



Belton C of E Primary School

Newsletter 4

25th September 2015



Battle of Bosworth school visit

On Tuesday the Bears and Sea Otter classes went on a visit to Bosworth battlefield and had a great day even though they did get a bit wet in the process! Check out the website to see photos of the day. Since they have been back in school the Bears have been busy creating shields for their family name like the shields they saw at Bosworth. Did you know Scott means Gaelic speaker and de Looze means dwellers by the grove!



Club of the week

This week the focus is on running club with Mr Vasey. It is held on Thursdays after school on the field for Years 1 – 5. There is no limit to the numbers. This club is used to train our children for cross country running and involves training tips and stamina building.

From Year 3 there is the opportunity to run in inter school competitions held at Prestwold Hall. The dates for these races are Saturday 3rd October, Saturday 31st October and Saturday 28th November. If your child would like to take part please let me know.

Governor news

There was a governors meeting on Thursday evening following a meeting by the finance committee of governors. The governors meet at least twice a term and even though much of their work is unseen by the public their guiding work is of great importance to the smooth running of the school. Their responsibilities include the school building and grounds, curriculum in school, staff appointments and school financial management and expenditure.

Elections were held for chair and vice chair and Sandie Bloor is the new chair and Jo Finney is the new vice chair. The chair of the finance committee is Nick Threadgill. *Our thanks go to Jo Finney who has given the school such support as chair of governors over the past few years.*

There are currently 2 vacancies for parent governors on the board, if you feel this is something you would like to be involved with please either speak to myself or approach one of the governors to ask them about their role. Please check out the website on the community tab to find out more information about the work of the governing body.

This afternoon the Sea Otters hosted a coffee afternoon in aid of Macmillan Cancer. It was very well attended and everyone enjoyed the tea and cakes. Alice Styles' singing group provided entertainment. We will let you know next week how much was raised. Last Friday we wore our jeans for Jeans for Genes day and were pleased to send a cheque off to the fundraisers for £100 -thank you to everyone for supporting this charity.



On Saturday FOBS held a very successful teddy bear trail around Belton. Stall and games were held outside the school at the front and refreshments were served from the British Legion Hall. It was a very enjoyable day and the sun shone which was a huge bonus! Just over £300 was raised by FOBS for school and £230 was raised for the air ambulance through the raffle. 25 bears were showcased at the front of houses in Belton ranging from bears with sore heads to Belton Bark Off bears! Thank you to FOBS for making the event such a success and to you for your imagination with displaying the bears!

Parents' evenings/afternoons Years 1 - 5

We had a lot of very positive feedback about the format of our parents' consultations last year so we intend to follow the same pattern. There will be one afternoon session and one early evening session and the parents' consultations will take place in the hall. FOBS have kindly agreed to provide refreshments at both of these events.

The dates are
Monday 12th October 1.30pm - 5pm
Wednesday 14th October 3.30pm - 6pm

Letters will go out requesting appointments nearer the time and it is expected they will last 10 minutes per person. If neither date is convenient or you would prefer a longer slot, please talk to your child's class teacher.



Year R parents' evening appointments

As this is the first parents' evening we are going to hold these on **Tuesday 13th October** and we will expect that the time will be approximately 15 minutes per family. They will be held in the staff room from 2pm - 6pm.



The weather has been very wet recently so just a reminder your child needs a coat every day and also a change of footwear and clothes especially in the Bears and Sea Otter classes. Wellies are also useful for the Meerkats and Bees classes. Trainers are also essential for outdoor PE sessions for all classes.

We will be holding a **phonics and teaching reading workshop**

on Wednesday 28th October
from 6pm -7pm in school for Year R and Year 1

Following this there will be two open sessions for Year R parents on 29th and 30th October from 9am -10am to observe phonic teaching in action in Year R Meerkats and in the Bees with Year 1.