



NEWSLETTER

LEADERSHIP TEAM

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Implementation Leaders

Mr Bentham
Mathematics Implementation Leader

Mrs K Fox
Writing Implementation Leader

Mrs S Millar
Mental Health and Wellbeing Implementation Leader

Miss J Seddon
Reading Implementation Leader

"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."

Latest Updates –Pivotal Moment

We understand that our community and families are keen to safely and appropriately move to a school life that includes all the important elements that have been missing since March 2020. To help us take these important decisions we take into account all the most UpToDate advice available to us. This week, at the Headteachers' Public Health Briefing we were given some very helpful information.

The return to school of children has caused an expected surge in cases locally, however the actions we take now can lead to the next stage: a plateau and then a decline.

Schools can provide families with the information required to make the adjustments they need for the safety of their families. An example of this would be to let families know if their child may have been in contact with the virus and recommend they seek a PCR test.

We are being encouraged to build into our lives, on a family level, the things that a few months ago we were required to do by law. If we can do this, we are more likely to keep infection rates down and hospitals will be able to deal with more and more emergencies not linked to Covid.

Large indoor events, without the systems of control in place such as additional ventilation, enhanced cleaning, seated facing forwards etc will raise the rates of infection, especially during this period of a surge of cases. Taking the right actions now will hopefully result in the planned Christmas events both at school and in families going ahead without increased measures of control and adaptations.

Having considered all the available advice and guidance we will continue with our cautious approach and our measures of control that will hopefully lead to our amazing healthcare professionals being able to look after the people we love as well as additional activities and events being gradually re-introduced in school.

We are often asked why we are taking this approach when other schools are not. Unfortunately, we don't have the information available to answer this but the advice we were given this week seems really sensible. We can help each other to risk assess our community and families' safety and then choose to do all or some of the things which in the past we were told to do.

Communication

Working together with our families to ensure your children are successful and happy is important to us. If you have a query about your child's learning, social and emotional wellbeing or classroom systems please contact the school office who will let the teacher know you would like to chat. If having spoken to the teacher you continue to have the same query or concern, the next step is to contact the leader allocated to the year group, who will arrange a virtual meeting with yourself and the class teacher to further explore your worries. The office staff will be pleased to help you contact the right person. Please see the table to the right.

Mrs Pidgeon

	Leader
Foundation	Mrs Jones
Year 1	Mr Bentham
Year 2	Mrs Fox
Year 3	Mrs Saleh
Year 4	Mrs Millar
Year 5	Mrs Leitch
Year 6	Miss Seddon

Sporting Events

This term has seen a return to some of the partnership sporting competitions. We have already enjoyed the cross country and girls football events, both were very popular and we were very successful. Leading up to Christmas, we are now looking forward to boys football, Year 3 and 4 dodgeball, Year 5 and 6 dodgeball, as well as Year 5 and 6 mixed Hockey. It is so exciting having these things going on again and having so many children wanting to take part.



Upcoming Dates to Note –please note any of the events below could be cancelled or changed at short notice in light of risk assessments.

Thursday 21st October	Individual Photographs. We will be contacting you about pre-school sibling photographs
Week beginning 1st November	Parent meetings via teams.
Tuesday 9th November	11.00am Year 5 and Year 6 only leading a Remembrance Service at St Helen's Church. Year 5 and Year 6—1 parent invited in first instance
Tuesday 9th November	In school Remembrance Service for other Year Groups
Friday 12th November	Children In Need - Heroes' Day —donate £1 to come dressed up as a hero , don't forget our modern day heroes e.g. doctors, nurses, firefighters, police, armed forces etc
Friday 26th November	Science Day — a day of Covid Safe investigation, workshops and visitors for the whole school
Friday 3rd December	Flu Vaccination Day —more information to follow
Friday 10th December	Foundation Nativity pm - Systems of control will be in place, limiting number of visitors etc
Monday 13th December	Foundation Nativity pm - Systems of control will be in place, limiting number of visitors etc
Tuesday 14th December	Pantomime and Class Parties
Wednesday 15th December	Traditional Carol Service for the Welton Community 6pm-7pm at St Helen's .
Thursday 16th December	Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3 Crib Service am—1 x Year 1 parents per child invited
Thursday 16th December	Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 Carol Service pm - 1 x Year 4 parents per child invited
Friday 17th December	Christingle Service in school

School closes for Half-term -Thursday 21st October