# Welbourn Church of England Primary School Newsletter 21st September 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

Another week has flown by and we have so much learning to celebrate. We have been making every minute count in school so that we can make the most of our learning time. Part of our new routines involve coming straight in to class in a morning. We will open the gate at 8.45am to allow children to come straight in to class to complete a range of tasks. This may be ipad games, spelling or handwriting practise, some extra help from an adult or some time to read. This has already proved successful and that children are ready to learn once the register has been taken, which starts the day in a positive, relaxed manner. We will close the gate at 8.55am but if you are late you will need to bring your child to the office. Due to health, safety and safeguarding reasons parents must not enter school without signing in or wearing a lanyard.

This term our Church School Value is Justice. We have been using the bible and other stories to help us learn about fairness and showing justice within school and the wider community. Our British value of the term is Democracy and this has been important to us this week while we have been campaigning for our School Council Elections. We will announce our newly elected School Council members on Monday – good luck to all candidates!

As you may have seen, we have had an enthusiastic group of parents who have climbed Ben Nevis to help raise money for school. We would like to say a huge thank you to them all. This money will go towards making improvements in school, which will be led by myself and the School Council. The first project will be to develop the outdoor learning area for Emerald class as we would like to improve the provision that we provide for our KS1 pupils. If you would like to help with this project, please let us know.

Like many other schools, funding has been cut and money is tight. Many schools across the county are facing the same financial constraints on their budgets, which is linked to Government funding and pupil numbers on roll. Please be rest assured that we are not in financial difficulty and our budget is well managed. Our friends of school and the 'Mums on a mission' have been working hard to fundraise to help support our school. This enables us to purchase additional resources and experiences for our children and make improvements in school which our main budget would not be able to cover.

Finally, we would like to say a huge well done to all of the Year 6 children who have taken part in the eleven plus tests over the past two weeks. You were so calm and confident and have made us all very proud.

I look forward to seeing you at our Harvest service or at the school gate.

Kind regards

Mrs T Boulter



'Trying our best to be our best.'

# **Dates for your diary**

## Monday 24th September

Visitor from Lincolnshire County Council to lead collective worship about home to school transport

# Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> September

JRSO collective worship

## Monday 1st October

Collecting donations for harvest

#### Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October

Amethyst visit to Creswell Craggs

## Thursday 4th October

School census day

## Friday 5th October

Harvest service at St Chad's church – 10.30am

#### Friday 12th October

Parent forum - 2.30pm

#### Wednesday 17th October

Parents evening

Our website and Class pages are currently being reviewed and will be updated soon.

In the meantime, please follow our school Twitter account and keep up to date with events this term at:

<a href="https://twitter.com/Welbourn">https://twitter.com/Welbourn</a>

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## Here is a snapshot of our week...

## School Council Election week

This week we have been making rosettes, writing speeches, participating in campaign groups and much more! We enjoyed our School Council Elections where we had to use a secret ballot to vote for the candidates that we wanted to elect. All of our candidates were exceptional and the campaign groups were extremely supportive of each other. We had a councillor to help us count the votes and a representative from Lincolnshire County Council to discuss why voting is important.









