



NEWSLETTER

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Spring 2023

The start of 2023 has been, as always a busy one. We have enjoyed the support of our Welton Family in all that we do. Thank you.

Morning Registration

We would like to say a massive thank you to you all for helping us start learning promptly every morning, it is making such a difference having all the children in the classroom by 8.55 am at the latest. We will continue to close the gates at 8.50 am moving forward.

School Meals

We are delighted to welcome Mrs Clifford as our new Cook in Charge. The school meals look delicious and the children are really enjoying the return to a hot meals service.

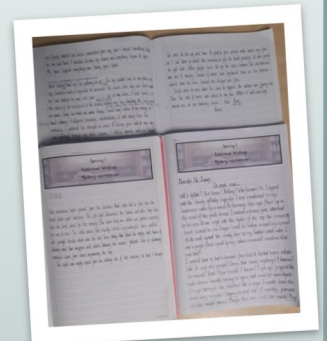


Book Exchange Library

You will have noticed that the Telephone Box Library hasn't progressed. The FOWS have agreed to support the project and we just need to find a landscaper with the availability to transform the area. This is proving difficult. If anyone knows of a company who may be interested in this kind of project please will you pass on the details of the company to office. Thank you.

Writing at Welton

At Welton, our aim is to develop independent writers, who can confidently transform their ideas into engaging and purposeful texts, with the reader at the heart. This term, we have been making changes to how we deliver writing based on extensive research into best practice. Every unit begins with a hook to engage and enthuse the children before looking at lots of quality examples of the focus genre. We then ensure that we teach the necessary grammatical skills needed to write coherent and effective sentences. It is important that they are able to organise their thinking to meet the needs of their audience so the process of planning is explicitly taught. Over several days, the children will draft their text with ongoing modelling from the teacher. We want the children to see themselves as writers and see that writing is a journey. The children will spend time revising and editing their work before publishing in their best handwriting. The impact of these changes can already be seen throughout school and the children talk enthusiastically about their journey as writers.



World Book Day and Book Fair

On Thursday 2nd March we are inviting the children to come dressed as their favourite character from an adventure story. All the children have been reading adventure stories and writing their own this term, so they should have lots of ideas.

We are also very excited to invite you to a Book Fair in school at 3.30pm where the £1 book voucher books will be available plus lots of others. We will ensure children in the OSC have an opportunity to visit the book fair.





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Parking Outside School

We have noticed that a number of people are stopping on the school's yellow 'zigzag' road markings to drop off their children.



Can we ask that you please do not park or stop even for a short moment on these markings to ensure the safety of our children. This is referenced from The Highway Code. Any cars stopped or parked in the restricted area can easily hide small children who are about to cross the road.

Plastic Bottle Tops Recycling

A really big thank you to everyone for supporting us to recycle plastic bottle tops.

Amazingly, we have now recycled over **315kg** of plastic so far and earned a further 66,000 Earth Points. We have now exchanged these for 2 sets of tables and chairs and a wonderful bookcase that [@Schoolcycled](#) has kindly personalised with our school logo.



It is great to think that these have been made from the bottle tops we all collect. Let's keep it going. Maybe, as a family you could do a litter picking excursion over half term to collect bottle tops and make a difference in our community.



Attendance

We are working with the Education Welfare Department to improve pupil attendance, which currently stands at 95.37% for the whole school. Good attendance is essential for pupils to get the most out of their school experience, including their attainment, wellbeing, and wider life chances. The pupils with the highest attainment at the end of key stage 2 have higher rates of attendance over the key stage compared to those with the lowest attainment.

As a parent, you are expected to:-

- Ensure your child attends every day the school is open except when a statutory reason applies;
- Notify the school as soon as possible when their child has to be unexpectedly absent (e.g. sickness);
- Only request leave of absence in exceptional circumstances and do so in advance;
- Book any medical appointments around the school day where possible.

We look forward to working with parents to ensure that all pupils get the most from their time at Welton Primary School.

EVERYday
counts
attendance matters

Attendance Ladder

How close is your child to 100%?

0 days off school	100%	Perfection
Equates to 2 days off school each year	99%	Excellent
Equates to 5 days off school each year	97%	Good
Equates to 10 days off school each year	95%	Slight Concern
Equates to 20 days off school each year	90%	Concerned
Equates to 30 days off school each year	85%	Very Concerned

Dates for the Diary Spring Term 2

Feedback has told us that you would like to know further in advance the things that the school has planned . Please note that dates may be subject to change in response to unexpected events.

27th February	Massage in school Workshop for parents 2.15pm
28th February	Potential Strike Day
2nd March	World Book Day
6th March –17th March	Maths and Reading Assessments
9th March	Year 1 Trip to Yorkshire Wildlife Park
15th March	Potential Strike Day
16th March	Potential Strike Day
20th March	Foundation and Y6 Height and Weight Checks
23rd March	World Maths Day in Schools Workshops
Thursday 30th March	Break up for the holiday

Special Events

28 March	Year 1 Easter Service	St Helen's Church
28 March	Year 3 Easter Service	St Helen's Church
16 May	Year 5 and Year 6 Christian Aid Event	St Helen's Church
Thursday 13th July	Sports Day	School
18th July	Leavers Assembly	St Helen's Church

Curriculum Theme Days

2nd March	World Book Day
7th March TBC	Creative Writing Day
23 March	Mathematics and Engineering Day
18 May	Technology Day
29th June	Music and Creative Arts Day

Positive Play

We have done a lot of work to improve playtimes in response to pupil voice, which has included adding indoor classrooms and more opportunities for sport and running games. To further develop this work the children tell us they would like more dressing up and large construction suitable for use outside (including on tables). If you have any dressing up outfits or construction sets that you no longer need, we would be very grateful for them.

Swimming Lessons



The school continues to ensure that the children meet end of Key Stage 2 expectations before they leave the school at the end of Year 6 and there is still some catch up as a result of school closure. This year we are swimming at the leisure centre in Barton as Haltemprice were unable to provide any pool time. Attending swimming lessons whether at Haltemprice or Barton occupies most of a school morning and therefore we have identified sessions after KS2 SATS for Year 6 pupils, to reduce disruption to learning.

Potential Strike Days

Please note, we cannot predict how the school will be affected by the upcoming teacher strikes and although we hope to remain open, partial and full closure remains a possibility. Please have some contingency plans in place. Thank you.

Stay and Read over the year

Mon 6th March	Foundation and Year 6
Tues 7 March	Year 1 and Year 5
Wed 8 March	Year 2
Thurs 9 March	Year 3
Fri 10th March	Year 4
Tues 2 May	Foundation, Y3 and Y6
Wed 3 May	Year 1 and Year 5
Thurs 4 May	Year 2
Fri 5 May	Year 4
Mon 26th June	Foundation and Year 6
Tues 27th June	Year 1 and Year 5
Wed 28 June	Year 2
Thurs 29 June	Year 3
Fri 30th June	Year 4

Open Classrooms Over the Year

Informal Drop In and Celebration of Pupil Work

Tuesday 14 March 3.30-5.15

Tuesday 16th May 3.30-5.15

Tuesday 4th July 3.30-5.15

Parents Meetings

20th, 21st, 22nd, 23rd, 24th March
to include IEP meetings

