



Belton C of E Primary School

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Happy New Year! I do hope you have all had a lovely Christmas and managed to spend time relaxing with family and friends.

I am very excited to start the new year at Belton and can't wait to begin to get to know you and the children further over the next two terms. I am planning on splitting my days between Long Whatton and Belton so that I am able to see you all at some point during the day. Mrs Yendall has now taken on her new role as Deputy Headteacher and will be out of class during the afternoons. If you have any worries or questions please get in touch with Mrs Yendall or myself via the school office.

This week my aim is to get to know your children by leading an assembly and popping into classes. I will also be at the Golden Book Assembly on Friday whilst Mrs Yendall leads this one. I do understand the importance of us developing a home school relationship over the next two terms. I will be on the front door either in the morning or at the end of school day on most days so again please feel free to ask me any questions or come for a catch up.

We are also welcoming more new faces to Belton for the New Year!



Miss Mason joined us on Monday. She is beginning to learn all of the new systems in the office. Please bear with us as she settles into her new role.



We are also welcoming Ms Giangrande a new Learning support Assistant to the school. She is looking forward to working at Belton.



Mr Goldsmith will also be with us in the afternoons in the Badgers class as Mrs Yendall fulfils her Deputy role.

I know from working with the staff at Belton as part of the BeSkilled Partnership that we have an amazing, experienced team. We are all looking forward to working with you this term.



- 17.01.24- Amhurst Principal leading music in Badgers
- 22.01.24- Young Voices
- 05.02.24-08.02.24 Badgers Bikeability
- 18.02.24- 23.02.24 Half term
- 26.02.24- Inset Day
- 11.03.24 2.15pm- provisional date for Easter Service (awaiting confirmation from Church)
- 29.02.24- Provisional Warning Zone trip for Badgers
- 15.03.24- Rec and Year 6 Heights and weights measurements
- 13.02.24 and 15.02.24 Parents Evenings
- 17.03.2024 World Book Day
- 19.03.24 Courageous Advocacy day
- 19/03/2024 (evening) & 20/03/2024 (afternoon) - Squirrels Easter Performance
- 21.03.24 Duathlon

Golden Book

I am looking forward to seeing who will be chosen for the Golden book each week. These will be held each Friday at 9.00am.

Swimming

Key stage 1 swimming dates:

- 12.01.24
- 19.01.24
- 26.01.24
- 02.02.24
- 09.02.24
- 16.02.24

Please keep reading with your child 4 times per week and recording this in their reading journals.

Why is reading at home so important?

Children with access to 25 books at home complete an average of 2 more years of school than children from homes without any books.



Reading is a critical skill for succeeding in most school subjects.



A child spends 900 hours a year in school and 7800 hours at home.



Kids 4-5 years old gain 6 months of reading ability by being read to 3 to 5 times per week.



Research shows that just 20 minutes a day spent reading with a child helps them develop critical reading skills.



Learn more:

smartreading.org/parent-resources



CHRISTMAS ACTIVITIES



We are really looking forward to working with you this spring term. Remember that our staff are available before and after school so if you have any questions please just ask.

Best wishes, Mrs Gray and the Belton Team