



Welbourn Church of England Primary School

'Believe, Excite, Succeed, Together'

Friday 12th February 2021



Dear Parents and Carers,

What a term we have had! I would like to say a huge thank you to all parents and carers for your continued support during lockdown and encouraging your child to continue learning from home. I am extremely proud of our team for what they have achieved in such difficult circumstances and grateful that we have such a dedicated staff, who have provided provision both in school and for those at home. The children have produced some excellent learning across a range of subjects.

Inspiration day

Next term we will launch our new topics starting with an 'Inspiration day' on Monday 22nd February, providing the children with an opportunity to be creative, inquisitive and think about their learning opportunities. Packs for the rest of the week will be sent out to parents, via email on Monday 22nd February or packs can be collected after 2.30pm.

Safer internet day

On Tuesday, we promoted Safer Internet day and completed activities linked to help us understand how to stay safe online. Amethyst class also attended a virtual workshop. Please find further information by following the link below to enable your child to stay safe online:

<https://www.welbournprimary.co.uk/CurriculumComputingAndEsafety.asp>

Valentine's video

Thank you for sending in your art, photos, video clips etc for our video. If you have not been able to send anything yet, you still have until 6pm. We will send the video on Sunday.

Junior Forrester award

Next term, we will begin our Junior Forrester award with Mr Clarke. Each week he will create a video and set the children a challenge. At the end of the term, children will achieve their Junior Forrester award. Please view the link below for more information - the resources and video will be sent next half term.

<https://www.rfs.org.uk/learning/teaching-trees-age-3-14/junior-forester-award/>

We have been busy planning an exciting term ahead and look forward to seeing you all soon. Take care, stay safe and enjoy your week off.

Kind regards

Mrs Boulter

Dates for your diary

14.02.21.

Valentine's Day video will be sent to parents and on TEAMS

22.02.21.

Inspiration day

25.02.21.

No screen day / Junior Forrester activities begin

04.03.21.

World Book day – more details to follow

19.03.21.

Red Nose Day

31.03.21.

Welbourn Easter bake off

End of term

01.04.21.

Inset day for staff

19.04.21.

New term starts

Family workshops

There are a range of family workshops available next half term. Please view the attached documents for dates and times. These are all free.

Safeguarding news

Many schools have seen an increase in the number of children accessing content, which is not always appropriate, some of which has been quite scary or upsetting. While there is no perfect way to eliminate this risk, we feel that there are things parents and carers can do to support their children online. Here are some of the practical steps parents and carers can follow:

- Contact their Internet Service Provider (ISP): Companies that provide broadband such as BT, Sky and Virgin, offer free protection for parents and carers. They can filter your internet connection directly, without having to install anything. Guide on how to use this can be found here: <https://www.internetmatters.org/parental-controls/broadband-mobile/>
- YouTube is a fantastic resource, especially when home schooling, but not all the content is appropriate for children and not all YouTube channels are made for young audiences. YouTube has an app just for children – YouTube Kids – but many people don't realise that the main YouTube app has a restricted mode. Check out more about how it works here: <https://www.internetmatters.org/parental-controls/entertainment-search-engines/youtube-app/>
- Games consoles have features that can limit what games they can play based on the age ratings and can even turn off certain features to allow gaming to be a little safer. To learn more about these features visit <https://www.internetmatters.org/parental-controls/gaming-consoles/>
- Games are also rated based on the content, not how difficult they are. Learn a bit more about appropriate games by visiting <https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/articles/gaming-whats-appropriate-for-your-child/> or visit this site for more about game ratings <https://parentzone.org.uk/article/pegi-games-ratings-explained>

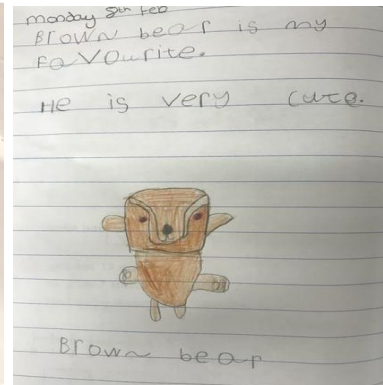
It's important to remember that no filters or controls are 100% effective so make sure your child knows that they should, talk to someone if they see or hear anything upsetting online. This information from Thinkuknow might be useful <https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/articles/Im-worried-my-primary-aged-child-might-see-something-inappropriate-online/>

Look at our Super Chefs making the most of 'No screen Thursday'!



Let's take a look at some learning from our week ...

Topaz Class have produced some excellent writing and super science, investigating floating.



Emerald Class have enjoyed learning maths and creating Rangoli art whilst outside.



Amethyst Class have created portraits in Art and made solar systems in Design Technology.

