



WELTON ST MARY'S CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY ACADEMY



January 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a great start to 2019 we have had. Years 4 and 5 have been on a tour of Roman Lincoln as a starting point for their Roman theme and Year 3 has their visit very soon. Year 1 has been learning about significant people - you have had seen some clues as to one of the people who has made a difference on Twitter. The role play areas are providing the children with plenty of opportunity to learn about Florence Nightingale through play.

Our theme for Collective worships this term is 'New beginnings' incorporating all of our values and recognising that new beginnings can start at any time.

We have also been looking at identifying talents and being proud of who we are. We have had an amazing time this week meeting and working with Paul Sturgess, a very talented basketball player. He spoke with the whole school about his talents and embracing difference; truly celebrating and being proud of who you are. He talked with the children about his own experiences, his talents and the importance of being dedicated, working hard, practising skills and taking all opportunities that are available. In this way children can find out for themselves the activities and subjects they like, things they are good at and want to participate in. He also spoke with the children about looking after themselves, healthy diets and the importance of exercise - getting outside and not spending too much time watching TV or on technology!

Not only did we get the opportunity to listen to Paul, all the children have enjoyed learning some basketball skills and tricks. Please do have a conversation with your children about Paul's visit. Maybe you could ask how many calories he needs each day or how many meals he has in an evening. Ask about why he is in the Guinness Book of Records or which basketball teams he played for. Listening to Paul speak was truly inspirational for children and staff.

Best wishes
Mrs Gough



Dates

Friday 25th January - Giraffe class leading Collective Worship followed by invite to participate in English lesson (cake, coffee, communicate)

Tuesday 29th January - Maths workshops - (see Parentmail for more information)

Friday 1st February - Ant class leading Collective Worship followed by invite to participate in English lesson (cake, coffee, communicate)

Tuesday 5th February - Safer Internet Day

Friday 8th February - Ladybird class leading Collective Worship followed by invite to participate in English lesson (cake, coffee, communicate)

Tuesday 12th February - Mindfulness workshops Years 1 and 2

Thursday 14th February - Health and Happiness workshops Years 3 and 4

Friday 15th February - end of term 3

Monday 25th February - back to school Science week

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Out of this world! Giant moon landing in Lincoln



A giant moon exhibition is set to delight when it comes to Lincoln in the Easter holidays.

It's going to be installed at The Collection museum on March 2 until April 28 in the 50th anniversary year of Neil Armstrong's first walk on the moon. Luke Jerram's artwork will be accompanied by a series of late night art experiences, afternoon film screenings and new performances.

As well as the giant moon, atmospheric lighting and a surround sound composition from an award winning composer Dan Jones will feature.

The Collection is trialling a pay what you decide approach to allow as many people as possible to experience the work.

Visitor donations will be used to keep the museum running and open to the public.



We are still looking for a very special person to help our children get to school safely. For some time now we have not had a School Crossing Patrol and we are actively working with Lincolnshire Road Partnership to find someone to help our children cross Ryland Road safely at the beginning and end of each school day (8.30am - 9.10am and 3.20pm - 3.55pm), 6 hours 15 minutes a week, term time only. If you are interested, or know of anyone who may be interested, please contact our school for more information. We really hope we are able to find someone to help the young people of Welton stay safe.

For your information

Our new and updated Safeguarding and Child Protection Policies can be found on our school website.



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Snow and school closure procedure

Please find below information regarding the school's procedure for school closure in the event of inclement weather.

We do always endeavour to keep our school open in the event of snow, however if, for health and safety reasons, it is not deemed to be safe for the children and staff to attend school, then a decision will be made to close. If we should have to make this decision, you will be informed at the earliest convenience. We request that you do one or more of the following:

- listen to either radio Lincolnshire (94.9FM) or visit bbc.co.uk/radiolincolnshire
- check BBC Radio Lincolnshire Facebook page
- listen to Lincs FM (102.2FM)
- check Lincs FM website www.lincsfm.co.uk
- check Parentmail where a message will be sent out if the school is closed.
- Check Welton St Mary's Facebook and Twitter

We do request that school phone lines are kept clear on days when we do have inclement weather. We will inform you if school is closed. If you do not hear or read that the school is closed in any of the above ways, please take it as read that the school is open.



Do you have any 'non logo' school uniform items that you are able to donate? School trousers, skirts, polo shirts? We donate uniform to a school in Lincolnshire so that children can go to school in uniform, feeling a part of the school and ready to learn. By donating uniform, it really does make a difference to the lives of the pupils and families. The Head teacher of the school has personally written to say a big thank you for the uniform that has already been donated and how appreciative the pupils are when they receive it. This generosity is something we would like to continue. If you do have any unwanted uniform, (without a logo) please can you bring it into school so that we can continue to make a difference.

A very big thank you in advance.



Save the date

Sports Day will be on the 21st May this year. Further details will follow.

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