



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."

Terribilis est terminus!

This term confirmed something extremely special about Welton Primary School. We are a family; a real family where sometimes those you care about the most do things that you find irritating or make decisions you don't agree with. However when someone who is not part of your family treats you unfairly it is time to speak out. Thank you to all the members of the Welton family that telephoned, dropped in, wrote cards, emails and messages to give your support and feedback. It was overwhelming and one of the most positive experiences of my career. Mrs P.

Farewell

This term we say goodbye to several members of staff. We believe that the children of Welton are inspirational and Mrs Richardson, Mr Quinnell and Mrs Siddiqui must think so too as they are all starting their training to achieve qualified teacher status in September. Our loss is certainly the gain of the teaching profession. Miss Gath-Richardson is following her dream to work in a Special School and we know she will be amazing. Mrs Holmes has secured a promotion, and this is also her next step to becoming a teacher. Miss Brookfield and Mr Wilkinson have also come to the end of their time with us and we wish them well for the future. Mrs Leighton has retired from her post of Deputy Head Teacher but couldn't bear to leave us so is returning as a part time class teacher in September! Thank you to Mrs Leighton for her commitment and dedication to the children and staff of Welton Primary School, we are so pleased to keep you a little longer.

Governors

Thank you on behalf of the school to our team of Governors who as well as being responsible for the strategic direction of the school offer us support and encouragement whilst taking their duty to challenge seriously to ensure your children get the very best possible outcomes. Please take advantage of the new Governor Forum to get to know our dedicated team of governors. Autumn Term dates to be published soon.

Assistant Head Teacher

The Governing Body are very pleased to be able to inform you that they have recruited an Assistant Head Teacher to join the leadership team at Welton. This post will have a significant responsibility for developing the curriculum and teaching and learning. In addition, the role has a class responsibility and teaching commitment in Year 2 from January 2020. We are looking forward to welcoming Mrs L Jones to the team.

Concerns and queries

A quick reminder of who to talk to when you have a concern or query in relation to your child:

- The first point of contact is always the class teacher- they will be happy to ring you if this is more convenient, just let the school office know.
- Next would be the member of the leadership team with responsibility for the year group, next year this is:
 - ◇ Foundation-Mrs Brash
 - ◇ Year 1 and 2- Mrs Fox
 - ◇ Year 3 and 4- Miss Seddon
 - ◇ Year 5 and 6-Mrs Millar

If your concerns remain it will be helpful at this stage to arrange an appointment with either Mrs Saleh or Mrs Pidgeon

New Starters

June saw the school welcoming all the new children who will be starting the school in September. We are looking forward to getting to know them and welcoming them into our Welton family!

Educational Visits

Foundation had an exciting summer visit to the Sea Life Centre in Scarborough in June where they got to see first hand some of the amazing creatures that they had been reading and learning about as part of their topic about the seaside and under the sea.



Year 1 explored the Royal Armouries in Leeds as part of their English topic and took part in a story telling workshop about Knights and Castles.

As part of their science topic where they were learning about materials, Year 2 visited Magna and took part in two workshops as well as having the opportunity to look around the four pavilions in the centre. If you are looking for something to do on a rainy day in the holidays this place is an amazing, hands on centre to visit!

Year 3 explored our local coastline with a visit to Spurn Point as part of their geography syllabus about rivers. They explored the beach and took part in a 'map reading and creation' workshop.



Year 4's summer visit was to Drax Power Station to see how electricity is made. They had a tour around the power station and had a ride on electric buses.

Robinwood

Year 5's had an amazing 3 days at Robinwood for their residential visit, where they took part in so many exciting activities including the Piranha Pool, Archery, Raft Building, the Trapeze and many many more. A great experience that built on their collaboration skills!

A meeting is to be held on Monday 9 September after school for the parents of the new Year 5 children, so we can start planning for next year!



Open Morning

We have already starting promoting our school for children starting school in September 2020! We had a very successful open morning in June where we welcomed lots of prospective new families and children.

Our next Open Morning for children starting school in September 2020 will be on Saturday 28 September 2019, where we will be visited by the Purple Pig Company who have lots of lovely baby farm animals for the children to meet! More information will be sent out at the beginning of term.

FOWS

A huge thank you to all of the FOWS committee members for their hard work over the year, organising the wonderful events that take place.

The AGM will be taking place in the new academic year and it would be lovely to see some new members joining the committee and helping support our lovely school.

Upcoming Dates:

Tuesday 3 September	Back to School
Monday 9 September	3.45pm Robinwood Meeting for Year 5 parents
Friday 13 September	Sports Day - Year 1 to Year 6
Tuesday 24 September	Bikeability starts for Year 5 (finished on Thursday 3 October)
Thursday 26 September	Parent e-safety Workshop (time to be confirmed)
Friday 27 September	Harvest Festival
Thursday 17 October	Individual School Photographs
Week commencing 21 October	Parent's Evenings
Thursday 24 October	Break up for Half Term
Monday 4 November	Back to School
Thursday 14 November	Flu Vaccinations
Friday 20 December	Break up for Christmas Holidays

Sports Day

As you are aware, this year's sports day was cancelled due to the weather and we have rearranged this for **Friday 13th September**. A letter will be sent out straight after the holidays.

As this is a rearranged event, this is only for children from Year 1 to Year 6, although if you have a child in the new Foundation class you are more than welcome to have them join you for lunch. The new Foundation class will have their first Sports Day at the end of the Summer Term.

Year 6 Leaver's events

The Year 6 had a lovely end of primary school, marked by a school disco, sport event and picnic with parents, a leaver's assembly and a trip to Big Fun and a BBQ!

Good luck to each and every one of them as they start on their Secondary School journey. We look forward to hearing about all of your achievements in the future!

Maths Challenge

We had a victorious Year 6 Maths Challenge team of children this year! They won the challenge against the other primary schools in the South Hunsley Partnership. Well done to everyone who took part - we are very proud of you all!

Book Bags

A reminder to parents that only book bags are allowed in school, along with PE bags. Normal ruck sacks etc are not permitted. Every child requires a book bag. Thank you.

The teachers will be monitoring this in the Autumn Term, therefore please do not buy your child anything else. The school is open if you would like to purchase new book bags.

Summer Choir Concert

A lovely evening was spent towards the end of term where our choir performed a fantastic concert! Thank you to everyone who attended and made it a memorable night.

Mrs Richardson has nurtured a wonderful choir and the children and parents contributed towards some lovely leaving presents and the children made her a very special leaving card.

Homework Survey

Thank you to everyone who completed the homework survey. We will be using this feedback to develop a new homework policy early in the autumn term. The headlines are:

- Around 60% of parents feel the amount of homework is right;
- Around 40% of parents would like to join their child for an after-school homework club;
- Less than 40% of parents would like more workshops;
- Only 20% of parents felt their child consistently enjoyed their homework and more creative activities would be welcomed.