

# WELTON ST MARY'S CHURCH OF ENGLAND

## PRIMARY ACADEMY

December 2023



Dear Parents and Carers,

What an amazing December we have had in school with many of our activities being shared with family and friends.

The children enjoyed our annual Christingle Service. It is a highlight for our children and a service that our Year 6 always look forward to as they create a circle of light and hope around our school. Parents joined their children in school making the Christingles; it was great to see so many families working together. There was a great atmosphere through our school – full of excitement and joy (and a lovely smell of oranges throughout the day). Thank you to Rev Carol for leading our service. The children sung with enthusiasm and as the Year 6 lit their candles, there was a time of 'wow' from the younger children.

Another amazing nativity was performed to family and friends over three mornings. We are so proud of all the children – what confidence, enthusiasm and enjoyment they showed in each and every performance. They gave their audiences the most incredible gifts of joy, love and time to just sit and enjoy their performance at the beginning of the busy festive season. We have received such lovely feedback about the nativity including – *'what professionalism'*; *'I can't believe such young children can perform so well'*; *'as always an exceptional nativity.'*

It is times like this that we wish we could bottle the emotions and joy. We hope that the memories that have been created, for the children, staff and everyone who joined us, will stay with you for a long time.

We have again shared our Christmas celebrations with our wider community this year. Our choir was invited to sing at the switching on of Welton's Christmas Tree lights and at the Doctor/ Patient Christmas dinner. All of these were very special times for our children.

A massive thank you to our School Friends who organised another really successful Christmas shop so the children could buy gifts for family members. Thank you also to all the parents (and House Captains) who helped on the day, making it such an amazing experience for our children. They love being able to choose gifts themselves and take them home, wrapped, ready to give on Christmas Day. We hope you enjoy what the children have chosen.



We had a delicious Christmas dinner. Good Lookin Cookin sent crackers for all the children and the midday team decorated the hall.



It was lovely seeing everyone at our Carols on the Playground. The children sang with such enthusiasm, filling our hearts with joy. A big thank you to Mrs Nicolson and our collective worship council who organised the Carols on the Playground and spent time practising the retelling of the Christmas story. A big thank you also to all the staff and children who have spent time practising the carols and songs in preparation for our concert. It is one of our biggest whole school events and one which is shared by so many. Thank you for taking the time to be with us.

From everyone at Welton St Mary's, we wish you all a happy Christmas filled with joy and love. We are looking forward to 2024, hoping that it is filled with peace and happiness.

We look forward to seeing everyone back in school on Wednesday January 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Happy Christmas everyone

Mrs Gough

## Congratulations

This term, 3 members of staff have welcomed babies into their families. Congratulations to Mrs Sawdon and Mrs Walukiewicz who will be spending their first Christmas with their baby boys and to Miss Maddox who will be spending her first Christmas with her baby girl.

We wish you and your families a wonderful Christmas.



## A Christmas message from the Archdeacon of Boston

Please find below a link for the Christmas message from the Archdeacon of Lincoln

[LETTER \(weltonstmarysacademy.co.uk\)](http://weltonstmarysacademy.co.uk)





## Easy Fundraising

Did you know that Welton St Mary's C of E Primary Academy is now registered with **easyfundraising** and you could help us to raise funds for our school at no extra cost to yourself?

Thank you to everyone who has already signed up, in just 3 weeks you have already helped us to raise an amazing £56!

It is quick and easy to sign up, then you can begin using the easyfundraising website or app straightaway and raise FREE donations for our school and pupils. Every penny will make a real difference.

Please take a minute to visit our easyfundraising page to get started:

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/welton-st-marys-c-of-e-primary-academy>

## E-Scooters

Thinking of buying an e-scooter?

Lincolnshire Police is reminding parents and guardians that e-scooters are not legal to use it on public pavements or roads.



Inspector Jason Baxter said, "Our approach to this will be to engage and educate. When that fails, we will enforce. We know that e-scooters are probably on Christmas lists this year, and may be tempting in the January sales, we just want people to think twice before buying a product that's so limited in where you can legally use it."

Whilst our aim is to engage and educate, penalties for using an e-scooter illegally can include seizure of the e-scooter.

In Lincolnshire, the only place you can legally use an e-scooter is on private land, with the permission of the land owner.

[Read more about our advice on using e-scooters.](#)

If you are considering buying an e-scooter, please also read this [advice from Lincolnshire Fire and Rescue after safety concerns over e-scooters](#) regarding charging and battery storage.



As part of a trial, rental e-scooters are allowed on public roads and cycle lanes in approved areas in some cities (not currently Lincoln) provided you have the correct licence and follow road traffic regulations. [Find out more about e-scooter trials.](#)



## Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility

Everyone in society has a responsibility to protect and safeguard children from abuse and neglect.

### 999

If you or your children are in immediate danger you should always call 999. If it is not safe to speak use the "silent solution". Press 5 5 when prompted and this will tell us that you need us.

### Lincolnshire Safeguarding Children Partnership (LSCP)

If you believe that a child may be a victim of neglect, abuse or cruelty call the customer service centre: Children's safeguarding - **01522 782111** (Monday to Friday, 8am to 6pm) or **01522 782333** (outside office hours)

### NSPCC

Talk to the NSPCC for advice and support about a child, or to report a concern. It's free and you don't have to say who you are.

Please call us on **0808 800 5000** or visit <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/>

### Edan Lincs

Domestic abuse service supporting men, women and children. Please call **01522 510041** or email [info@edanlincs.org.uk](mailto:info@edanlincs.org.uk)

### The Samaritans

If you need someone to talk to, we are here to listen. Please call **116 123** or visit <https://www.samaritans.org/>

### Childline

Childline is here to help anyone under the age of 19. If you need to talk to a trained counsellor about anything, please call **0800 1111**

## Operation Encompass

We are an **Operation Encompass School**, part of a national scheme that runs jointly between all schools and the police. Operation Encompass is the reporting to schools, prior to the start of the next school day, when a child or young person has experienced, any domestic abuse.

Operation Encompass will ensure that a member of the school's staff (*the Designated Safeguarding Lead*), is trained to allow them to liaise with the police and to use the information that has been shared, in confidence, while ensuring that the school is able to make provision for possible difficulties experienced by children, or their families, who have recently experienced a domestic abuse incident.

We are keen to offer the best support possible to all our pupils and we believe this will be extremely beneficial for all those involved. This information shared with the school is already covered in the schools' existing privacy notice. For further information in relation to how personal data in relation to yourself and your child(ren) is processed, please refer to Lincolnshire Police's privacy notice, which can be found on their website:

<https://www.lincs.police.uk/resource-library/data-protection/privacy-notice/>

