



# NEWSLETTER

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**LEADERSHIP TEAM**

Mrs N Pidgeon  
Head Teacher

Mrs L Jones  
Assistant Head Teacher

Mrs L Leitch  
Assistant Head Teacher

**Senior Implementation Leaders**

Miss A Brash  
Early Reading Implementation Leader

Mrs S Millar  
Behaviour and PHSE Implementation Leader

Miss J Seddon  
English Implementation Leader

## Autumn Term

A busy and productive half term for staff and children alike. A visitor recently asked the children what they liked about Welton, the response: "We are like family – one big community, I like everything about my school". Whilst being proud of our community, we are committed to continue to grow, change and develop, just like any family.

## Developments and Improvements

We are very pleased to be able to share with you that after a significant delay, work starts on the Forest School area over the half-term. Not only have the FOWS worked hard raising money for this project, they have been fantastic in finding someone to carry out the work. We can't wait to see the journey of our new forest area as it grows over time.



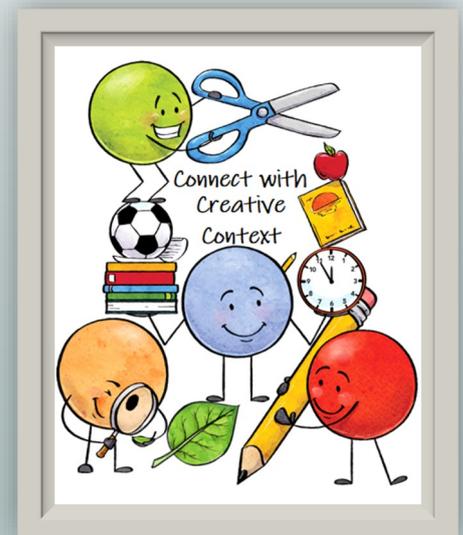
After an equally long delay, we have a start date for our community library area. It has been incredibly challenging to find a company to carry out this work but over the Christmas break this will be completed. The school is part funding this with the FOWS and this is going to add another fantastic resource to the school community.



Finally, the EYFS playground is being re-surfaced over half-term to ensure our youngest children have a lovely soft outdoor learning area, free from holes.

## Creative Context Returns By Popular Demand

Next week, we re-launch our very special creative context sessions. As well as all the amazing activities we will be offering the children, we are linking these sessions to the Welton Wellbeing Offer that all our children receive. Staff will be planning both creative lessons and opportunities for the children to connect with the Welton Family and build their social emotion learning skills to ensure they thrive now and in the future. For those of you who are new to the school, the children come together into small groups of pupils from every year group to make new friends and complete activities such as cooking, coding, forest schools, felting, singing and lots more. Thank you to the parents who have volunteered to give up their time every week to help make this happen.



## FOWS Events

The FOWS are integral to the future development of the school, as sadly, schools nationally are woefully underfunded. By supporting their events we are able to provide so much more enhancement to the curriculum and the school. Please put the following in your diary and look out for more details:

- AGM 5pm 15th November**
- Christmas Disco 1st December**
- Wreath Making Night 7th December**
- Christmas Fair 15th December**



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**Attendance**

As we know we have had a significant amount of sickness amongst our school community and we have asked you to be vigilant in keeping children at home when they are unwell. We thank you for your continued support in the tricky balance between managing illness and strong attendance. We are aware of this when we share attendance data with you and over the year, your child's attendance will meet the school's benchmark for strong attendance of 97% with this current period of illness. There will be children in our school with exceptional circumstances, that will need a bespoke approach to attendance, if you feel we are not aware of the barriers you face, please let us know.

Mrs L Jones  
Assistant Head  
Teacher

Mrs L Leitch

Assistant Head  
Teacher

**Communication**

The staff of Welton Primary School are always here to help and support. We can work effectively together if we understand your worries and concerns before they escalate to becoming a source of upset. We hope it will be helpful to recap on the system at Welton to ensure you get a speedy response to your worries.

**Step 1** For all learning, friendship, rules and expectations and class based queries please ask to speak to the class teacher.

Phase  
leaders

*This can be done via email to office, letting the SLT member on the gate know or at the 3.30pm pick up.*

Miss  
Brash  
EYFS

**Step 2** If the issue hasn't been resolved with the class teacher ask to speak to the phase leader (see left hand column)

*This can be done via email to office or letting the SLT member on the gate know.*

Miss  
Seddon  
Year 1  
Year 2  
Year 3

**Step 3** If the phase leader hasn't been able to resolve the concern you can ask to speak to one of the Assistant Heads.

**Step 4** In the unlikely event things have not been addressed at this stage, the Assistant Head will facilitate a meeting with the Headteacher.

Mrs Millar  
Year 4  
Year 5  
Year 6

**For all queries around payments, financial distress, OSC, appointments etc please contact the office directly.**

**Don't forget that there are SLT staff on the gate every morning and we are very happy to pass on messages and offer advice and support. Many classrooms have TA's at the door too.**

***We thank you for enabling the teachers to focus on teaching in the morning by following the above systems.***

## Dates for the Diary Autumn Term

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.

<b>Monday 6 November</b>	<b>Back to School</b>
Friday 10th November	Year 2 Welton Village Walk
Week beginning 13 Nov	Stay and Read
Tues 14 November	Year 2 to Normanby Hall
Tues 14 November	Year 4 Swimming begins
Tues 14 November	Year 3/4 mixed Football Competition
Wednesday 15 November	Year 6 Swimming begins
Tuesday 21 November	Year 5/6 Mixed Bench Ball
Monday 27 November	Assessment Week
Tuesday 28 November	Year 5/6 Mixed Football
Tuesday 5 December	Year 3/4 Mixed Bench Ball
Thursday 7 Dec	Choir Carol Concert South Hunsley 6-8 pm
Tuesday 12 December	Year 3/4 Mixed Football
Tuesday 19 December	Year 5/6 Mixed Football

## Special Events

22 September	Year 2 Harvest Festival 2pm	St Helen's Church
7th November	Year 4 Remembrance 2pm	St Helen's Church
14th December	Foundation Stage Christmas Play pm	School Hall
18th December am	KS 1 and Y3 Crib Service 10.30	St Helen's Church
18th December pm	Year 5 and Year 6 Carol Service 2pm	St Helen's Church
21 Dec	<b>Panto in School</b> and Party Day	School
22 Dec	Y4 Christingle Service 10.30 (parents of Y4 invited)	School
18 March	Year 3 Easter Service 2pm	St Helen's Church
28 Apr-1 May	Year 5 PGL visit	PGL
27 June TBC	Year 6 Transition to S Hunsley	
5th July	Sports Day	School
11 July	Parent Evening -Meet the Teacher	School
12 July	Move up afternoon F-Y5	School
12 July	Reports out	
16 July	Y6 leavers trip	
18 July	Y6 Leavers Assembly	St Helen's Church

## Curriculum Theme Days

6th October	Music Day- to be re-arranged
17th November	Interfaith Day
23 February	International Mother Languages Day
7 March	World Book Day
21 March	Mathematics and Engineering Day
17 May	PHSE Day
24 June	Science and Engineers Day

## Stay and Read over the year

Mon 25 Sept	Foundation and Year 6
Tues 26 Sept	Year 1 and Year 5
Wed 27 Sept	Year 2
Thurs 28 Sept	Year 3 and Year 4
Mon 13 Nov	Foundation and Year 6
Tues 14 Nov	Year 1 and Year 5
Wed 15 Nov	Year 2
Thurs 16 Nov	Year 3
Fri 17 Nov	Year 4
Mon 4th March	Foundation and Year 6
Tues 5 March	Year 1 and Year 5
Wed 6 March	Year 2
Thurs 7 March	Year 3
Fri 8 March	Year 4
Tues 30 April	Foundation, Y3 and Y6
Wed 1 May	Year 1
Thurs 2 May	Year 2
Fri 3 May	Year 4 and 5
Mon 24 June	Foundation and Year 6
Tues 25 June	Year 1 and Year 5
Wed 26 June	Year 2
Thurs 27 June	Year 3
Fri 28 June	Year 4

## Open Classrooms Over the Year

Informal Drop In and Celebration of Pupil Work

Monday 9th October 3.30-5.15

Monday 18 March 3.30-5.15

Monday 15 July—celebration and bring books home

## Parents Meetings

10th 11th 12th October

19th 20th 21st March

## To note:

Tues 14 Nov—Tues 23 Jan Y4 swimming

Wed 15 Nov -Wed 24 Jan Y6 swimming

Tues 14 Nov Y2 Normanby Hall

Thurs 25 April Class Photographs

Mon 20 Nov Flu Vaccines