

Belton C of E Primary School

Newsletter 7

16th October 2015



The Meerkats and Bees had a wonderful visit to Hough Mill on Wednesday. The trip on the coach was exciting too! They had to cross over stiles and walk through a field to reach the mill.

While there they were able to find out about grinding corn and how the mill worked and also to have a go at pulling up the sacks and being raised and lowered on the sack trolley.



After that, they were given a talk by a 'miner' who showed everyone how coal was mined in the early days and how difficult a job it was. He gave the Meerkats and Bees some coal to take home too!

Hough Mill is worth a visit and on our door step as it were. I enclose the link if you want to find out more about it.

http://www.swannington-heritage.co.uk/swannington_hough_windmill.html



Parents' evenings and consultation afternoons

Parents' evenings and consultation afternoons have gone well this week and we have had some positive feedback about the format etc. and thanks go to FOBS for arranging and serving refreshments. Individual targets and curriculum learning for the year were given out so if you were not able to attend the parents evening please try to see your child's teacher or we can send the information to you in the book bag. We are working hard on trying to give you as much information as possible about the curriculum and your child's learning and progress and have this as a focus of our school improvement plan. Please feel free to ask if you have any questions.

We break up **today** and school opens again on **Tuesday 27th October at 8.45am.**

Breakfast club will be on as usual from 7.45am.

Parent Governors

Thank you for your support with this. As we have more than 2 nominations there will be a ballot after half term which you will be informed about and asked to vote.

Phonics reading information evening

On the evening of **Wednesday 28th October** we would like to invite you to an **Information Evening**

for Meerkat and Bees parents (Year R & Year 1)

to explain how we teach phonics and reading at our school and what you can do to help at home.

It will be in the school hall and start at **6pm.**

It is expected to last about an hour. We hope you will be able to join us. FOBS have kindly agreed to do the refreshments for this event.



Cross Country race 2

Cross Country race 2 will be at Prestwold Hall on **October 31st** from 9am. Please see Mrs de Looze if your child wants to take part or if you can offer a lift on the day. The event is for Year 3, 4 and 5 and we would love to have a team to run to support our school.

Open Mornings

There will be open mornings on **Thursday 29th October** and **Friday 30th October**

for those parents in school to observe phonic teaching and reading at first hand.

Please meet in the foyer at 9am when you will be able to walk round school, then meet with Mrs de Looze to talk about what you have seen and ask any questions you may have.

Please let the office know if you are able to come to the open morning as soon as possible.



The photographer will be in school for individual photos on **Wednesday 28th October** for the day.

The photos will make great Christmas presents!



Enjoy the break and see you all on the **27th October.**
Clubs start as usual from the Tuesday.