

School Priorities for 2017 – 2018

We are working on our priorities this year and are committed to improving our school and moving it forward, building on an excellent year last year. Our main areas of focus are:

- involvement with the increased curriculum demands of Year 6
- to develop maths reasoning skills throughout the school
- the role of science
- to develop parental understanding of their child's learning



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Welcome Back to School and to a New Academic Year

We have an exciting year ahead of us and this is our first year of having a year 6. We have welcomed 18 new starters this week into the Tigers class, taught by Mrs Peczek and Mrs Johns. We also welcome Miss Snowdon, our new classroom assistant who is also going to be working in the Tigers class.

Mrs Jones is teaching the Owls class (Year 1 and 2 children), the Bears class (Year 3 and 4 children) will be taught by Mrs Scott and the Sea Otters class (Year 5 and 6 children) will be taught by Mrs Cobbin.

The Bears class have a student teacher, Miss Demetriou, working with them up to Christmas and also in the summer term.



Gold Award - School Games

We are thrilled to be able to let you know that we have been awarded the **Gold Award for the School Games Mark for 2016 - 2017.**

This reflects the huge commitment and improvement we have made in PE, healthy lifestyles and in competitive sports over the past year and we are proud that this has been recognised.



The Tigers have settled in well this week and have enjoyed exploring all their new activities. The sand pit has gone down especially well, socks and shoes came off straight away and they began pretending to be mermaids and burying their legs in the sand!

A big thank you to P and R Building Supplies who generously donated the sand.

What fun we have had already!

Uniform

The children look very smart in their uniforms and are a credit to yourselves and the school. Thank you. 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 t shirt and hoody in house colours, black shorts and black plimsolls.

Joggers (navy or black) and trainers are required for outside PE activities and cross country. A school PE kit looks professional and is in 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.

Be Skilled Trust

We continue to work with our collaborative trust schools – St Botolph's, Long Whatton, Diseworth and Oxley. We have a packed programme for the year benefitting pupils, staff and governors.

Our first event is a Festival of Sport for Year 2 children on September 5th at Diseworth School.

Letters have gone out to those involved.

On September 28th there will be a Duathlon day at Hick's Lodge – in the morning for Year 2 and 3 children, in the afternoon for Year 4 and 5 children and after school for our Year 6 children.

Letters have been given to interested children. If your child would like to take part they need to hand in a completed application form by September 8th. This is a very popular event so please encourage your child to think about what they can offer and why they want to enter, before they complete the form.

Responsibilities

Next week there will be opportunities for our pupils to apply for a variety of 'jobs' and responsibilities around school such as school council representatives and house captains.

School Meals

These are free for our Tigers and Owls. The cost for a school meal for the Bears and the Sea Otters is £2.20 per day - £11.00 each week. You can pay weekly or half termly. Please send the money to school in a named envelope. Cheques are payable to LCC – Belton Primary School. Thank you!

Data Collection Sheet

Your child will be bringing this sheet home today. Please can you check this carefully and amend with any changes of details - e.g. addresses, contacts, etc. **Please return the sheet to school by Friday 8th September at the latest.**

It is most important that we have up to date details for yourselves and your child. These need to be for individual children, *not* for families.

If any details change throughout the year please let the school office know immediately.
Thank you.

Clubs

Clubs start week commencing Monday 4th 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 so **please do make sure your child really does want to take part in the club as other children could take their place. We will text you if your child has not been successful with a place in a club of their choice.**

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 11th September.

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.

We have 2 fundraising events planned:

Jeans for Genes Day

Friday 22nd September

Your child may wear jeans / denim or their own clothes on this day for this very important cause.

Please send a suggested £1 donation for the privilege.

Sea Otters Annual

Macmillan Coffee Afternoon

Friday 29th September

from 1.30pm in the school hall

Please put the date in your diary and come and enjoy a cup of coffee or tea, some cake and a chat and help the Sea Otter raise some money for this great charity!

Year 6 Visit to the Warning Zone, Leicester

We have been fortunate to arrange a visit to the Warning Zone in Leicester for our Year 6 children on Monday 18th September. They will learn about online safety and responses in safety zones. We will be going with Diseworth and Long Whatton schools for the day. If we could ask for a contribution of £7.50 towards the cost of the trip this would be very much appreciated. Many thanks. If you would like to find out more about the Warning Zone please visit their website www.warningzone.org.uk/ where there is a helpful parent section.

Year 3 and 4 Visit to Cromford Mill.

On Monday 18th September our Bears will be on a day visit exploring the remains at Cromford Mill. This links to their main topic this term - the industrial revolution. More details about this trip will be sent out next week.