

SENIOR LEADERSHIP TEAM NEWSLETTER

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Welcome Back

It has been a really positive start to the new academic year. The children have settled very quickly into their new classes and all our new children are seen around school smiling and laughing showing us the Welton Community has welcomed them warmly.

School Site Improvements

Over the summer the Local Authority have refurbished the original pupil toilets, replacing all the fixtures, fittings and floors. They are very smart and a welcome improvement. We have also had the playground re-surfaced and are waiting for the school council to work with the children to decide on some new markings. The FOWS have kindly agreed to fund these for the children. The all-weather pitch is finished and is available during PE lessons. The manufacturers have directed that to maintain the pitch and ensure it has a long life the children need to wear clean trainers when using it. This does mean trainers for the pitch and astros or boots for the field. PE will continue to be delivered on the field and playground in the meantime if necessary.

School Vision

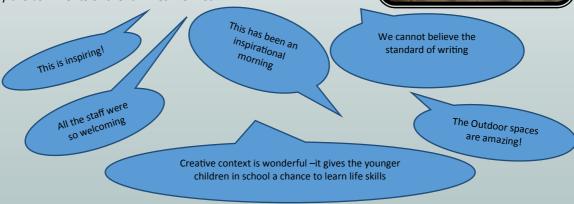
We would like to share the school vison with you all again as it really is something that is visible when you visit our school and we are indeed very proud if this:

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.

Open Morning

We had the most successful open morning recently. The school had a fabulous atmosphere as we welcomed families new and established to experience our facilities and meet the whole school staff. It was a morning of the school vision in practise and this was demonstrated by the comments of the families we met:





Welcome

Mr Dixon, Miss Holey and Miss Oldridge are completely immersed in the Welton approaches and are sharing their special skills and talents with the children and the staff. Mr Dixon is already leading assemblies, supporting Mrs Leighton with his experience and knowledge of our new Jigsaw scheme. We are so pleased to welcome them to our community.

IT hardware

We would like to thank you Mr Kemp and Turbonomic for the donation of some laptops for pupil use!

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Educational Visits

The new academic year started with several educational visits in the second week to kick start the children's learning. Year 1 enjoyed a morning at Welton Waters Activity Centre in the 'Forest' area, where they became experts on the different types of trees, about the structure of trees and they made their own trees using the natural materials they found.



Year 6 pupils visited Tropical Butterfly World in Sheffield as part of their science topic on 'Rainforests', where they got to meet some of the animals that they were studying.

Foundation children had a walk into Welton to visit St Helen's Church before the Harvest Festival so that they could experience the Church when it was empty and to meet Rev Holdsworth.



The whole school walked to St Helen's Church to celebrate the Harvest Festival last Friday and we would like to thank children and parents for their contributions to the worthwhile cause.







Parent Parking

This is a message from the local PCSO's:-

We have received complaints about illegally and inconsiderately parked vehicles near our school which coincide with the school's start and finish times. This not only causes inconvenience to local residents but also causes road safety issues, including danger to pedestrians crossing roads.

Although we encourage walking and cycling to school, we acknowledge that it is essential that vehicles are used, by some, to provide transport for journeys to school. We must ask you to take care that your parking does not cause inconvenience to local residents. Nor should it cause danger to passing pedestrians, cyclists or traffic, even if this means you need to park a little further from the school gates.

Please ensure that you obey the following rules which form part of the requirements of the Highway Code:

DO NOT stop or park:

- near a school entrance
- anywhere you would prevent access for Emergency Services
- opposite or within 10 metres (32 feet) of a junction, except in an authorised parking space
- opposite a traffic island or (if this would cause an obstruction) another parked vehicle
- where the kerb has been lowered to help wheelchair users and powered mobility vehicles
- in front of an entrance to a property
- on a bend
- where you would obstruct cyclists' use of cycle facilities except when forced to do so by stationary traffic.
- You MUST NOT stop or park on a pedestrian crossing, including the area marked by the zig-zag lines.

We need to keep disruption by school related traffic to an absolute minimum and by following the above rules you will not only be reducing congestion, but also improving safety for your children.

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Diary Dates

Tuesday 9 October Year 4 Educational Visit pm

Tuesday 16 October Year 2 Educational Visit am

Thursday 18 October Individual Photographs

w/c 22 October Parents Evening week

Thursday 25 October Break Up for Half Term

Monday 5 November Back to School

Tuesday 20 November Flu Vaccinations for Foundation to Year 5

Thursday 22 November Reading and Phonics Morning in Foundation (letter to follow)

Thursday 6 December Christmas Craft Morning in Foundation (letter to follow)

Wednesday 12 December 6.30pm Family Carol Service at St Helen's Church

Friday 14 December Foundation Nativity pm (letter to follow)

Monday 17 December Foundation Nativity pm (letter to follow)

Tuesday 18 December Pantomime visit and class parties

Thursday 20 December Christmas Dinner

Friday 21 December Break up for Christmas

PLEASE REMEMBER THAT THE SCHOOL BREAKS UP FOR HALF TERM ON THURSDAY 25 OCTOBER 2018



JIGSAW

PSHE Education is a planned programme of learning through which children acquire the knowledge, understanding and skills they need to manage their lives both now and in their futures. It develops the qualities and attributes children need to thrive

as individuals, family members and members of society and the global community. Welton School have been delighted to enhance this provision through a dedicated 'Jigsaw' lesson each week, which has been funded by the money raised by parents and FOWS.

Each class has a Jigsaw character that will help them make sense of their place in the world. The lesson starts with a mindfulness approach to create a calm and focused start to the session and then key social and emotional learning will be explored with maximum impact.

This term the whole school is focusing on the theme 'Being me in my world'. An assembly launch prompted children to think about appreciating themselves and recognising the good they can do. They took a very close look at their hands and thought of positive

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and less positive uses of them, and were taught that they have a choice about how to use them well. A competition has been launched to design the front cover of their Jigsaw Journals and the School Council will be judging this shortly.