



Belton Update 4th September 2020

What a fabulous week it has been! It has been wonderful to see the children back in school and adapting to the new normal as best they can! You should be very proud of them all as we are!

They have all been brilliant but this week's Stars of the Week are:

Tigers – ALL OF THEM !

Owls- Jack and Pandora

Lions- Harriet and Harvey

Sea Otters – Lydia and Alfie

10 house point certificate Oscar

We even did a virtual assembly and the technology worked!!

The new systems seem to be working quite well. Unfortunately, I don't think there are any perfect solutions but please know that every decision I have made I have spent time thinking about how to make everything as safe and time efficient for all. If there are any issues or queries please come and speak to me. If I don't know, I can't help!

I do want to take the time to thank all the staff in school. What you don't see inside school is the adaptations staff have had to make to their day. As well as teaching and supporting the children, they are now cleaning the classrooms at lunchtime and playtimes, as well as resources after use. Mrs Lavine is also now cleaning for a 2 hour slot during the day. This is a lot on top of their usual workload and I thank them all for everything they are doing.

Staggered starts and ends of the day

This seems to be working ok but please arrive at the allotted time, please don't come too early. At pick up please can anyone with more than one child move away from the barriers and stand socially distanced on the bottom playground. The children will come out to you there. This will hopefully give more space by the barriers. We can only give it a go!

Handwashing outside

This is not ideal but it is really important that this is done preferably before the children enter the building. As it gets colder please make sure that the children have a good coat/ hat etc. on. If it is really really raining we will sanitise before entry then get the children to wash their hands inside as soon as they are in.

PE Kits

As I mentioned in my previous letter the children may come home in PE kit. This is largely due to the timings and staggered starts and end of the day. The staff are under a lot of time pressure and it is eating into their PE time. Here is the timetable when the children need their kit. After their last session of the week please give it a wash ready for the next week. Please make sure the children have full outdoor PE kit, they will be going out unless the weather is really terrible so they do need their joggers and hoodies.



Day		
Monday	Tigers	Owls
Tuesday	Sea Otters	Owls
Wednesday	Sea Otters	Lions
Thursday	Tigers	Lions

Also rucksacks are creeping into school. Please remember it needs to be a drawstring bag for PE and a book bag that can fit in the tray. Nothing unnecessary needs to come to school

Snacks and Lunchboxes

Please make sure if your child is bringing a snack for playtime that it is a healthy snack- no crisps or chocolate.

Asthma policy

We do require 2 inhalers in school with the prescriber sticker on the box, if there is a problem with the GP getting a spare one please let me know and I will try and chase it up.

Handsanitiser

Please make sure your child has their own handsanitiser

ELSA

As you know Mrs Robe has left and Miss Snowdon will be taking over the role of ELSA (Emotional Literacy Support Assistant) on parts of Thursday and Friday afternoons. There is a child referral form for the child to refer themselves and the teachers can too but if you have any worries and would like Miss Snowdon to potentially work with your child please ask the class teacher at parents evening to see if anything more can be done in class or whether they need to be referred.

Harvest

28th September

Please can your child bring a donation of a non perishable item on Monday 28th September to school. The donations will be for the foodbank. It needs to be something they are able to carry up to church themselves. Vicar Louise will lead an act of worship for each bubble during the day (with a clean in between) in church. No parents will be allowed but each class will be sharing something they have done in class during each individual session. We are going to try to put a little video together to share with you.

House points

There is a slight change to house points this year. There will still be the same counting them all up for the half termly cup and prize but also there will be certificates for the children when they get 10, 25, 50 and 100 points.



Google Classroom

One thing I will be looking at in detail over the next few weeks is our contingency plan in the event of another lockdown and how home or blended learning will look for us. As part of that I have already decided that we will not use WEDUC home learning but to move to use google classroom. The children will be given their logins next week and be trained on how to use it. If we do go into lockdown the majority of the learning will be based online and will run more formally. More details will be given once everything is finalised

Forest school

Miss Ebbs will be taking each class on a rota each week for a forest school session. Please make sure that your child brings their wellies and waterproofs on that week. Timetable is below.

Week commencing	Forest schools
Sep 1	Lions
7	Sea Otters
14	Tigers
21	Owls
28	Lions
Oct 5	Sea Otters
12	Tigers
Half term	
26	Owls
Nov 2	Lions
9	Sea Otters
16	Tigers
23	Owls
30	Lions
Dec 7	Sea Otters
14	Tigers
Xmas	
Jan 5	Owls
11	Lions
18	Sea Otters
25	Tigers
Feb 1	Owls
8	Lions
Half term	
22	Sea Otters
Mar 1	Tigers
8	Owls
15	Lions
22	Sea Otters
Easter	
Apr 12	Tigers
19	Owls



26	Lions
May 3	Sea Otters
10	Tigers
17	Owls
24	Lions
Half term	
Jun 7	Sea Otters
14	Tigers
21	Owls
28	Lions
Jul 5	Sea Otters

Reading

Reading is something we are looking at as a school this year and we have already noticed for some children, since coming back to school that they are struggling with their reading.

The way we have traditionally sorted reading books at Belton is that they are banded/levelled books approximately to year 3 or 4 depending on the child, then they move to free reading. This is something over time we will be moving away from.

What the support staff have been doing is benchmarking the children's reading.

This is a system to see exactly where the children are, not just their fluency but aspects of their comprehension. What we are finding is that even children who can read fluently they are not comprehending as well. So this year we are hoping to buy into a banded scheme which will run all the way from Reception to Year 6. This will help us and the children target the areas the children need more support with and improving their reading and comprehension.

The children on free reading will still have a free reading book but will also have banded book. This change won't be happening straight away but we will be moving towards that as the year goes on.

Reading bookmarks are to continue as normal but also KS2 will also have reading passports to help encourage some extra reading. The class teachers will give more information to the children.

Parents evening

After a lot of discussions with staff Parents evenings will take place over 2 weeks

5th October 2pm-6pm Owls

6th October 2pm-6pm Owls

7th October 3.10pm-6pm Tigers

8th October 3.10 pm- 6pm Tigers

12th October 3.10pm onwards Sea Otters

13th October 3.10pm onwards Sea Otters

14th October 2pm onwards Lions

15th October 2pm onwards Lions

These are planned to take place in school. More details will be sent out closer to the time.



Belton C of E Primary School

Are you concerned about a child?

If you are concerned about a child you must share your concerns without delay. You can talk to the Designated or Deputy Designated Safeguarding leads if you are worried about the safety or wellbeing of a child or family.

Designated Safeguarding
Lead (DSL)



Miss Scott



Miss Ebbs



Mrs Cobbin

Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads