



# SENIOR LEADERSHIP TEAM NEWSLETTER

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*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."*

The Spring Term was a busy one for staff, children and therefore parents. It has also been a term for celebration with the school's hard work being celebrated in league tables and Local Authority categorisation.

### Deputy Head Teacher

As you may be aware Mrs Leighton is leaving Welton Primary School at the end of this term. In fact she will be reducing her working week to three days from the start of the summer term. We are very sad to have to say goodbye to Mrs Leighton but we are very hopeful she will continue to be involved with the school in the future. For now, we continue to benefit from her dedication and enthusiasm for the community of Welton School.

The Governors are very pleased to be able to inform you that they have successfully recruited a new Deputy Head Teacher who will join Welton in September 2019. We look forward to welcoming Mrs Milica Saleh to the Welton family.

### Mathematics and school improvement

As you know the school's priority for improvement this year is mathematics. The staff have delivered and participated in over 40 hours of training and are rigorously focussing on pupil outcomes and progress. In addition to this:

- We have worked with two external maths consultants to build capabilities in all teaching and support staff. There have been two Numicon training days where the importance of conceptual understanding was emphasised across the different key stages and teachers have worked on focused planning with an external consultant.
- Two members of staff have participated in the sustaining mastery maths TRG hub groups and have hosted a session on variation and intelligent practice.
- A member of the middle leadership team is participating in the EEF 5 day maths course designed to improve mathematical outcomes in Key Stage 2 and 3 and is a research based project which centres around 5 target areas in maths. The same leader is participating in the 5 mastery maths lead course and is developing maths questioning and dialogue and this complements work in school around metacognition and Blooms Taxonomy.
- A Foundation Hub has been launched by the Outwood Academy and our Foundation Stage Lead has joined this with a focus on number and cardinality.

### Impact

We were very proud after hosting a numicon advocate day to receive this email from the consultant:  
*A belated thank you on behalf of OUP for a fabulous open morning last week, could you please also pass on our thanks to Mrs Harding for guiding us brilliantly around your wonderful school. I can honestly say that Mrs Harding showcased your school brilliantly, teachers were genuinely blown away by the teaching and learning in each classroom and were totally impressed to see Numicon being used in upper KS2 to solve complex fractions. It was a joy to meet your children - one little boy in Y5 told me that apart from his lunch Maths was his favourite subject! Children clearly enjoy Maths because they understand it ... I cannot praise you highly enough. Teachers took copious notes, photographs and left feeling inspired.*

### Tour de Yorkshire

Welton School are looking forward to contributing to the Land Art Installation on Dale Road. This is an exciting, collaborative schools project and will comprise of all children in our school making a personalised flag to form a part of the bike shape that will be featured on the field. We are certain that this will make an eye catching view from land and air and we are delighted to be collaborating with our partnership schools on this. In addition to this, there will be an opportunity for any interested pupils to help create an artistic installation for the cyclists and their supporters to see as they cycle past Welton church. This will be on the theme of our WILS skills, as we believe the cyclists will need these attributes.

**Rock Challenge**

Miss Richardson and Mrs Andrew worked hard with the children who participated in this year's Junior Rock Challenge at Bridlington Spa earlier in the month.

The children worked really hard and had an amazing time in the show. The dance followed the Big Bad Wolf as he travelled through different Fairy Tales. We are very proud of you all!



**Foundation Forest Schools**

Foundation Forest Schools has continued through March. Thank you to the parent helpers who have given up their time to go with the children. This picture shows the children investigating the first signs of Spring!



**Parent/Grandparent Helpers**

We are looking for any parents or grandparents that would be able to give up some of their time to come and listen to some of our children read. If you are able to commit to a weekly time period, please contact Mrs Patrick. Thank you!



**World Book Day**

We had lots of events taking place during our celebration of World Book Day:-

- Rev Holdsworth held an assembly about favourite bible stories and poems
- All classes displayed books of varying faiths in reading corners
- Key Stage 1 took part in a book safari around the school
- Key Stage 2 took part in a book challenge and had a visit from an author
- All children should have received a book voucher
- FS/Year 1 took part in a book rotation - please see the pictures to the right!



**Upcoming Dates:**

We have the following to look forward to:-

24 April - Run 4 Fun event (KS2)  
 25 April - NSPCC assembly  
     'Speak Out, Stay Safe'  
     Purple Pig Farm - Foundation  
 29 April - Year 4 Educational Visit to the Yorkshire Museum  
 30 April - Sam's Safari - Year 1  
 2 May - Class photographs  
 6 May - Bank Holiday Monday  
 13 May - Foundation Educational Visit to Austerfield  
 Week commencing 13 May - Year 6 SATS week  
 24 May - Break up for Half Term

Coming up after May Half Term:-

3 June - Back to school  
 7 June - Y3/4 Cricket Competition  
 10 – 12 June - Y5 Robinwood Residential  
 11 June - Foundation - Sea Life Centre  
 11 June - Year 2 - Magna  
 12 June - Year 3 - Spurn Point  
 18 June - Year 1 - Royal Armouries  
 20 June and 21 June - Year 4 - Drax  
 21 June - FOWS Summer Fair  
 24 June - Moving Up Day  
 4 July - Welton Choir Summer Concert  
 12 July - FOWS Summer Disco  
 19 July - Break up for Summer

**PLEASE NOTE THAT A DATE FOR SPORTS DAY HAS NOT YET BEEN CONFIRMED. WE WILL ADVISE YOU AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.**

**Parents Evening**

Thank you to all parents who attending our recent Parent Evenings - we hope you were as impressed with your children's work as we are!

**Easter Disco**

Thank you to FOWS and the parent helpers at the recent disco - it raised a fantastic £660 profit!

We are currently organising for some new playground markings to be installed!

**Out of School Club**

If you have any of the following at home that you are willing to donate to the Out of School Club it would be much appreciated:-

- Bandages, slings, first aid boxes
- Old pet/vet toys that your child may have grown out of
- Old mobile phones

Thank you!

**Foundation Mothers Day Assembly**

We hope all the mummies who attended the assembly enjoyed it and loved their presents!



**The school re-opens on Tuesday 23 April 2019.**