



## Welbourn Church of England Primary School

*'Believe, Excite, Succeed, Together'*

**Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2020**



Dear Parents and Carers,

We have lots of exciting learning taking place in school – Topaz class celebrated Hanukkah, Emerald Class explored new software using Scratch in IT and Amethyst Class have been using woodwork skills to make Victorian Lanterns. The buzz in school is electric as we prepare for our Christmas festivities - our children looked fantastic in their Christmas jumpers today too – thank you for supporting Save the Children charity.

As you may know, we are a partner school with Equate English school hub and have made rapid improvements in school for reading and writing. In particular, our teaching of phonics, using the Read, Write, Inc programme has transformed our teaching and the progress of the children across Reception to Year 2. As a result, we are delighted to announce that we had a 100% pass rate for the statutory Phonics test. A huge thank you to all of the parents for supporting your children at home with reading and our amazing staff for their dedication and hard work to create a love of reading in school. Relentless and excellent teaching, assessment and delivering catch up interventions have ensured that our children have reached the expected standard.

We are delighted to announce that Elena Smith has been asked to be a chorister at the Cathedral! We can't wait to hear you sing! Well done Elena.

Finally, as you know, the Government and Department for Education are constantly updating us with new guidance in response to Covid19. Please find the most recent updates by following the link below:

[https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-in-the-autumn-term?utm\\_source=30%20November%202020%20C19&utm\\_medium=Daily%20Email%20C19&utm\\_campaign=DfE%20C19](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-in-the-autumn-term?utm_source=30%20November%202020%20C19&utm_medium=Daily%20Email%20C19&utm_campaign=DfE%20C19)

Please note that we will continue to update you of any significant changes in school. Just a polite reminder that we are in Tier 3 so we must continue to model social distancing to children and ensure that we are not mixing households out of school. We are following strict guidelines in school to ensure that all we prevent the risk of infection and protect our vulnerable children and staff.

Have a great weekend, take care and stay safe!

Mrs T Boulter

Headteacher

### Dates for your diary

#### CHRISTMAS DATES



14.12.20 Topaz Christmas shop

15.12.20 Emerald Christmas shop

15.12.20 Christmas lunch if you have ordered from GLC

16.12.20 Christingle Service

16.12.20 Amethyst Christmas shop

17.12.20 Christmas Rudolf run for St Barnabas hospice / Santa's grotto visit

17.12.20 Last day of term / Christmas parties

15.12.20 Parent Forum (part 2 in replace of the cancelled meeting)

18.12.20 Staff inset day

4.1.21 Back to school

22.1.21 Miss Hope starts her Maternity leave and the new teacher will start on 25.1.21 (We will announce who that will be next week and plan an opportunity for you to meet the teacher in January).

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

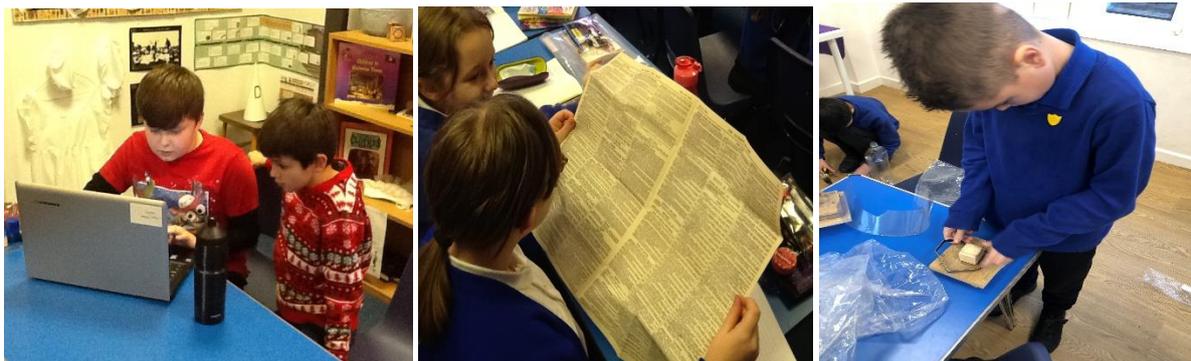
Topaz Class enjoyed celebrating Hanukkah, learning about compass points and creating maps.



Emerald Class have enjoyed playing Pop lacrosse in P.E., creating heart messages for care homes and enjoyed the new reading books we received from the English hub.



Amethyst Class have enjoyed using design technology skills to create Victorian lanterns, explore Victorian inventions and artefacts and making power points.



We all enjoyed playing in the snow last week too!



## Safeguarding

We are committed to Safeguarding young children. Our updated Safeguarding and Child Protection policy is on our school website. (TAB Parents/ policies) If you have any concerns about the welfare of a child, please call: 01522782111

### **Online safety update!**

Please note that we have had a number of notifications from the Safeguarding Team at the Local Authority about inappropriate content on TikTok and various gaming platforms. Please note that Youtube, Netflix, Xbox, playstation and many other online platforms have new and updated parental controls so parents can have more control over safety for their children online.

The police have also made us aware of a TikTok horror film called 'Megan is missing' which could be distressing to children and also potentially linked to online predators and abduction.

Here's the club list for Term 3 – please email or phone the school office to book a place – costs will be similar to last term

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Topaz & Emerald Class	Gymnastics with Coach Lucy - free	Cookery Club	Film club	Art Club	
Amethyst Class	Craft Club	Forest School £15.00 for 6 weeks	Sports Club with Coach Emma (team games – football, basketball, dodgeball, etc.) - free	Pottery Club (Letter to follow from the pottery lady)	

## Attendance

Your child is expected to have at least 98% attendance and should aim for 100% unless they have to isolate. We will not authorise any holidays during term time, please help us to keep our attendance above the National average. Our attendance this week was 95.3%.

The Government have stated that children **MUST** be in school next week unless they are displaying symptoms, need to isolate or have tested positive for Covid19. Please remember that we are closed on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2020.

## Friends of School News

A huge thank you once again to our wonderful Friends of School. They have been busy planning a 'Christmas shop' for our children to visit so that they can purchase small token gifts for family and friends. This is instead of our Christmas Fair, which we are unable to have this year. The shop is open on the following days in school:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Topaz Class	Emerald Class	Amethyst Class	Children who were absent

£1.00 or £2.00 gifts are available and suitable for siblings, parents and grandparents. Please ensure that your child brings the exact money in a named enveloped with the amount that they have enclosed.

Thank you also to our Friends of School for arranging a Christmas hamper full of festive treats. The winner was.... Gaby Spedding! Thank you to the members of School Council for drawing the raffle! Thank you to all of the friends, families and businesses for donating the content of the hamper.

