



Belton C of E Primary School

Newsletter

2nd September 2015

Welcome back to a new academic year and to our sparkling school. Our staffing remains the same this term although there are some changes to make you aware of. As Class A are such a large group we have decided to split the class and have now got two learning areas for them. Reception children (who we will start welcoming into school from this afternoon) will be in the main Class A classroom all day with Mrs Jones, Mrs Hopkins and Ms Smith. Year 1 children are going to benefit from a new exciting area 'the beehive' which comprises of the ex-library and the hall where they will be able to have focused English and Maths lessons. In the afternoon the whole class will be in the classroom, outdoor classroom and the 'forest area.'



The Class A classroom has been transformed in the holiday and special thanks need to go to Mrs Jones (and family) who has worked so hard over the summer making the classrooms so inviting for the children. Mrs Hopkins has added to the values mural in our entrance and we are going to add British values to this shortly.

Other staffing news is that Mrs Keast is going to have a baby and will probably be leaving school in February, the due date being the beginning of March.

Uniform

The children look very smart in their uniforms and are a credit to yourselves and the school. 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. Sew on badges can be sourced from the school office free of charge. Mrs Smith has uniform stocks in the office for you to purchase, please purchase as you need. Uniform order forms are available on the schools website or in the office. All items of uniform/clothing must be labelled with your child's name as we gather many lost/mixed up items throughout the year! There is also an amount of used clothing at school in very good condition at very low prices and we do encourage recycling.

PE kits

PE kits are available for sale in the office. The school PE kit consists of a white t shirt with the school logo on and black shorts with black plimsolls. Joggers (navy or black) and trainers are useful 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.

Clubs

Clubs start week commencing Monday 7th 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 safe guarding issue. Certain clubs have limited numbers, e.g. drawing club so please do make sure your child really does want to take part in the club as other children could take their place.

Home school agreement

We will be sending this out at the end of the 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 14th September. Also the parent/carer/visitor code of conduct is being sent out with the home school agreement for your information.

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.

New water bottles are available now in school. We encourage the drinking of water every day. Please make sure your child comes to school with a clean filled water bottle every day.



Year 4 & 5 residential to Kingswood

This will take place on Monday 9th May to Thursday 12th May 2016
Letters and payment options will be sent to parents next week in order to spread the cost of the trip.

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. This is for the safety of others.



Junior Road Safety Officers (JRSO)

Sophia and Henry in Year 5 are our new JRSOs and are excited about their new role. They are going to be running a club and are keen to make the environment a safe place for us all. Please help them to do their job by parking safely on the recreation ground if possible and walking through the park to ease the congestion outside school.



School council members will be elected this week from Years 1-5.

Sports leaders have been selected in Year 5 they are Chloe, Alice, Isabelle, Joe, Jack and William. They will be trained weekly so they can pass on their skills and **encouragement** to younger pupils in school.

We are working on our priorities for improving and developing our school to move it forward. We welcome contributions and comments from parents, staff, governors, FOBS and children. We will also be taking into account results from our parent survey last term which was overwhelmingly positive. We are hoping to put the survey results on the website very soon.



BeSKiLD trust

We are continuing to work with our partner schools St Botolph's, Kegworth, Long Whatton and Diseworth and we have a packed programme planned for the year which will benefit our pupils, staff and governors. Oxley Primary School have joined the collaborative trust as from the beginning of September.

We are aware that for some parents communication is an issue particularly if you are not around at collection or drop off times to find things out. We would like your opinions as to how you receive your newsletters. Please fill in the survey on the next page and return it to the school office.

How would you like to receive your newsletters?

Your opinion matters!

Please fill in the survey below and return it to the school office. Thank you.

All newsletters are automatically put on the website. Is this enough? Would you like to receive a paper copy as well? Let us know your thoughts.

There are 3 options:

Option 1: I would like to receive a paper copy of the newsletter in my child's book bag

Option 2: I would like a text alert when a newsletter is on the website

Option 3: I would like an email with the newsletter attached

Please tick which your preference would be

Option 1 _____

Option 2 _____

Option 3 _____

Your thoughts/comments

Family name _____