



Welbourn Church of England Primary School

11th January 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back and Happy New Year!

Well done to our Young voices choir who performed alongside Tony Hadley at Sheffield arena on Tuesday. We were very proud of all the children, they had such an amazing time – thank you to Bella and all of the other parents who volunteered to help the children prepare for this event and who accompanied Miss Hope on the evening.

We have had a few staffing changes recently in school, Mrs Dwane has been promoted to Administrator with bursary responsibilities, Mrs Cooknell has been appointed as a temporary lunchtime supervisor and Mrs Merrick will now work in Moonstone Class on a Wednesday and Thursday afternoon and Friday all day, I will teach Moonstone Class on a Thursday morning. We have 'The Music Man' starting to work with us this half term, he will be delivering exciting music sessions and there will be a performance at the end of the term to parents.

The club letter has been sent on a separate email, as you know we are constantly trying to improve the opportunities for our children. If you would like to volunteer to lead a club either during lunchtime or after school, we would love to hear from you. This will be pending a DBS check. In addition, if you are interested in helping in class or to improve our school grounds, then please contact the office.

This week you should also receive a topic map to show an overview of the areas that your child will be learning this half term. The website has also been updated with further information.

Best wishes

Mrs T Boulter

Dates for your diary

Monday 14th January

Topaz parents invited to Tapestry workshop 3.00pm

Tuesday 15th January – 1.30 – 2.30pm

KS1 Taekwondo event in school

Wednesday 17th January

Special visitor in for collective worship

Friday 25th January – 2.30pm

Parent Forum – focus on non-core subjects and homework

Week beginning 11th February

Arts Week

Wednesday 6th February

Amethyst trip to the collection

Tuesday 12th February 9am

Emerald & Moonstone Parental engagement morning

Wednesday 13th February 9am

Topaz Parental engagement morning

Friday 15th February 9am

Amethyst Parental engagement morning

Wednesday 6th March – 3pm

Parents evening

Attendance

This term's attendance is: 97%

Your child is expected to have at least 97% attendance and should aim for 100%, we will not authorise any holidays in term time.

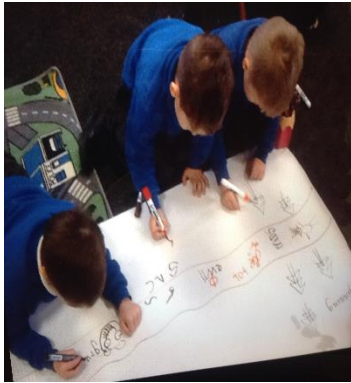
Being on time!

Gentle reminder! The gate opens at 8.45 for morning activities and interventions. The gate closes at 9.00am for registration. Your child will receive a late mark if they arrive after this time.

Late marks will contribute to your child's attendance record.

Let's take a look at our learning this week...

Topaz Class have enjoyed baking and drawing maps linked to the Gruffalo story



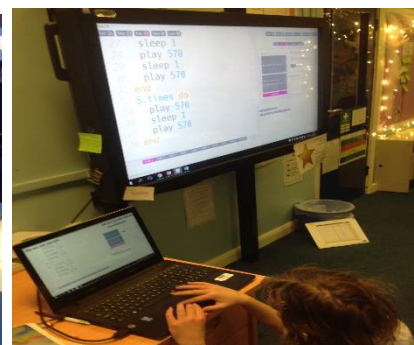
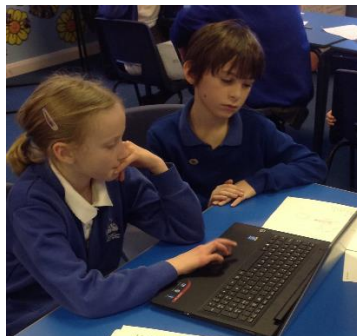
Emerald Class have enjoyed going on shape hunts and making African fruit salads.



Amethyst Class have enjoyed creating Ancient Egyptian canopic jars in art and playing mental maths games in maths



Moonstone Class created mini solar systems to scale and used SonicPi software to create sounds, in IT.



Well being

We have had a number of special visitors in school this week. Some of Moonstone Class have taken part in playground training. Children will then improve our play and lunchtimes by setting up games to play. Our Sports Ambassador training began this week with their mentor Mr Blackman, who is from Inspire+.

We also had Sam Ruddock in school, who had great fun with Topaz and Emerald Class and worked with small groups of children to develop self-esteem and confidence.



Feedback

Thank you for your feedback – please complete the Questionnaire if you haven't already done so. In response to some of the comments, here are a few points for clarification as some parents had stated that they were 'unsure' of these things:

Safety – Since being in post, we have reviewed and improved safety in school. We have had new maglocks placed on external doors and the school grounds have been cleared. Fire procedures have been updated and improved and safeguarding training is a regular focus in school.

Behaviour - Behaviour is monitored and Routine weeks are used to remind children of behaviour expectations. Red behaviour is challenged and parents are informed when an incident occurs. If patterns of behaviour develop, this is challenged and children receive targeted support to improve their behaviour. External support is given if needed and all behaviour incidents are logged on our system so that these can be reviewed. The Governing body regularly review our procedures for behaviour and safety and are confident that these are consistently in place.

Finances – Our finances are managed by myself, Sue Gorden (Temporary School business manager) and Jackie Dwane (Administrator with bursar responsibilities). The finances are also monitored by the Governing body and Lincolnshire County Council. We have a 5 year plan in place to ensure that finances are well managed and the school has become more stable since the last academic year.

Homework – Parent forum 25th January at 2.30pm to discuss or provide feedback. This will enable us to review current homework and inform decisions when adapting the current policy.