



Belton Update

9th December 2022

Dear Parents/Carers and Children,

This is the last update of the term. What a term it has been! So many successes and happy days. My highlight has been watching the Hedgehogs settle in so well. They have been superstars! It has been wonderful to see the reestablished FOBS Disco back in action, as well as all the sporting events, Word Guerilla, Diversity workshops, Collective worship training and so much more. We have so much to be proud of. Well done to all the children and school adults (and parents!). I wish the whole school community the happiest of Christmases and a wonderful New Year.

PE Kit

Please make sure for PE your child has the correct kit. This includes the correct colour tracksuit bottoms. After Christmas letters will go home to those who do not wear the correct kit.

For PE all children need

Indoor PE

- plain round neck T shirt in house colour red, green, blue and yellow
- **black / navy blue shorts**
- black plimsolls
- drawstring bag (clearly labelled with child's name)

Outdoor PE: (KS1 & 2 pupils)

- **a hoodie (plain in house colour red, green, blue and yellow)**
- **black or navy-blue tracksuit/jogging bottoms/leggings**
- **trainers**

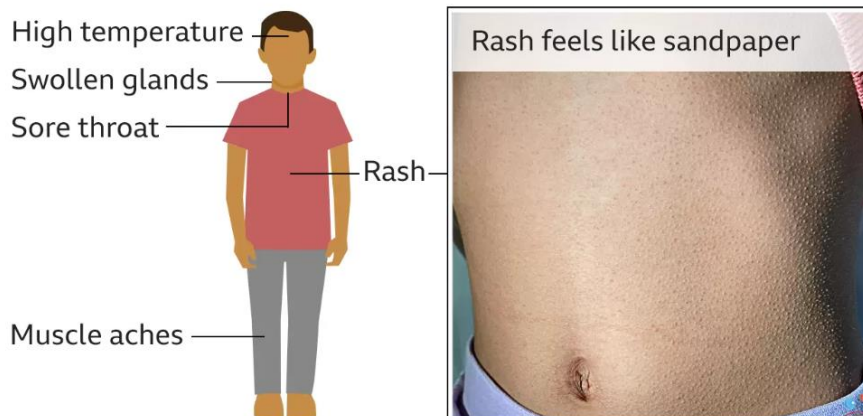
Uniform

Now the winter is really kicking in please so make sure your child comes to school with a coat. They may wear skins but these need to be under trousers and if they are worn under the school T shirt please also bring a jumper.

Illness

It is always a long term in Leicestershire and we have been rather affected by a variety of different illnesses in the last week or so as the term draws to a close. Please be extra vigilant to any signs of Strep A.

Strep A: What to look for





Christmas Parties

We will be finishing off the term with our school **Christmas Parties**

These will take place on:

Friday 16th December - Badgers

Monday 19th December

During the morning for Foxes and Hedgehogs and the afternoon Squirrels



Food:

We would like the children to bring in a small amount of food you know your child will enjoy e.g. one or two small cakes or biscuits plus a small drink in their own bag. We have decided to limit the party food to a small amount due to the party being so close to the children's lunch. Please bring your bag to school **on the day** of the party (please ensure your child's name is on the bag), remember we have no large scale refrigeration facilities.

PLEASE NOTE YOUR CHILD WILL STILL REQUIRE A HOT DINNER OR PACKED LUNCH.



Party clothes:

children need not come in school uniform on the day of their party – they can wear their own party clothes – but nothing too precious. Please remember a coat!

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Christmas Dinner is on Friday 16th December – children can wear their Christmas jumpers to school.



WE WOULD LIKE ALL CHILDREN TO TAKE HOME THEIR BELONGINGS ON Thursday 15th DECEMBER. THEY WILL NEED A BAG TO PUT THEM IN ON THAT DAY.

Carol Concert

KS2 carol concert is on Thursday 15th December at 6pm in Church. Please can the KS2 children arrive about 5.50pm ready to start at 6pm. All EYFS, KS1 children and parents are welcome to come and watch.

Monday 19th DECEMBER

The children will be allowed to bring one toy to play with during the day (nothing too precious/ expensive please and no electronics)



Attendance

Letter from our attendance officer.

You may receive a letter from her if your child's attendance is below 90% or of concern.



YOUR CHILD'S ATTENDANCE MATTERS

Dear Parent/Carer,

My name is Paula Ren . I am a qualified Education Welfare Officer (EWO) from Children's Attendance Welfare Services, (CAWS). I have been commissioned by the school to address their attendance and welfare concerns.

I check the school's registers regularly, specifically concentrating on any child whose attendance falls below 95%, where a substantiated reason or evidence has not been provided. If this be the case I may write to you regarding it.

My letter will:

- Highlight your child's attendance with an invitation for you to contact me.
- Inform you that your child's attendance will be monitored closely until improvement is deemed satisfactory.
- If necessary, include an appointment for you to meet with me to address the issues which you feel may be preventing your child from attending school regularly; this is with a view to offering support and solutions to bring about change.

A child, whose attendance falls below 90%, is deemed to be a "Persistent Absence" pupil as set out by the Department for Education (DfE). Should your child fall into this category, you **WILL** be required to provide the school with evidence to support any further absences, this is to enable the school to authorise the absence.

THE EDUCATION ACT 1996, SECTION 444 STATES:
"If a child of compulsory school age, who is a registered pupil at a school, fails to attend regularly at the school, his parent is guilty of an offence".

In view of the above, I seek your support in ensuring your child attends school regularly and on time, as failure to do so means you place yourself at risk of legal action in the form of a Fixed Penalty Notice and/or Prosecution through the Magistrates Court.

If you have any concerns or questions regarding your child's attendance, or the contents of this letter, I invite you to contact me, either by:

EMAIL: paula@childrensattendance.co.uk
PHONE: 0116 277 6721

Yours sincerely



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INFORMATION FOR PARENTS & CARERS

The law states that a parent/carer is responsible for ensuring their child attends school regularly and on time. Failure to do so renders the parent/carer guilty of an offence.

- ✦ Compulsory school age is from 5 years to 16 years of age.
- ✦ Ideally a child's overall attendance should be above 96%.
- ✦ Parents/carers are expected to inform the school on the first day of their child's absence to give the reason why their child is not in school. Failure to do this means the school will code the absences as **UNAUTHORISED**. Prolonged non-contact from the parent could lead to a "Safe and Well Check" being initiated on the grounds of safeguarding. (this can involve the Police).
- ✦ A child's absence from school is either recorded as authorised or unauthorised by the school. Parents/carers **CANNOT** authorise their child's absence.
- ✦ School can request supporting evidence from parents/carers, this allows them to record a child's absence as authorised.
- ✦ School will discuss with and may refer cases where appropriate, to their Education Welfare Officer, should a child's attendance become a concern or fall below 95%.
- ✦ The Department for Education (DfE) considers a child, whose attendance falls below 90%, as a "**persistent absent**" child. Schools are expected to address attendance at this level and **not** continue to authorise any further absences unless evidence is provided.
- ✦ The regulations regarding holidays in term time changed on the 1st September 2013. These regulations prevent Head Teachers from authorising holidays in term time except in exceptional circumstances. **PARENTS ARE STRONGLY ADVISED NOT TO BOOK HOLIDAYS IN TERM TIME WITHOUT FIRST SPEAKING TO THE SCHOOL OR EWO.**
- ✦ Children are expected to attend school for 190 days per academic year; the other 175 days are spent at home with you 😊
- ✦ Legal action can be taken against parents/carers by the Local Authority if their child's absence has been recorded as unauthorised. This can either be a:

FIXED PENALTY NOTICE (A FINE)

£60 per parent, per child if paid within three weeks, doubling to £120 per parent, per child if paid in the fourth week. Payment is required in full. Failure to pay will result in the Local Authority submitting the matter for prosecution through the Magistrates Court.

PROSECUTION

In the Magistrates Court, The Court can impose a fine of up to £2500 and or 3 months' imprisonment – parents may also be expected to pay court costs and a victims surcharge. The parent/carer usually receives a criminal record. Parents/carers may also be required to attend a parenting course.

Paula René

SENIOR EDUCATION WELFARE OFFICER



YEAR 6 SAT DATE CHANGE -VERY IMPORTANT

An additional bank holiday in honour of the Coronation of His Majesty King Charles III will take place on Monday 8 May 2023. As this date had previously been announced as the first day of the 2023 key stage 2 (KS2) test week in England, a change to the KS2 test schedule next year will be necessary.

Ministers have considered the situation carefully and have decided that KS2 tests will take place in the same week with tests following the usual order but each taking place one day later than originally planned. As such, the new schedule will be:

- Tuesday 9 May: English grammar, punctuation and spelling (GPS) papers 1 (questions) and 2 (spelling)
- Wednesday 10 May: English reading paper
- Thursday 11 May: mathematics papers 1 (arithmetic) and 2 (reasoning)
- Friday 12 May: mathematics paper 3 (reasoning)

NUT FREE SCHOOL

Polite reminder. We are a NUT FREE School. We do have people in school with severe allergies. There seems to be nut products creeping into lunch boxes, including Nutella sandwiches. Please please check your child's lunch boxes. We would hate for anyone to become poorly. Thank you in advance. Miss Scott

Free School Meals

If you think you may be eligible, you can now get an instant result by applying online

<https://leicestershire.cloud.servelec-synergy.com/Synergy/>

School Website

Please do look on the school website. Whilst most things do go on WEDUC, we do add things onto the class pages as well. There is a wealth of information on reading and information about our curriculum. Please take a look!

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Clubs information for Spring Half Term 1

(choices based on returned questionnaires from children)

Starting week beginning 9th January

MONDAY: Girls Football KS2

TUESDAY: Boys Football KS2, Y3,4,5 and 6

WEDNESDAY: Football KS1

THURSDAY: Team Gymnastic Club (WILL START THURSDAY 5th JANUARY)

This is by Invitation only. This is time for the children selected to practice their two routines, for the competition in late January.



IMPORTANT

Diary dates

12th December In Any Order – Live music in school

14th December Panto at Loughborough – please remember a packed lunch

14th December Hedgehogs and Foxes Nativity – 9.30am

14th December Hedgehogs and Foxes Nativity 6pm

15th December KS2 carol concert at Church 6pm

15th December All belongings home -bring a bag

16th December Badgers party day-dress to impress

16th December School Christmas Dinner

16th December Wear Christmas jumper to school

19th December School breaks up at 3.30 pm for Christmas. Own clothes day- PARTY DAY

Back to school 4th January 2023

