



## **Belton Update**

**9<sup>th</sup> July 2021**

**So we have made it to the end of term!** What a year! The end of such a strange and challenging year but a year that we should celebrate all the many different things and skills we have achieved! We have learnt how to work online at the drop of a hat, to think out of the box and to make traditions still carry on albeit in a different way. We have learnt to be flexible, to be brave and to be resilient. We all should be so proud of the school community and what we have achieved individually but also together.

Please do keep working on reading over the holiday –Bug Club is available, as is Mathletics, TTRS and Readwriter to keep the children ticking over.

The new menu starts in August with Week 1 for school dinners

### **Year 6**

The Year 6 children say their goodbyes to Belton this week. Whilst it does make us all feel a little sad (and maybe old!) I always think of it as an exciting time, watching them move into the next phase in their schooling, a new adventure awaits, full of so many possibilities! We thank you for being a great bunch and I hope you will always think back fondly on your time at Belton. Do us proud - the world is your oyster!

### **Covid**

With the latest guidance coming out this week, the main thing to know before the holidays is as it stands today there will be no staggered starts and ends of the day when we return in August. There will be a window of time to drop your children between 8.35 am and 8.45 am so we can hand wash and then be in to school by 8.45 am. Masks will not be needed but the one-way system will remain initially. Home time will be 3.10pm and Year 5 and 6 can walk home with parental permission (form is on Weduc).

During the first week of the holidays I am still required to track and trace, therefore if your child develops Covid 19 during this time you must inform me via WEDUC. Keep an eye on WEDUC and messages towards the end of the holidays in case of further news.

### **Sports day**

What a lovely event. I am so pleased we managed to have some parents on site and I hope you enjoyed the afternoon. I can't believe the weather!

### **Transition Morning**

Transition morning worked really well. It was lovely to see the children interacting with their new teachers and I hope it will help make them feel safe and secure, ready for the next academic year.



### **Circus day**

The children looked great as they dressed up as a circus performer for the day on Tuesday. They learnt all sorts of skills - for example Juggling with balls, scarves and clubs, Plate spinning, Poi, Devilstick, Chinese Diabolo, beginners Stilts, Feather balancing, Cigar boxes, Fun Wheels and Chinese ribbons! It was really fun day to round off the year. FOBS kindly contributed to the event.

### **Mrs Cobbin**

We say a huge thank you and goodbye to Mrs Cobbin, after 23 years at Belton. A lover of chillies and champagne, a loather of chocolate (I know, can you believe it?!) Mrs Cobbin started off as a part time teacher and has ended up helping the school transition to having Year 6 children.

A steady influence on all those around her, we worked out she has worked with and influenced the lives of approximately 323 children! We are all sad to say our goodbyes but also wish her the very best for the next chapter in her life.

### **Mr Goldsmith**

A massive thank you to Mr Goldsmith, who has been a great presence in school and helped cover classes as well as to take small groups out. We are really pleased he will be in school next year as well.

### **Mrs Lee**

Thank you to Mrs Lee for helping support in Sea Otters this term, it has been great to have you in school.

### **Miss Snowdon**

Miss Snowdon is getting married this summer. After a really challenging year we all wish her and her husband to be all the very best! We hope you have the best day!

Miss Snowdon will be known as Mrs Scarcliffe from next year.



## **Certificates this week**

### **Tigers**

**Stars of the week – All of them!**

### **House Points**

100 Lewis

50 Isabelle, Katie, Fynn, Riccardo, Mason, Isla, Grace and Genevieve

10 Alfie



### **Owls**

This week's Owl certificates go to....

Toby for amazing reasoning when thinking about the properties of 3D shapes

Fred is mindset champion as he works hard to keep improving every week

Jack is handwriting champion and is making great progress in his letter formation

Rosie is the star of the week for always being kind, friendly and helpful within the classroom

100 housepoints - Otis

### **Lions**

Readiwriter: Anaya, Jake, Ivy, Amelia, Alesha, Saxon, James and Jessica.

Mathletics: Ivy, Jake, Vivek, Jessica and Ava

Handwriting: Ava

Learning Power: Jake

Maths: Henry

Star: Alesha

### **Sea Otters**

Star of the week goes to ALL OF THE CHILDREN - Well done!

### **Awards**

**House Point Winners 2021 Oak**

**Whetton Award - For most amount of progress: Evie Moyse**

**Billy Mumby Award for Kindness - Libby Styles**



## Next Year

### NUT FREE

As you all know we are a nut free school. There are many items we see in packed lunches that have hidden nuts in them, e.g. chocolate spread and Kinder Buenos so please check.

Next year it is vital that we remain even more vigilant to what the children bring in for snack and lunch as we will have a child and a member of staff in school with a severe nut allergy.

### PE and Forest School timetable

Next year I am really excited that the children will be going to Forest School once a week throughout the year. This reflects our commitment to outdoor learning and wellbeing and hope the children will enjoy this part of our curriculum offer. I've attached the proposed timetable for PE and Forest School days so you know when they will need their kit.

Day	
Monday	PE Badgers and Squirrels
Tuesday	PE Foxes and Hedgehogs  Swimming Classes blocks of 6 weeks start 31 <sup>st</sup> August with Badgers
Wed	Badgers and Squirrels Forest School PE Squirrels and Badgers
Thurs	PE Hedgehogs and Foxes
Friday	Foxes and Hedgehogs Forest School

**Swimming starts for Badgers (Year 5 and 6) on 31<sup>st</sup> August**

**School begins for children on**

**Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> August**

**Have a great holiday**