



Welbourn Church of England Primary School

'Believe, Excite, Succeed, Together'

Friday 24th January 2020



Dear Parents and Carers,

The children have been working very hard over the past few weeks and have shown excellent manners and behaviour while we have had some supply teachers in school due to staff being absent or on courses. A number of visitors, including from the Local Authority, have commented on how well mannered, polite the children are and how lovely our school is. Every person said how our school is a 'real family feel', which makes us very proud.

We would like to say a huge thank you and farewell to Mrs Sue Gordon who has been providing our school with Business Manager support from Monks Abbey School. For over a year, she has helped to ensure that our school is in a better financial position and that systems are in place to ensure the school is run more efficiently and sustainably. We would like to wish her every success in her new job as Director of Finance & Estates at King's School, Grantham.

We would also like to welcome Mrs Davis to our school. She is supporting our school as a School Business Manager and will be working with our admin team on a weekly basis.

Topaz and Emerald Class have started their outdoor Bushcraft and Forest School learning experience, which has been funded by our Friends of School. They are going to make and play instruments using outdoor materials. Throughout the school year, each class will have the opportunity to work with our visitor, Mark Clarke.

As part of our curriculum improvements, we are trailing a new programme for music. Moonstone Class have started to learn how to play the Ukulele by following the programme. We also purchased new Ukuleles for each child to use – we can't wait to perform at the end of term!

Finally, I would just like to say thank you to the parents who have been supporting and encouraging their children at home with reading and homework – it has been fantastic to see so many homework projects shared with the whole school during our celebration worship.

Kind regards

Mrs Boulter

Dates for your diary

Tuesday 28.01.20.

Topaz & Emerald Parent sharing with Zoolab experience

Thursday 30.01.20.

Rowing competition at Carre's, Sleaford

Friday 31.01.20.

Carre's Sports Athletics event

Friday 07.02.20.

Amethyst Rand Farm visit

Carre's Goalball event at our school

Monday 10.02.20.

Amethyst Parent sharing
1.30pm

Tuesday 11.02.20.

Safer Internet day

Wednesday 12.02.20.

Moonstone Parent sharing
1.30pm

Thursday 13.02.20.

Amethyst trip to Pizza Express

Friday 14.02.20.

Staff inset day

Monday 24.02.20.

Back to school

Attendance

This week's attendance is **97.1%**. Your child is expected to have at least 97% attendance and should aim for 100%, we will not authorise any holidays during term time, please help us to keep the attendance above 96%. The gate opens at 8.45 for morning activities and interventions so please try to arrive on time.



Parents we need your help!

Are you able to support in school to help with listening to children read? Could you help with gardening club? Can you help to maintain or improve our grounds?



If you are interested or can help in any way, please contact the school office.



Friends of School

Are you available to help or join our Friends of School?



Our Friends of school work hard throughout the year to help make a difference to our school. Not only do they arrange school events and activities but they help provide opportunities, resources, experiences for our children, which our school budget could not let us afford. Here are some examples from the past year:

- Maths resources to support our curriculum
- Science resources (for scientific enquiry opportunities)
- Our new library
- Outdoor learning spaces
- Art week activities – including African Dance and music
- Music subscriptions and instruments
- Special visitors in school
- Christmas activities
- Forest School and Bushcraft activities
- A budget for individual class activities and experiences



Friends of School would like to say...



A huge thank you to Rachel Tottingham and her band, "Roosettes", for the fantastic singing at the Christmas Fair. Thank you to all the volunteers who helped to put the lights in the trees and set up or worked on the stands during the evening. Thank you also to Mrs Ellis and the Brass Band members, as well as the Choir, who performed. We raised enough money to buy some Forest School cooking equipment, which each year group will use when taking part in their forest school sessions, this will link to their music, D.T or Science. Emerald and Topaz Class have already started their forest school experience as you can see in the photographs.



We also want to thank Sam Batchelor, Thomas Hounsfield and Jon Gordon for taking the time out of their weekend to help construct a shelter and path in our new garden and Forest School area at the bottom of the playing field. Thank you also to Nick Johnson for donating and bringing over two telegraph poles for the children to sit on around the campfire and to Andrew Hounsfield for donating the gravel for the pathway. So please, if anyone can help to organise, set up or attend events, or attend any meetings to share ideas please speak to Cat or Katie.

Let's take a look at some learning from our week ...

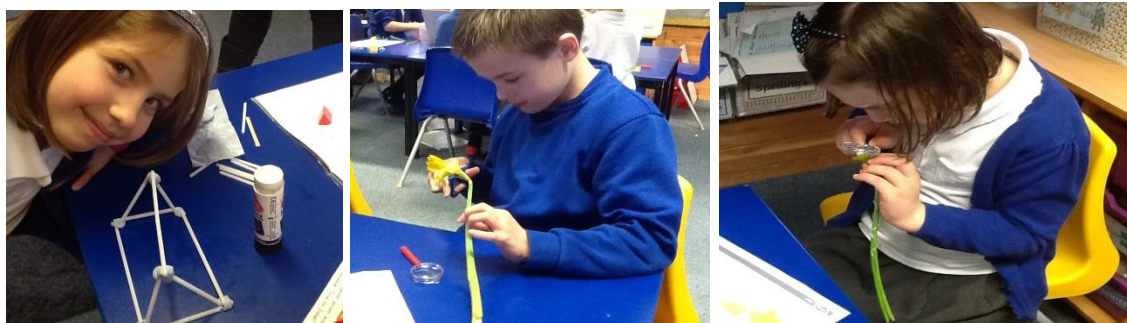
Topaz Class are enjoying working in pairs and learning how to read their new books and words during phonics time and taking part in musical adventure trails.



Emerald class have been making and tasting fruit salads, working on Times Table Rockstars and researching about mangroves.



Amethyst Class enjoyed creating 3D solids with a range of materials and investigating and dissecting plants.



Moontone class have been investigating air resistance in science and creating balance techniques in P.E.

