



NEWSLETTER

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Dear parents and carers,

We have had a very busy half-term and can't wait for the next one as it's the most glitterfull!

The children have all settled in really well and have shown how resilient they are. You should all be really proud of them!!

We have been doing everything to do with Autumn, collecting conkers, leaves and acorns and making lovely craft things with them. We enjoyed The Three Little Pigs and made houses out of straw, sticks and bricks, using playdough to stick them together. We have learnt some lovely new songs including Oats, Beans and Barley Grow and Big Red Combine Harvester. All of the children were really interested in sending letters and hopefully you all received yours. Following on from this, we have managed to link up with a nursery in Queensland, Australia called Sesame Lane. They have children aged 3-5. To begin with we are going to send them some of our Autumn pictures, photos of Belton that the children have taken on a walk and some drawings of our hands and feet so they can see how big we are! Linking up with other countries and learning about other cultures is very important, so if you have any family or friends dotted around the world who you think might like to hear from us, and us from them, please let us know!

Talking of Harvests, our vicar, Louise has sent us a lovely video telling us all about Harvest and we are going to send her a video back of us singing our new songs. Vicar Louise has also asked us if we could collect donations from families to give out to the older people of the village, a lot of who live by themselves. Any small item would be gratefully received. The video of vicar Louise can be found at <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1WmWMMuKt1mdyymEK97Y2qNS9Pg-KKDER/view?usp=sharing>

Thank you to all of you for your feedback when we called you about your children. We know that it must be hard for you not to be able to come into the playgroup setting but we really appreciate such positive comments.

You will receive an invoice soon and we are offering you the opportunity to pay in 2 instalments if you wish. It is a long half term and there is a rather big event coming up towards the end of December.....

Because we can't have our annual Autumn craft morning, we would like to get you making at home instead.....On Saturday 31st October we will be holding Cupcakes and Creepy Creations, which will involve a cake competition for adults - either a set of 6-12 cupcakes or a large cake decorated for Halloween. The cakes will be judged by an independent panel and all cakes will then be put onto platters of 6 to be purchased. You will be able to pre-order cake platters and we will be delivering around Belton and providing a take-away service for people who live outside the village. For the children there will be a competition to make Creepy Creations from recyclables. You can then send a photo of your child and their creation by WhatsApp or email to Playgroup. These will be shown on our Facebook Page and the best creation will win a prize. You may also like to use your model to decorate your house for Halloween. There will be flyers coming out very soon with more details and order forms.

We do need every family to either donate Halloween cakes to the competition, donate a cake for the sale (home made or bought) and/or a raffle prize. We will need to know how many cakes we have promised by 24th October so we can fill all orders.

If you would like your child to attend the Christmas Holiday Club, we need to know by end of October. It will be open from Monday 21st to Wednesday 23rd December from 8am to 4pm. It will cost £5.10 per hour unless you have banked funding hours then it will be £1 per hour.

Have a great half term break and don't forget to send photos of your activities.

Sam, Becky, Jo, Vanessa, Kelly, Amanda, and Megan

Dates for your Diary:

19th to 23rd October - Half term
31st October - Cupcakes & Creepy Creations
13th November - Children in Need
18th December - Break up
21st to 23rd December - Holiday club
5th January - Spring Term starts

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