



# SENIOR LEADERSHIP TEAM NEWSLETTER

## MRS PIDGEON

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### Summer Days

There has been some very encouraging weather this term as well as some exceedingly wet days. As it is the longest day this weekend let's hope the sun shines for the next few months! I honestly cannot believe how quickly this term is disappearing; we seem to be sprinting to the end of July and the summer break. There is so much to do before then, so many reports to be written, so many goodbyes to be said as our oldest children move on to South Hunsley.

### Local Authority and OFSTED feedback

We are delighted that the Local Authority wrote to us this month saying that "Welton Primary School remains appropriately placed in category 1- Outstanding". This came shortly after the OFSTED review letter informing us that they had carried out a desk top assessment and that standards and pupil progress had been sustained. We are very happy to celebrate these achievements and it has only strengthened our resolved to provide the community of Welton with exceptional teaching and learning. This seems a very apt place to remind ourselves of the Welton School Vision:

*"We, at Welton have a dream that our children will be proud, happy and confident; knowing that they are being nurtured, challenged and encouraged to ignite their own unique spark of genius, so that it catches fire and shines."*

### School Improvement

#### PE funding

We feel we are making extremely good use of the Government's Olympic Legacy funding. Mrs Millar will give more detail of the staff training but I wanted to mention the additional resources that are available to the pupils at lunchtimes and break times just in case you haven't heard! We now have 2 table tennis tables, a cricket net, new five aside goals, equipment to dabble in lacrosse and a game that is new to us called stoolball. The children really are spoilt for choice and our Year 4, 5 and 6 children are doing a fabulous job learning to be "young leaders" of lots of playground games.

### Review of improvement targets

At this time of year we begin to evaluate the success of the school's improvement work and identify priorities for next year.

#### Key objective:

*Teaching is outstanding and, together with a rich and relevant curriculum, contributes to outstanding learning and achievement, significant growth in students' knowledge, and excellent attitudes to learning.*

Monitoring and evaluation evidence is showing us that the work we have done on marking, writing and presentation has had a high impact which has been reflected in the feedback from parents at parent meetings and a recent local authority moderating visit. A local authority advisor and teaching and learning consultant scrutinised standards, marking, and assessment of science, maths, reading and writing in Year 2 and were very impressed. Well done Mr Lomas and Mr Metcalf (and the Welton Team who contributed in many ways to the visit).

If you have any additional feedback on an area of teaching and learning you would like to see further developed please drop Mrs Patrick an email. Issues such as class organisation and size are important management issues but will not be classed as "developing teaching and learning" for the purpose of this feedback request.

### Recruitment

We have recently had a very successful recruitment process. Due to the growth of the school we were able to create two leadership posts and were excited to have a set of very strong applicants. After a few weeks of observations, presentations and formal interviews we appointed Mr Lomas and Miss Seddon to these posts. In addition we are very pleased to welcome Miss Wright to the school to the post of class teacher.

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**More mundane matters**

Please, please take the opportunity over the summer break to name the children's possessions. I am personally trialling iron-on labels guaranteed to stay on for an unbelievable number of years. I have enjoyed the first experience of 8 seconds per label but will keep you posted! This term as the weather has improved we have bags and bags of nameless school uniform, PE kit, plimsolls etc. etc. It is such a terrible waste of money if we can't return belongings to their owners.

**End of Day**

I would like to ask for your co-operation in the supervision of pre-school children on the school site. It is important to us that everyone is safe. Pre-school children and school pupils should not be using any of the play or sports equipment at the end of the school day. It is not safe for any children to sit or climb on the storage cupboards etc.

**DIARY DATES UP UNTIL THE SUMMER HOLIDAYS**

There is so much to pack in before the school breaks up for summer! Please take a note of these dates and letters will be sent out nearer the date to give you more information:-

Monday 23 June	Y6 Maths Challenge for identified pupils Y3 and Y4 Cricket Competition for identified pupils
Thursday 26 June	Moving up day! 6pm Meet the Teachers evening for parents only
Friday 27 June	Y6 Festival of Sport at South Hunsley Foundation (Mrs Graham's class) trip to Drax
Tuesday 1 July	Guitar Concert for Years 4, 5 and 6
Thursday 3 July	Y5 and Y6 Cricket Competition for identified pupils
Friday 4 July	Sports Day - <b>a letter will be sent to parents next week, however KS1 Sports Day will be in the morning and KS2 Sports Day in the afternoon with the family picnic at lunchtime as usual.</b>
Monday 7 July	Reserve Sports Day
Thursday 10 July	Buswise presentation for Year 6
Friday 11 July	Reports to be sent out to parents
Wednesday 16 July	Year 6 Leavers assembly pm
Friday 18 July	Break up for the summer holidays.

PLEASE NOTE THAT CHILDREN WILL RETURN TO SCHOOL ON TUESDAY 2 SEPTEMBER 2014. THE REVISED DATES IN THE LETTER SENT OUT THIS WEEK IS FOR THE 2015/16 ACADEMIC YEAR.

## **MRS MILLAR**

### **Sport Success**

I am pleased that more and more of our pupils are volunteering to play in teams for their school.

We were able to send a Y5/6 team plus a Y3/4 team to the inter schools cricket competitions. The Y5/6 team won their first heat and went on to win the regional heat that took place at Beverley cricket club, last week. This means they now have a place in the county final completion which takes place at York and Clifton Alliance cricket ground in a week's time.

Our Y3/4 team will compete in the regional heats at Beverley next week. We are proud of all their efforts.

Our two Y5/6 football teams are now half way through their league matches and are showing great team work and resilience – especially as some of their matches have been in the rain!

We also sent a team from Y3/4 to play tennis at the Nuffield Centre last week too.

### **Teacher CPD**

With the sports funding, we have been able to arrange for CPD for teaching staff in cricket, golf and tennis over this half term. In September there will be more opportunities for the teaching staff to improve their knowledge in a variety of sports, and they will then be able to pass on this knowledge to the children.

### **Tour de South Hunsley**

A competition was held during May half term for Years 5 and 6 to write about something to do with cycling. The three winners were Lauren Jewitt, Holly Stewart and Fran Lachanudis. Well done to all three of you. The girls took part in the 'Tour de South Hunsley' yesterday, where they cycled from Swanland Primary School to North Ferriby Primary School, then to Welton, Brough Primary School and ended up at Elloughton Primary School. When they arrived at Welton, along with children from other schools, all the rest of the school lined the playground to cheer them on and were recorded by Viking FM!

### **Further information**

Please could we ask that parents refrain from sending sunglasses, toys or football cards into school. The sunglasses are a health and safety hazard in the playground when they are taking them off and running with them.

Toys and football cards are a source of anxiety for children at playtimes - there are plenty of activities and toys for children provided by the school and they don't need to bring things from home.

Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

### **Trips and Visits**

There have been lots of trips and visits since Easter:-

- Year 5 went to Murton Park to take part in a Viking workshop;
- Year 1 went to the Castle Museum at York to take part in a Toys workshop;
- Year 3 went to Murton Park to take part in a Romans workshop;
- Year 2 had a visit to The Deep in Hull as part of their topic on Oceans;
- Year 6 went to Making It at Mansfield as part of their Design and Technology week;
- Foundation classes have been to the Drax Nature Reserve to take part in pond dipping and other activities.

## MISS KILVINGTON

### Celebrating Writing

As you are all aware, we have all worked very hard as a school to improve the presentation of our work. This has involved many steps over the year. We began by changing to new handwriting style, initiated by a visit from handwriting expert Martin Harvey. The impact of this alone has been incredible. It makes me so proud to see the huge steps that each child has made with this. Their books are a delight to see!

We have also been working hard to improve our observational skills. These are very helpful to us when we are learning to communicate through both written words and pictures. We are now seeing children take so much more time and care to accompany their written work with illustrations which match the quality of their writing.

After speaking to so many children across school, it is apparent what a huge impact presentation has on pupils' self-esteem and confidence. They now take such pride in the work they are producing. This is certainly motivating them to write and to strive for a personal best.

To enhance this process further, we now have a special 'Welton's Outstanding Writing' display in the corridor. In my assembly every 2 weeks, one child from each year group is chosen to have their work displayed on the board. I am delighted to announce that these children have been chosen to have their outstanding work displayed for all to see!

Year 1 Miss Hudson – Archie Gargon and Olivia Hill

Year 1 Miss Clarkson – Cadan O'Connell and Aliya Ventour

Year 2 Mr Lomas – Thea Holt and Mercedii Talanoa

Year 2 Mr Metcalfe – Zenia Alvi and Joshua Rocket

Year 3 Miss Kilvington – Jessica Bisland and Jasmine Thompson

Year 4 Mrs Shingler and Mrs Hargraves – Cadan Sawyers and Sammie Clarke

Year 5 Mrs Millar – Millie Blackhurst and Emilia Wright

Year 6 Mr Watson – Abi Heinzman and Annabel Beattie

## MRS PATRICK

### CLASS ORGANISATION FOR SEPTEMBER 2014

Please keep a look out in bookbags next week for the class organisation letters for September 2014. These letters will tell you who your child's teacher will be.

### SCHOOL MEALS

If you have not sent back your slip for the school meals from September 2014 yet, please do so by the end of June. If you have any questions, I will be around on the 'Meet the Teacher' night to answer any questions.

### DINNER MONEY

Letters are sent out weekly to inform parents if their dinner money payments are in arrears by over £10.00 - when you receive these letters, please ensure that you pay straight away. Dinner money should be paid in advance to the meals being taken.