



Welbourne Primary Academy

October Newsletter

Upcoming Dates

Wednesday 1st November
Year 6 Smoking & Vaping Programme

Monday 13th November
Odd Sock Day—Anti Bullying Week

Friday 17th November
Children in Need Day—Wear Spots!

School Trips

Tuesday 7th November
Year 2 Peterborough Cathedral

Wednesday 22nd November
Year 4 Sportshall Athletics

Thursday 30th November
Year 4 Humph's Histories Workshop

Save the Date

Tuesday 12th December
KS1 Nativity (9.30am-10.30am)

Wednesday 13th December
KS1 Nativity (1.30pm-2.30pm)

Monday 18th December
School Disco

A note from Miss Lawson

What a wonderful start to the academic year. The children have worked really hard so far this term modelling fantastic learning behaviours and striving to achieve their academic goals. The children's attendance has been close to the national percentage of 96% all term and we want to thank you for ensuring your children are at school everyday and on time. Your continued support in this area will be much appreciated as we move into the colder months when we tend to see an increase in illnesses. May I just remind you that holidays will not be granted during school time unless there are exceptional circumstances.

We experienced our first OFSTED inspection since 2014 before half term and you will be able to see the judgements once the report is finalised. It was lovely for the children and staff to demonstrate how hard they work and how proud they are of their school. The report can take up to 30 days and so we will be sure to signpost you to this when it is published.

We have many exciting activities coming up over the next half term so please can we ask that you continue to check e-mails to ensure that you do not miss out on any of our events. Some of these have been listed on the left and we will continue to send reminders nearer the time.

May I remind you that parents evening will take place on Wednesday 1st November and Thursday 2nd November. We would really value your attendance at these meetings as we know that by working together we can accelerate pupil progress, raise attainment and improve pupil well-being.

Miss Lawson

Geography Week

Before we broke up for half term, we had a fantastic week looking at all things Geography! Year 3 were using Showbie on Transform iPads to research and present information about the earth. Year 4 looked at where in the world healthy foods come from, designed packaging and made healthy snacks. Our Year 2 children went into our local area to survey traffic.

It was great to spend some time studying a subject in depth and become Geographers!



Family Engagement Sessions

Many thanks to those of you that attended the family activity sessions and the phonics workshop. It is always a real pleasure to welcome parents into school and share what the children have been learning in their lessons. We made stone age tools, African Artwork, Portrait painting and learnt how to support children using the IPADS.



Children's Mental Health

As you may have read in the media, more children than ever before are struggling with their mental health and we want to let you know that we take this very seriously at Welbourne Primary Academy. We know that children who are mentally healthy are better able to learn and achieve their full potential.

We promote children's mental health in a number of ways, including:

- Teaching pupils about their emotions and how to manage them.
- Providing opportunities for pupils to talk about their feelings and experiences.
- Providing support for pupils who are struggling with their mental health.

Parental Signposting Support

We understand that parents and carers play a vital role in safeguarding their children. That's why we have developed a 'parental signposting support' document, which signposts to external agencies that can provide support on a range of safeguarding issues, including children's mental health. This document is attached, as well as available on the school website. If you have any concerns about your child's safety or well-being, please do not hesitate to contact us or one of the external agencies listed in the document.

Young Carers

At Welbourne we recognise that some of our pupils are young carers. Young carers are children and young people under the age of 18 who help to look after a family member who is disabled, physically or mentally ill, or has a substance misuse problem. A young person may be a young carer for a number of different reasons and who they care for and the support they provide is unique to their family situation. The attached letter details further information on how we can support any young carers in school and who you need to contact for further support.



PE kit

Please may I remind all parents that PE kits must be worn on PE days. This comprises of white T-shirt with black bottoms, to be either full length or shorts. Please also provide trainers for outside sports. In the winter months a tracksuit top is also required.

Football kits are not permitted.

Children that do not have correct PE kit will be asked to select from our spare kit that we hold in school.



Parking

Please can I ask that you park considerately in the school car park and in the local area. We have had complaints from local residents about the way in which parents are parking on the roads outside school, blocking the way for the buses to get through and potentially any emergency vehicles that may need to get through. May I also ask that you drive at an appropriate speed through the car park. There are many children that crossing the roads at all times and due care and attention must be given to ensure everyone is safe.



Chapter One

We're very excited to launch an online reading programme with Chapter One for the first time at our school! A number of pupils in Years 1, 2 and 3 will have access to this fantastic opportunity.

They will have extra time to read to a trained adult to help boost their literacy skills and love of reading!



Fundraising

Thank you for all of your harvest festival donations which all went to the Peterborough Food Bank.

We raised £156.40 for Jeans for Genes day—Well done and thank you for your support.

Congratulations to Jessica who won our guess the name of the teddy competition.

