

Dear parents and carers,

Welcome back, we hope you all managed to have a lovely half term. We are going to be very busy over the next few months and have a few things for you to get involved with. We would like to welcome Jude, our newest starter.

Last term we enjoyed building and connecting and have carried this on. Our Fun Filled Friday children enjoyed looking at the different types of buildings in Belton and have been recreating them using wooden blocks, magnetic tiles, and foam bricks. Please send

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us photos of your houses (especially the door numbers), building work or any unusual structures you may have seen. The children love talking about things they know, places they have been and things they have seen. The photos you send in really encourage meaningful conversations and develops language which is advanced from that of the here and now.

After some healthy eating training, we have now added steamed vegetables to our snack time. The children also have a new self-serve milk dispenser - this is proving to be popular. We are in the process of making a leaflet to explain the importance of healthy eating and to give you new ideas for healthy, affordable lunchboxes.

Our first 50^{th} Birthday Celebration for the year is a Beetle Drive on Saturday 25^{th} March at 3pm. Please prebook your places by emailing or WhatsApping us. It's £10 for a family ticket (2 adults, 2 children) or £3 per ticket for other adults.

We are participating in a Palm Sunday Parade to church on Sunday 2nd April. We will meet at the village hall at 9.45am and parade with Palm leaves to church for a family service. All family members are welcome - the more the merrier!

On Tuesday, 16th May at 7.30pm we will be holding our first Parent's Play Session since the pandemic. This is a fun and interactive session to learn about the importance of play and brain development. It's also an opportunity to see what your children get up to and to get your happy hormones working - we're sure the disco glitterball will be making an appearance, so be prepared to go home exhausted but happy!

We are excited to tell you that Jane Taylor and Laura Miller are coming in to help us design and make some pictures for a mural on the front of the Village Hall over the next few weeks. Others, including the school have also been asked to help and we can't wait to show you the finished result!

We told you it was busy! Please try to get involved where possible - we do really appreciate it!

Thanks,

Sam, Becky, Vanessa, Kelly, Jo, Amanda, Megan & Leah

Dates for your Diary:

World Book Day - dress up on Thursday 3rd & Friday 4th

Beetle Drive - Saturday 25th March, 3pm Break up for Easter Friday 31st March. Palm Sunday Parade - Sunday 2nd April at 9.45pm Easter Holiday Club Tuesday 4th - 6th April

Back to playgroup Monday 17th April Spring Activity Morning - 22nd April, 11am-12.30pm Closed for Elections - Thursday 4th May Bank Holiday - Monday 1st May Extra Bank Holiday - Monday 8th May Parents Play Session - Tuesday 16th May, 7.30pm Half Term - Monday 29th May - Friday 2nd June

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