right for our school.

The day after the local authority letter was sent to me, information about the growing amount of Indian variant cases in the local area was released. Due to this, taking into account the demographic of parents who may not have had access to the vaccine as yet, the amount of general illness in school currently and the timing (being close to half term) I wanted to remain cautious. I planned to review this weekly and will continue to do so, particularly as I know a local school has had to close a bubble this week and rates are now rising again.

Everything I have done during this crisis has been with the best of intentions for the children, staff and parents, to keep as many of us safe as possible. Behind the scenes there is an awful lot of work carried out and decisions that have to be made. I thank you for your understanding and please speak to me if there is a problem.

Please note **during half term** I am **still** responsible for reporting any cases so if your child does have symptoms, for example a cough, loss / change of taste or smell, high temperature or if you are in any doubt, please get them tested. **If they do test positive please inform me via WEDUC.** Tests currently are back in a day. **I can only accept a PCR test.**

Staffing for next year

SENIOR TEACHER

Whilst we are sorry to be saying goodbye to Mrs Cobbin, following a thorough interview process we have now appointed Mrs Yendall.



Mrs Yendall currently works at St Paul's in Woodhouse Eves as Deputy Head and class teacher. She will be our senior teacher and Year 5 and 6 class teacher.

Mrs Yendall has a good range of experience and has taught in Upper Key Stage Two previously and is an experienced Maths lead. She also will be teaching French across Key Stage Two. We are very excited for her to join our team. She will be coming to school for transition on 2nd July.



SENDCO

Miss North has done a fantastic job as SENDCO over the last two years and we are all very proud of what she has achieved. She has had a massive workload this year so for next year there will be a slight change.



Mrs Heselton, who is the Deputy Head and SENDCO at St Hardulph's Primary school will be taking on the role of SENDCO at Belton for next academic year.

She will be in school on a Wednesday every fortnight. Miss North will be Deputy SENDCO and pick up some of the SENDCO work but Mrs Heselton will be your main port of call. Miss North will resume the role of SENDCO for academic year 22/23.

LSA



Miss Holley, who currently works at St Botolph's School will be joining us for one year. Her exact timetable is to be confirmed. She will be a great asset to the school!

Classes

Classes for next year are themed around British woodland animals to reflect our commitment to Forest School and outdoor learning. The names are...



Happy Hedgehogs – Reception Miss Ebbs



Fantastic Foxes - Year 1/2 Mrs Peczek (Monday- Wednesday) and Miss Snowdon (Thursday and Friday)



Super Squirrels – Year 3/4 Miss North



Brilliant Badgers - Year 5/6 Mrs Yendall



As it has been another funny old year and the children haven't been able to go on a school trip, I have organized for there to be a circus school workshop with each class on 6th July. The children can dress up as a circus performer for the day and they will learn all sorts of skills - for example, juggling with balls, scarves and clubs, plate spinning, Poi, Devilstick, Chinese Diabolo, beginner's stilts, feather balancing, cigar boxes, fun wheels and Chinese ribbons! It will be a really fun day to round off the year. FOBS are kindly contributing to the event.

Certificates this week

Tigers

Stars of the week

Katie - for her fabulous costume
Hattie - for putting up her hand on the carpet and joining in
Fynn - for his amazing attitude towards learning



Owls

Megan - Maths
Brooklyn - Mindset - enjoying learning
Kyrán - Star - great attitude towards school
Charlie - Handwriting

Mathletics - Freya bronze and silver

Nancy - bronze
Harry - bronze
Lacey - bronze

100 housepoints - Toby

Lions

Readiwriter
Silver - Thomas
Bronze - Thomas
Ivy
Evie

TTR -
Theo - Rock legend
Annabelle - Gigger
Vivek - Rock Star

Bug Clubber: Thomas



Handwriting: Jessica - For trying so hard

Star: Annabelle - For her incredible effort in all she does.

Learning Power: Maddy for not giving up in her NFER

Maths: Harvey - For great work on coordinates and translation

Sea Otters

Star of the week: Libby - for her positive attitude in the classroom.

Mindset Champion: William - he uses what he has learnt in real life.

Handwriting: Archie

Mathematician: Molly - for her accurate work on mean calculations.

Mathletics: Bronze - Cara, Alfie, Max

Silver - Cara **GOLD - Cara!**

Readiwriter: Cara Bronze, Silver - Cara **GOLD - Cara!**

Times Table Rockstar: Theo O - Rockstar, Ruben - Rock Hero, Erin - Support Act

Bug Clubber of the Week - Max

House Points: 25 - Cara + Lily

Dates for your diary

Half term week beginning 31st May

School reopens Monday 7th June

11th June Sea Otters Camp out

25th June Reports out to parents

28th June Sports Day EYFS and KS1

29th June KS2 Sports day

30th June Year 6 Transition to Iveshead

2nd July Transition morning

6th July Circus skills day in school

9th July end of term for the summer

Have a super half term!