



## Welbourn Church of England Primary School

'Believe, Excite, Succeed, Together'

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2023



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to Term 3! We launched our new topics with an Inspiration Day with Mr Clarke. You will receive a termly overview of your child's learning and more information can be found on our website on the class pages. <https://www.welbournprimary.co.uk/>

### Routines and Safety in school

We always begin our term with a Routine Week, to recap our positive behaviour system, safety and hygiene routines. We are also required to carry out a 'Lockdown procedure' with the children, which includes staying in the classroom, closing blinds and windows and locking external doors. We have spoken to the children about this and will practice next week. We have explained to the children that if the alarm sounds, this may indicate that there is a stranger or animal in the school grounds and we need to stay together until they/it leaves. As you can imagine, there were a few questions and a bit of unease, but we reassured the children that this is just a safety measure that we have to carry out in school.

### Peer Review

On Wednesday, we had two headteachers from other schools visit and review our school. The focus was on consistency of approach across classes, looking at oracy (speaking and listening approaches), modelling and scaffolding learning to help improve teaching and learning experiences. The feedback was very positive and included the following points:

- Staff are positive, welcoming, enthusiastic, inspiring
- Children were well behaved and could articulate their learning confidently
- Children knew how to get help if they needed it and how they learn
- All children who were interviewed said that they enjoyed school
- The environment supports and (how it looks and feels)
- Children talk proudly about reward systems, their work and how they get better.

### Next steps

- Teachers to continue modelling talk and their own thinking so that children can develop this further and deepen their thinking
- To continue to provide challenge in maths by providing opportunities to use problem solving more frequently

### myHappyMind program

We are excited to announce that we have started a new mental health and wellbeing program for the children and staff. This is an accredited NHS backed program created by nurses and teachers. We have attached a document for you, that you can use to access the parent section of the website for more details. Each Monday, your child will take part in a short activity and learn about their brain, how it works and how they can use strategies to help themselves stay calm when they are worried, sad or stressed. We will focus on a new topic each term. A parent APP will be coming soon - ask your child who team HAP are!

### Parent Forum

Thank you to the parents who were able to join us on Thursday afternoon for our termly parent forum. I explained changes to our curriculum, we had a little look around school to see learning and I introduced our new myHappyMind program. There was also time for feedback and questions. Any further feedback is welcome!

### Clothes

We are still requiring donations of coats, trainers, wellies, hats and gloves for our second hand rail. Please leave them at the office if you are able to give any donations.

### Weather

The weather is very unpredictable and it is getting a lot colder, please continue to bring a change of shoes or trainers for P.E and a hooded top and coat.

Kind regards  
Mrs T Boulter

## Dates for your

### **Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> January**

Topaz and Emerald PE taster afternoon with Premier Education

### **Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> February**

Safer Internet day

Amethyst PE taster afternoon with Premier Education.

### **Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February**

Sports hall athletics with Carres am (parents will be notified if it involves their children)

3.00pm Music performances to parents in the hall

Last day of term

### **Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February**

Back to school/  
Inspiration day

### **Monday 6<sup>th</sup> March**

Fitness profiling with Carres in school

### **Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> March**

Forest School begins with Emerald Class for 6 weeks

### **Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March**

Red Nose Day

### **Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> March**

Parents Evening

### Safeguarding

If you have any concerns about the welfare of a child, please call: 01522782111 or reported to a staff member in school.

## Here's a glimpse into our week...

Topaz Class have enjoyed using their airport role play area, making 'tree spirits', using clay, to welcome the Spring and using paper mache to make hot air balloons for their topic 'our beautiful world'.



Emerald Class have enjoyed exploring forces on Inspiration day with Mr Clarke, playing tug of war, doing team games and making badges. They also enjoyed using their new journals in their myHappyMind lesson.



Amethyst Class enjoyed 'speed dating' by telling each other facts about the planets in Science, doing circuits in P.E with coach Haydyn and making wooden cam toys with Mr Clarke for Design Technology.



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