



Newsletter 5 27th November 2017



Dear Parents, Carers and members of the community, welcome to Newsletter 5-I hope this communication finds you well. Last term (September-November), attendance was 96.82% for the whole school which is judged as 'good' attendance figures for our school. We are always aiming for attendance to be 97%+ and know that we are working with you to ensure each and every pupil is at school every day unless there is a valid reason why they shouldn't be. Please continue to be reminded that any requests for holiday will be **unauthorised** as family holidays are not deemed to be an exceptional circumstance. The breakdown of the school is as follows; **Topaz-93.36%** **Emerald-97.99%** **Amethyst-97.25%** **Moonstone-96.78%** Please help us to ensure your child's attendance is the best it can possibly be as any unnecessary days away from school represent lost learning time that cannot be replaced. I very much look forward to seeing you over the course of the next two weeks.

Best Wishes, *Mr Sam Eden (Executive Headteacher)*

Emerald Trip to the Deep

Emerald had a wonderful visit to The Deep last week to consolidate their wonderful learning of the topic, 'Under the Sea'. School staff have said that the children were an absolute credit to the school with members of the public going out of their way to say how fantastic the children were. The awe and wonder of the children to be up close and personal with some of the most amazing sea creatures will be something we are sure the children will never forget!



Dates for Christmas Festivities-Reminders



- 11th December at 2pm**-Christingle in church
- 14th December at 2pm**-KS1 Christmas performance at Village Hall
- 15th December**-Christmas Lunch (available to book via Good Looking Cooking)
- 15th December**-Christmas Jumper Day with donation (Children can wear Christmas Jumpers today-£1 donation)
- 18th December PM**-Class Christmas Parties
- 19th December**-Last Day of Term
- W/C 11th December and 18th December is Arts Enrichment Week with a focus on celebrating Christmas through the arts. There will be opportunities for you to see the work produced on the final 2 days of term- Miss Cottam and Rosie Siddans are organising this special event and will be sending more specific details soon.

Poppy Donations



Thanks to all who donated to the Royal British Legion via the Poppies that we have had in school recently. The school raised a mammoth £91.56 and was met with a huge 'thank you' when the money was donated. We held our own enrichment day to commemorate Armistice Day and there were some wonderful pieces of art created by the whole school which were shared in our special school Collective Worship.



We are looking forward to launching our involvement with the Children's University. Maria Morgan, Lincoln Children's University Officer, will be visiting Welbourn to explain to parents and children what is involved. This is an exciting opportunity, available to all families, which will really enhance and enrich the learning of all children who take part. Having had to cancel the original meeting, as soon as a new date is confirmed, we will let you know. Mrs Brown is leading on the development of this at Welbourn-if you have any specific questions, please do not hesitate to ask her.

Ben Smith Visit



We recently welcomed into school the very inspirational Ben Smith to talk to the pupils about Anti-Bullying. As the visit was during Anti-Bullying Week, this was a great opportunity for the children to listen to another person speak up about this very important issue. Ben Smith recently won at Sports Personality of the Year for his fantastic challenge that set himself a target of running 401 marathons in 401 days to raise money for two Anti-Bullying charities. Having completed that challenge with huge amounts of success, Ben spent time visiting local primary schools and Welbourn was lucky enough to be one of those schools. The children listened with awe and wonder and asked very meaningful questions to Ben who was more than happy to share his experiences with everyone. To follow Ben and his journey, his Twitter feed can be found at @401challenge and he is about to begin planning his next challenge which he spent time talking to the children about.

Continuing our inspirational visits via our continuing involvement with Inspire+, the children are lucky to have another visit planned from another of the charity's ambassadors, Shona McCallin MBE. She was part of the team that created history and won Great Britain the first ever Olympic Gold medal in womens hockey at the 2016 Olympic Games in Rio. She will be visiting Welbourn on 6th December and we cannot wait!

Children in Need



Thank you to everyone who supported Children in Need and helped us raise money for this very worthwhile and important charity. The children looked brilliant dressed up in their fantastic spotty dotty costumes, own clothes and pyjamas. The cake sale was a roaring success and the children enjoyed their special playtime treats. Thank you so much for supporting the school and the charity. The total raised on the day was an exceptional £238

Parent Consultations

We had 96% of our parent body make, and attend, parent consultations with Class Teachers. We aim for 100% as these meetings are a statutory requirement. If you have not had a meeting, we will be contacting you to arrange a meeting or you can do so by speaking with the Class Teacher. We hope you found the Pupil Profile Sheets useful; these will now be something that you will receive at regular stages throughout the year.

Starting School in September 2018?

If your child, or someone you know is due to start school next September, please be aware that the application round is now open. Should your child have a sibling in school, make sure that this criteria is outlined in the application as this will strengthen the application and secure a place at the school. If someone you know is interested in sending their child to our school we would love to hear from them and will be happy to show them around. This year we have had a fantastic number of enquiries again for places and look forward to welcoming the newest intake of children into school ready for the next academic year.

Governors Needed!



If you know of someone who is willing to volunteer as a Governor/Associate Member, please encourage them to contact the school for further details as we are always looking at ways to strengthen our Governing Body.