



Welbourn
Church of England
Primary School

"Trying our best to be our best."

Welbourn Church of England Primary School

25th January 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

We've had a very exciting fortnight; the children are enjoying their topics and are frequently sharing exciting facts and experiences with myself and other staff members within school. We have had some inspirational visitors from Inspire+ and our Year 5 and 6 children have completed their Young Ambassador training. Your child will have received a legacy challenge booklet to complete as part of our keeping healthy initiative. Please encourage them to complete the tasks.

Topaz and Emerald Class have enjoyed their first music workshops with the Music man, this has been funded by the donation made from Friends of School - Amethyst and Moonstone Class will take part in music workshops next term.

You may receive a letter providing details about a booster or intervention that your child may take part in this term. These have been carefully selected to enable the pupils chosen to make accelerated progress in a particular area or to develop confidence. We are delighted to have appointed Mrs Espin as a Teaching Assistant to deliver some intervention to KS1 this term.

During the week beginning 11th February, Art Week will take place. The children do a range of art activities including music and dance. The theme is Africa, we will have an exhibition in our school hall from 2.00pm on Friday 15th to celebrate our learning. This will support our application of achieving the Artsmark. Friends of School are supporting this financially. If you would like to help we would welcome your support!

Kind regards

Mrs T Boulter

Dates for your diary

**Thursday 31st January
3.30pm**

Parent workshop for maths

Friday 1st February

Athletics group competition
for 12 pupils from Year 5/6

Tuesday 5th February

Safer internet day

Wednesday 6th February

Amethyst trip to the
collection

**Week beginning 11th
February**

Arts Week

**Tuesday 12th February
9am**

Emerald & Moonstone
Parental engagement
morning

Wednesday 13th February

Topaz Parental engagement
morning

Emerald Class trip to
Yorkshire Wildlife Park

Friday 15th February 9am

Amethyst Parental
engagement morning

**Friday 15th February
2.00pm**

Art Exhibition for the whole
community in the school hall

Wednesday 6th March 3pm

Parents evening

Attendance

This week's attendance is: 96%

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...

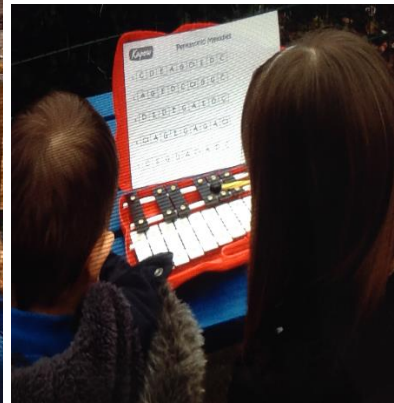
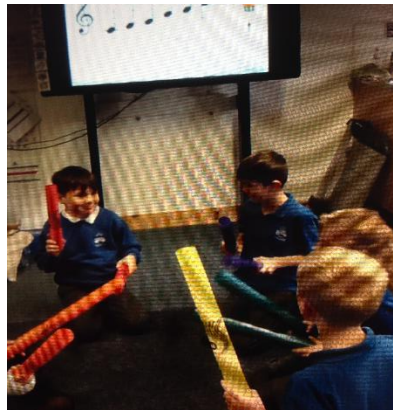
Topaz Class working with the music man and going on a stickman hunt



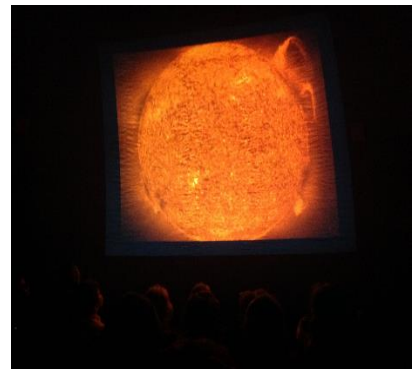
Emerald Class worked with Topaz Class to make African animals using a variety of media in art.



Amethyst Class have enjoyed music sessions using a variety of instruments and sound investigations in Science



Moonstone Class using drama to develop their writing and enjoying the Planetarium



Parent Forum

Our termly Parent Forum took place this afternoon. Thank you to all of the parents and Governors who attended. We reviewed homework and will share our new revised homework policy soon. We also discussed non core subjects and parents enjoyed visiting classrooms to see learning in action.



Science resources request!

Mrs Merrick has been very busy developing our Science Curriculum and supporting staff in improving the teaching of science. In order for us to deliver an enriching and engaging curriculum for Science, whilst developing scientific skills, we need to develop our resource bank. We wondered if before we purchase resources, any of these items could be donated from friends and family. You may have some spare resources at home that you wish to get rid of. Please find the list below that we require:

Playdoh / plasticine Collection of plastics Collection of metal objects Wood pieces Fabrics Different types of paper Insulating materials	Sponges Drinking Straws Beads and marbles Sets of sieves with different mesh sizes Colanders Touchabubbles Magic Snow	Collection of named rocks Soil Sieves Jars with lids Plastic funnels Beakers or plastic cups Thermometers Teaspoons (Plastic or metal)
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Reading

Please remember to read with your child at least 3 times per week and sign their reading records

Why is reading so important?

Evidence suggests that children who read for enjoyment every day not only perform better in reading tests than those who don't, but also develop a broader vocabulary, increased general knowledge and a better understanding of other cultures.

In fact, there's evidence to suggest that reading for pleasure is more likely to determine whether a child does well at school than their social or economic background.

