

WELTON ST MARY'S CHURCH OF ENGLAND

PRIMARY ACADEMY



February 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to Term 4. It is good to see that the days are getting longer, the weather is feeling much more spring like and the birds are beginning to sing. Spring is definitely on its way. We all need to try and take some time in our busy days to step back and appreciate the seasons and be grateful for the beauty of the world around us.



You may have noticed in our Poppy garden that we have our first snowdrops. These were planted last year as a symbol of personal hope for everyone and hope for our world. Our snowdrops are a reminder that we all must live with hope in our hearts.

'May the God of love fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit'. Romans 15:13

If you have visited our school hall this last term you may have noticed our dual-coded vision in the hall. All that we do is driven by working to achieve our vision.

- Inclusive
- Value each person
- All to flourish
- Strive for excellence
- Rooted in God's love
- Agents of positive change

Each class this year is raising awareness about an area that is important to them. Our most recent collective worship, led by one of our Year 4 classes, really made us consider our water usage; the small changes that we can make which can contribute to a big difference in our world. Revisiting the message from collective worship later in the term showed that the change many of our school community had made was not leaving the water running whilst brushing their teeth. Just imagine how much water can be saved if we all made this small change.

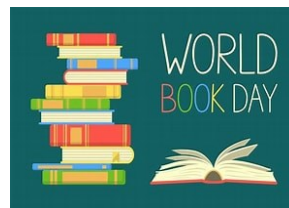
We have a very busy term ahead. There are some key dates and information in this newsletter. We are looking forward to another great term.

Best wishes
Mrs N Gough
Headteacher

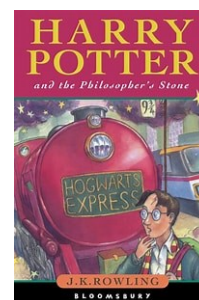
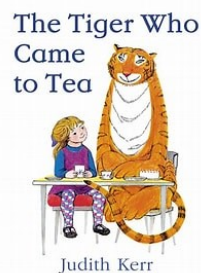
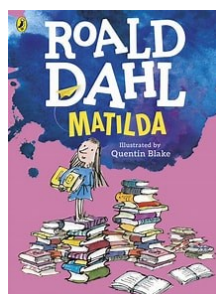
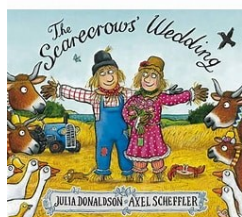
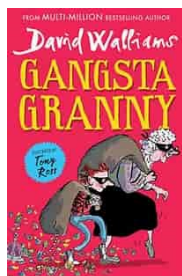


World Book Day - Thursday 7th March

We are looking forward to celebrating World Book Day on March 7th. Children and staff are invited to dress up or bring in a favourite prop that links in with their favourite children's book (no football kits please).



We are also very excited to host a book swap on the same day. If your child has a book that they wish to donate they can hand this to their class teacher that morning. Every child will have the opportunity to go up and select a book from those that have been donated.




Read Around the World

Our Read Around the World challenge has had a wonderful start. It has been a joy to see the children expand their love of books by exploring new authors and themes that they otherwise might not have chosen to read.


Back in September we challenged our students to read one book that is either based in or written by an author from each of the seven continents. Each child should have a reading passport, once the book is finished they simply upload a picture to Seesaw with the hashtag #readaroundtheworld and take their passport to the class teacher to receive a stamp for that continent. Once all seven continents are stamped hand this in to the class teacher to complete the challenge.

Each person who completes the challenge will get a special certificate and one lucky winner from each key stage will get an extra special mystery prize. If your child still wants to take part then there is still time, they have until the end of the school year.





Read Around the World



Can you read a book that is either based in or written by an author from each of the seven continents in our world by the end of the year?

When you finish a book linked with each continent, upload a picture to Seesaw with the hashtag #readaroundtheworld.


Each person who completes this will get a special certificate and one lucky winner from each key stage will get an extra special mystery prize. Don't forget to get your passport stamped!

Don't forget to get your stamp for each book linked with each continent

Continent	Book Title & Author	Notes	Collect Your Stamp
Asia			★
North America			★
South America			★



Europe		★
Africa		★
Australia		★
Antarctica		★







Easy Fundraising

Do you shop online? Did you know that Welton St Mary's Church of England Primary Academy is now registered with **easyfundraising** and you can help us to raise vital funds for our school at **no extra cost to yourself?**

Thank you to everyone who has already signed up; you have already helped us to raise an amazing £179 simply by going through the easyfundraising app or website before shopping online. Amazon, Tesco's, Booking.com, Ebay, Just East and many more popular brands are included. It is quick and easy to sign up and every penny raised will make a real difference to our pupils and school.

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>

Welton Neighbourhood Plan

Towards the end of last year the children had their views and thoughts heard for the new Welton Neighbourhood plan. We have continued our involvement with the local community, visiting the Care Apartments and Bungalows that are being built by RG Carter. The School Council and House Captains asked some excellent questions about the apartments, how they were inclusive and what facilities would be available to the residents. We are looking forward to visiting again once the walls have been plastered and then to see the finished 'village within a village'.

On the 8th February 2024, School Council and the House Captains visited the local care home, which is currently being built on the edge of Welton. The builders showed us different working machines including a crane and a forklift. They also let us explore the building and showed us multiple rooms and told us what they were going to be. School Council and House Captains are very excited to visit the building again and see how it has developed.

Emily and Evie

Start and End of School

The school gates will be open at 8.45am for a 9.00am start (where all children are expected to be in their classrooms prepared for the day) and will then be open again at 3.25pm for a 3.30pm finish. To keep the children safe we have a one way system around school. As you will appreciate, the beginning of the school day is a very busy time. If you have a message regarding the need to pick your child up during the school day, please can you ring the school office and they will inform the class teacher. If there is a change from the usual adults collecting, please ring the school to let them know. There are occasions when parents/carers are late picking up their children. Whilst we appreciate that in some emergency circumstances, this cannot be helped, we cannot provide childcare after school. We have therefore worked with Kids Club to provide suitable childcare arrangements should the adult be late collecting your children. After 3.40pm your children will go to Kids Club until they are collected. School will contact parents to inform them that their child is in childcare and that parent's emergency contact details have been passed to Kids Club. Using Kids Club will incur a childcare cost to parents for the session which will need to be paid directly to Premier Education. If you are calling to speak with a specific member of staff your call will be returned within 24hrs, this may not be the same day.



House Captains

Throughout this year, our 12 House Captains have been getting up to a lot of new and exciting experiences, leading the school in many different ways. Some of these experiences include:

- *Leading the Above and Beyond Award (this celebrates the children who have been selected by their teachers for going above and beyond all term by receiving a little treat)
- *Collecting and counting the house points and sharing the results with the school
- *Leading a Collective Worship about bullying to further raise awareness of this important issue
- *Supporting the younger children at the KS1 disco
- *Leading tours for visitors
- *Supporting the younger children in the hall at dinnertime
- *Helping the Key Stage One children find their way over to St Mary's Church.

We also enjoyed a very different experience which was visiting a local building site where there will soon be elderly people living to track its progress and build links with the developers and residents in the future. We helped to lead a house meeting in term 2 where the children in their houses created a piece of artwork to represent our school vision. A group of children in years 4 to 6 then worked with some brilliant Year 12 art students to develop one single design. which has since been further developed by a professional illustrator. We are delighted to reveal that this creative and visual display of our school vision will be up on the outdoor wall by the big hall for all to see at the start of term 5. We can't wait for you all to see it and see where you can spot our school vision. In addition to this, some of the House Captains have introduced a drama club for some KS2 children to participate in and enjoy on a Thursday lunchtime. The interest was huge and therefore we have had to limit the numbers this term and ensure that all children get the opportunity over the next 3 terms.

Overall, the House Captains have had an eventful year so far and we look forward to helping to drive the school forward further in the coming weeks. We will be looking to lead a house event soon (which looks like it could be an exciting TT Rockstars battle of the houses!)

Congratulations

We encourage everyone to be lifelong learners. Every day is a school day.

Congratulations to Mrs Halliday on achieving her National Professional Qualification in Leading Teacher development (NPQLTD)

Congratulations to Mrs Thorner on successfully completing her National Professional Qualification in Headship (NPQH)

Congratulations to Mrs Gough for achieving her National Professional Qualification in Executive Leadership (NPQEL)

Congratulations!

Optimus Grime

Did anyone spot the name of the bin lorry that was collecting the rubbish in Welton yesterday? We entered a competition with WLDC to name a bin lorry... and we won! If you look under the windscreen on the bin lorry working its way around Welton on a Thursday, you will see it has been named 'Optimus Grime'. What a great name.



Dates for the diary

We have planned our annual calendar so that dates can be saved. We will keep you updated, if any dates need to be changed.

29th February - Open the Book Collective worship. Parents, carers and families are welcome to join us at 9:10am, this is led by the churches together Open the Book team.

1st March - Rhino class leading collective worship. Parents, carers and families of children in rhino class are welcome to join us.

1st March - School Friends event - school disco (see Parentmail dated February 9th)

6th March - Road Safety for year 6 .

7th March - World Book Day (further information in this newsletter)

8th March - Zebra class collective worship. Parents, carers and families of children in Zebra class are welcome to join us.

11th March - Parents' evening week (further information to follow next week)

14th March - Open the Book Collective worship. Parents, carers and families are welcome to join us at 9:10am, this is led by the churches together Open the Book team.

15th March - Red Nose day – wear something red for a £1 donation.

15th March - Bee class leading collective worship. Parents, carers and families of children in Bee class are welcome to join us.

15th March - Y2 online safety workshop

15th March - Y4 online safety workshop

20th March - Y5 to Space Centre

22nd March - Butterfly class leading collective worship – parents, carers and families of children in Butterfly class are welcome to join us.

22nd March – School Friends event - Easter Bingo.

25th—27th March - Y4 Rand Farm

28th March - Open the Book Collective worship. Parents, carers and families are welcome to join us at 9:10am, this is led by the churches together Open the Book team.

28th March - Easter Sports – remember PE kit

28th March - Community Outdoor Easter Service - Afternoon (more information later in the term)

Donations

Our Foundation Stage children are looking at farm animals this term and are looking for donations of small toy farm animals. Any donations can be handed in to the main reception desk.



Fire Evacuation and Lockdown Practice

Each term we have a fire evacuation where we practise getting out of our school quickly and safely. We also have a lockdown procedure which is where we get the children into school as quickly and safely as possible. We practise this once a year. We will be carrying out both a fire practice and our lockdown procedure this term.





Welton St Mary's C.E. Primary Academy

£3
entry

Spring DISCO

FRIDAY

1 March

at **Welton St Mary's**

Please
complete the
permission
slip in
advance

FS/KS1 6.00 - 7.00pm
KS2 7.15 - 8.30pm

Small bag of haribo included in entry price

Small pocket money items - 50p

Facepaint 50p | Tattoos 20p

Please send your child with a named water bottle. Water will be available.

wmschoolfriends@gmail.com | Registered charity 1006646

