



Welton Primary School

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Head's start...

I am sure by now your child has talked to you about plastic! I imagine that I am not alone when I was shocked to discover how much plastic waste is now in our seas and oceans so I thought it pertinent that I share this concern with the children, with a view to reducing the amount of plastic we use in our day to day lives. I know as a school we see many examples of wasted plastic and the children have been really enthusiastic in sharing what they find! An example of this came only last week when a group of children were shocked that their school raisin snacks were contained in small plastic bags. "Why could they not be in small cardboard boxes?" they suggested! While New Year resolutions usually focus on getting healthier or trying something new, I have encouraged the children to take time to consider reducing the plastic they use and to recycle whenever they can. I have also suggested that they might like to spread the word and possibly write a letter of concern to local businesses or indeed the local newspapers. I know from previous experiences that the voice of children often gets heard louder than those of adults! If any of your children are interested in this then please encourage them! I know that in many classes, the children have learnt tips and tricks for writing persuasively so they might like to use these strategies in their writing. I would also be happy to share their thoughts on the school website or Twitter account... Here's to a reduced waste 2018! Mr Snell

Car Park

To remind you that the school car park gates will be locked from 2.30pm - 3.30pm each day, beginning Monday 15th January. Currently too many vehicles are using the car park for collection at the end of the day and this has resulted in staff cars being damaged and some near misses with children. Most primary schools have a no vehicle policy during the busy times of the day and we are increasingly concerned about the safety and welfare of our young people. Thank you for making use of the safer route to school via the back gate.

Times Tables Rock Stars

Hopefully by now your Y2-Y6 child has told you all about the exciting Times Tables Rock Stars competition! This brilliant online resource challenges your child to answer times tables questions as quickly as possible in order to gain coins to use on their avatar as well as status on the ladder to become a Rock Hero! Do encourage your child to take part by visiting www.trockstars.com where they will need to login to play. An app is available for mobile devices too. Every fortnight we will be announcing the most improved and most successful Rock Stars in the school! Do make contact with your child's class teachers if your child needs reminding of their login. Year 1 pupils will be joining the fun soon!



500 Words

You may be interested to know that the BBC Radio 2 500 Words writing competition is now open with entries to be submitted by 7pm on Thursday 22nd February. All of the details can be found online at the competition website www.bbc.co.uk/500words. It may be that your child writes an environmental story highlighting the issue of waste! The 500 words website includes lots of helpful tips and ideas for writing with some fantastic video clips from famous writers together with the winning stories from last year. There are some great prizes up for grabs! We will be publicising this competition at Welton so please let us know if your child enters...



Unsupervised Children

Please do not leave your child unsupervised before the school gates are opened at the beginning of the school day. Breakfast club begins at 8am so please either wait with your child until then or wait until the school gates are opened at 8.45am. Thank you.

STEM term

We are already excited to be planning a whole school STEM term in term 4. This will see the children learning Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths. We are planning a number of exciting activities and have a number of exciting visitors already booked to visit. We are also planning another Careers Day on 9th March. If you would like to help in any way and have a connection with anything STEM, please get in touch!



Dates for your diary:

Mon 15th Jan	PTFA meeting - all welcome 7.30pm in the school hall
Weds 17th Jan	Year R National weight and heights measurements taken
Weds 17th Jan	Year 6 Swimming gala - details to follow
Fri 19th Jan	School football team begin training 3.15-4.15pm
Mon 29th Jan	Year 6 PE festival at Somervale School (pm)
Weds 31st Jan	Year 6 Public speaking competition - details to follow (eve)
Thurs 1st Feb	Provisional Year 6 cycling proficiency sessions (Thurs/Fri)
Mon 5th Feb	National Child Mental Health Week
Tues 6th Feb	National Safer Internet Day - activities at Welton to be confirmed
Fri 9th Feb	Welton Awards assembly 9.10am - invitations to be sent
Fri 9th Feb	Head Teacher tea party 2.00pm - invitations to be sent
Fri 9th Feb	LAST DAY TERM 3
Mon 19th Feb	FIRST DAY TERM 4 (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths school topic)
Mon 5th March	National Careers Week
Fri 9th March	Welton Careers Day focussing on STEM careers
Fri 23rd March	LAST DAY TERM 4
Mon 9th April	FIRST DAY TERM 5 **INSET DAY 3** School closed to pupils
Tues 10th April	First day back for pupils
Mon 14th May	Y6 SATS week Mon-Thurs this week
Fri 25th May	LAST DAY TERM 5
Mon 4th June	FIRST DAY TERM 6



High Littleton Greyfield road Monday 10:00-12:00
Westfield Westhill club car park Tuesday 10:00-12:00
Haydon Haydon Cue club Wednesday 10:00- 12:00

Peasedown st John Beacon Hall car park Monday 13:00-15:00
Paulton Paulton village hall car park Tuesday 13:00-15:00
Pensford Village hall car park Thursday 10:00-12:00

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Universal Infant Free School Meals

Is your child receiving Free School Meals because they are in Reception, Year 1 or 2?

Please register for Free School Meals (eligible by benefit) if you receive any of the benefits listed below.

Your registration could attract Pupil Premium for your school of £1,320.

Please contact the team at
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- Universal Credit
- Income Support
- Income-Based Jobseekers Allowance
- Income Related Employment Support Allowance
- Child Tax Credit (WITHOUT Working Tax Credit) and have an annual household income (as assessed by HMRC) below £16,190
- Working Tax Credit **Run-on** which is **only paid for 4 weeks** after you STOP qualifying for Working Tax Credit
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- Support under PartV1 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999

Visit www.bathnes.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals to download and complete a form online.

We know schools are extremely busy and it's getting harder for us to visit them to take WOW photos.

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