



## Welbourn Church of England Primary School

### Christmas Newsletter 18<sup>th</sup> December 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

We've had such a wonderful week! We started with launching our new Christmas shop, which was a success! Thank you to the Friends of School for their support in purchasing the items. We then enjoyed Christmas parties, Christingles and more! We had such fun on our Rudy walk around the village and sang to the residents in both care homes from outside. It was very moving to watch their faces brighten as the children sang. On Sunday Rev Chris will deliver a virtual Christingle service and welcomes you all to join. It would be great to see you all.

Last week we had an external moderator work with each teacher to review Reading, Writing and Maths. We are pleased to say that progress in these subjects is looking extremely positive and the evidence across the range was complimented by the moderator. As a school, she could see huge improvements to the children's learning since beginning her work with us in 2019. Well done to all of our children and staff for their hard work.

This term intervention and 'catch up' has taken place in classes with various focus areas such as well-being, maths, spelling, reading, etc. The intervention cycle will be reviewed during the first week back and a new cycle of support will begin on the following week. Parents will be notified if their child will have additional support. We have been given £80.00 per pupil from the Government to help with 'catch up' due to the pandemic and will be investing in some extra intervention which will begin in January. Please continue to encourage your child to read every day and practise their times tables or number facts on TTRockstars.

Next term we will amend the start and end times for school drop off and pick-ups. We are aware that some parents who have children in both Topaz or Emerald and Amethyst need to wait until 3.30pm in the cold or rain. A little reminder that all classes can now be dropped off at 8.45am and the gate closes at 9.00am for register. Activities and interventions begin at 8.45am. All children can now be picked up at 3.30pm. Please remember to model social distancing to our children.

Finally, please contact me if your child tests positive so I can alert parents and support the Track and Trace service as instructed by the DfE. The mobile telephone number is: 07795983561

Have a wonderful Christmas break! We will see you next year on January 4<sup>th</sup> 2021!

Mrs T Boulter



### Dates for your diary

#### Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> December

4pm Christingle service, St Chad's church & choir performance – everyone welcome!

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87120188031?pwd=K3hsei9Jczd0bzJjZ3g1WVBPtkQ0Zz09>

Meeting ID: 871 2018 8031

Passcode: 018797

#### Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2021

Back to school

Inspiration day – all children launch new topics / Routine week begins

#### Friday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2021

Roots to Food Indian cooking day with Emerald Class

#### Friday 15<sup>th</sup> January 4pm

Parent Forum

More dates to follow.

#### Attendance

This week's attendance is:

**96.65%**

Your child is expected to have at least 97% attendance and should aim for 100%, we will not authorise any holidays in term time.





## Festive learning and fun, take a look...

Christmas lunch, Christmas music and crackers!



Our Rudolf run/walk was a success and we have raised over £500 already for St Barnabas Hospice - thank you! We stopped off at the care homes to sing to the residents.



Santa Claus visited our school and we all received a present from him...



We enjoyed the Christingle Service, thank you to those parents who attended.



Amethyst Victorian Carol experience with wooden lanterns crafted by the children and Mr Clarke can be viewed here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ev1i4PP9egg&feature=youtube>

Topaz Nativity film is on Tapestry as we cannot post these online.

## Clubs for next term

Here's the club list for Term 3 – please contact the school office via email prior to the term starting

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Topaz & Emerald Class	Gymnastics club	Cookery Club (8 children with Mrs Dame	Film club Magical Maths – to those children who booked last term	Art Club with Mrs Espin	Football club
Amethyst Class	Craft Club with Mrs Gadsby	Forest School £15.00 for 6 weeks	Sports Club with Coach Emma (team games – football, basketball, dodgeball etc) Magical maths – to those children who booked last term	Pottery Club (Letter to follow from the pottery lady)	Singing club

If you need child care for longer than the clubs above this can be available if booked in advance for £5.00 per hour.

### Emerald Class Maternity Cover

The Governors and I are happy to announce that we have successfully appointed Miss L Steer to cover Miss Hope in Emerald Class during her maternity leave. The children enjoyed her lesson online and had the opportunity to interview her.

Miss Steer will start on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> January, however, she is excited to work with us in January to aid transition and get to know the pupils.

We will have a 'meet the teacher' event when we return to school in Term 3.



**Thank you for your continued support! Merry Christmas!**

