Welbourn Church of England Primary School

Newsletter 7th September 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! I hope that you have all had a wonderful Summer and are looking forward to the term ahead. I would like to say a huge thank you to staff, Governors, friends and families who have been busy during the holidays improving our school grounds and preparing our classrooms – they look fantastic! We would like to welcome all of our new children to Welbourn; we are extremely proud of how well our new Reception children have settled in.

As a school, we are committed to ensuring that we provide the best possible education for our children and that the curriculum meets the needs of all learners; reflecting the distinctiveness of the Welbourn community and our Church School values. To ensure that this is successful, we have been reviewing our school vision and values so that they reflect our beliefs and vision for our children. Staff and governors have discussed our 'Welbourn Wish' for our children and what type of curriculum we want to develop to ensure that every child reaches their full potential. Each class have discussed their preferences and we are looking forward to sharing these with you in the near future. Our school vision will help to shape teaching and learning in school and drive improvements as a result. I look forward to celebrating our successes in the future and sharing improvements that we have made.

Kind regards

Mrs T Boulter

Reading

Please ensure that you read at least 3 times per week with your child and sign their reading record. Challenge your child to answer questions about what they have read and to read a wide range of fiction and non-fiction texts. We are currently purchasing some new books and will be developing the library this year.

If you have any books at home from last year, please can you return them.

Health and well being

Please can you ensure that your child brings a healthy snack and a water bottle into school each day. Your child will participate in a range of sporting activities throughout each week, including the golden mile and P.E lessons. Please ensure that your child brings their P.E kit in to school on a Monday and then takes it home on a Friday each week.





'Trying our best to be our best.'

Dates for your diary

Saturday 15th September

Welbourn Fun day 12-4pm

Friday 14th September

11+ Verbal test

Friday 21st

11+ Non-verbal test

Monday 17th – Friday 21st September

School Council Elections

Wednesday 17th October

Parents evening

Friday 12th October

Parent forum 2.30pm (please note the change of date)

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: <u>https://twitter.com/Welbourn</u>



<u>Clubs</u>

We are currently planning a range of extra-curricular clubs this half term. A letter will be sent out to parents to request places, these will be on a first come first term basis. If you would like to volunteer to lead a club either at lunchtime or after school, then we would welcome your support.

Here is a snapshot of our week...

Inspiration day and new topics

We are very excited to launch our new topics this term. Each topic is based on a challenge question and will include a 'wow' experience, visit or trip. On Monday, you will receive a curriculum overview to explain this further and share the learning that will take place this term. We launched our topics with an Inspiration day on Tuesday exploring using fingerprints as a CSI, making Early Man style clay necklaces and making skeleton bones. Here are some photos of Emerald class tasting and baking bread.



Routines Week

This week we have been establishing our school routines and jobs within school. Year 6 have been writing letters of application to have special jobs around school so I will be shortlisting them ready for interview next week. We had our first celebration collective worship today and these five children were chosen for being excellent role models to the rest of their class. Well done!



Special visitors

On Wednesday, in collective worship we had a professional musician in school who played the violin. We enjoyed taking part in the performance, creating pieces about animals. Joan Avery is performing at the All Saints' Church in Wellingore so if you would live to take your child they could gain free entry but there is a charge for adults.

