



Welton Primary School

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Head's start...

I am sure you will agree that at Welton, we really care about the emotional health of your children, as much as their academic abilities. I think this is one of the reasons why so many people talk so positively about the school and the fact that we recognise that children learn best when they are free from worries or emotional stress. Indeed, we believe that these are essential life skills and I am convinced that we really do prepare our young people well for the rest of their school careers - and life! It is good to see that the government has just released a green paper entitled *Transforming Children and Young People's Mental Health Provision* following a period of consultation with educational and health professionals. There is a clear recognition that mental health is not a taboo subject and should be discussed and supported as much as our physical health. Indeed, I was at a conference this week at the National College of Psychiatrists, where leading researchers shared their vision for developing mentally healthy young people and I was encouraged by what was being said. It made me proud of the work we already do at Welton in this regard as I do believe we are 'ahead of the game'. Our work on emotion coaching over the last two years is now really embedded in our work and has really helped our school community understand the emotional needs of the children in our care. We will soon be welcoming some teachers from Australia who have heard about our good work! Naturally there is a lot more to be done however I have confidence that Welton will truly shine in this regard. Next week will see us take part in the National Children's Mental Health Week where schools up and down the country will spend time discussing how important it is to be happy with who you are. Of course, parents and carers have a very important role to play in helping children and young people learn the importance and value of 'Being Ourselves' and the dedicated website (www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk) contains lots of useful advice and information on helping to build your child's self-esteem and recognise their own unique strengths and qualities. This will then help them to make better connections with others! I hope you agree and are as excited as we are to be on this journey together. With thanks for your continued support, Mr Snell

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Crossing Patrol

We are delighted that we will hopefully have a crossing patrol when Mr Day is unavailable. With thanks to parent Lynsey Burchill who applied for the role and is currently being trained. The BANES crossing patrol team have been to observe the patrol and made the following comments which need to be shared with you: *If the School Crossing Patrol has the sign raised the crossing is active and all vehicles must stop for the patrol to enter the carriageway. Those vehicles exiting the side road opposite should wait until the patrol is back on the footway and should not use the stop to access the major road. It is the same as running a red light, subject to the same fines and driving licence penalties. Thank you*

Parent Forum

Following the success of our first Parent Forum meeting last term, we are delighted to let you know that Miss Smart will be hosting another event at 2.30pm on Monday 26th February in the school, when the topic for discussion will be 'school communication with parents'. If you are able to join us then you are very welcome as your opinions and observations matter to us.

BANES Discovery Card

Don't forget that as a resident of BANES you and your family are entitled to a free 'Discovery Card' which will give you free entry to fantastic places such as the Roman Baths and Fashion Museum. There are also lots of fabulous offers and discounts available for residents over the coming weeks with plenty for adults and children alike. Do take a moment to read more on the website:

<http://www.bathnes.gov.uk/services/tourism-and-heritage/discovery-card>

Volunteers needed!

We are always grateful for any time that parents can provide with help at Welton. If you are interested in volunteering then please let us know. We are currently looking for help in Reception Class from Term 4. Please let Mrs Audritt or the school office know. Many thanks.



DIRECTOR of PUBLIC HEALTH AWARD



Dates for your diary:

Mon 5th Feb	National Children's Mental Health Week - activities during the week
Tues 6th Feb	National Safer Internet Day - activities at Welton during the day
Weds 7th Feb	PTFA Movie Night (Emoji Movie) 3.15pm–5.00pm
Fri 9th Feb	PTFA KS2 Cake Sale with tea and coffee - school hall from 2.45pm
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)
Tues 20th Feb	School Football Team match (Home) against Chilcompton - 3.40pm
Mon 26th Feb	Parent/School forum meeting - Theme: Communication with parents (2.30pm)
Mon 26th Feb	PTFA Committee Meeting - 7.30pm School Hall
Thurs 1st March	World Book Day - details to follow
Mon 5th March	National Careers Week
Fri 9th March	Welton Careers Day focussing on STEM careers
Fri 9th March	PTFA Family Bingo Night - 6-8pm School Hall
Wed 14th March	Dance Umbrella performance and rehearsal day
Tues 20th March	Rocksteady concert for pupils taking part in Rocksteady music lessons (2.30pm)
Weds 21st March	PTFA Sponsored Climb (and Bounce)! Details to follow!
Thurs 22nd March	Welton Awards assembly 9.10am - invitations to be sent (note date)
Thurs 22nd March	Head Teacher tea party 2.00pm - invitations to be sent (note date)
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

Congratulations!

A huge well done to Amelie, Lucy and Elliott from Year 6 who represented Welton at the inaugural Public Speaking Competition held at Norton Hill School this week—and came first! They were absolutely brilliant and very confident in their delivery! Well done!

Flu advice—message from NHS England:

"In view of the increased cases of Flu this year, NHS England have taken the decision to extend the vaccination programme and make more vaccine available. Therefore there will be opportunities for your child to be vaccinated in community clinics, if they have not already been vaccinated and are in the eligible cohort Year R, 1, 2, 3 or 4. This is regardless of whether you filled in a negative consent form in the first instance. If you would like to take up this opportunity please contact the BANES immunisation team on: 01225 838270 to book into a community clinic. Please note that this will be offered in first come/first serve basis until vaccine has run out"

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 freeschoolmeals@bathnes.gov.uk

or call 01225 394317.

- 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
- The Guaranteed Element of State Pension Credit
- Support under Part V1 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999

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



We are really excited about the forthcoming STEM term at Welton - STEM stands for Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths. Teachers are busy planning fun STEM based learning opportunities for the children and in addition the following activities are set to happen...

- Whole School Science Show - funded by the PTFA
- Science workshops and an assembly led by students from Prior Park School
- A STEM Careers event
- Trips to Somervale School to use the MAT Science laboratories
- Opportunities to use robots e.g. Ozobots
- A Whole School STEM Day where we all work on the same STEM challenge
- A poster competition in conjunction with British Science Week
- An Invention Convention - don't forget to work on this home school challenge (see flier)
- Bath Taps into Science (Bath university) workshops in school
- A STEM after school club (£35-see flier)

Please contact your child's teacher if you are interested in being involved in the STEM term or you have a job or hobby that is linked to STEM.

There are also a number of community family events involving STEM that are taking place over the coming weeks.

- The Bath Taps into Science - Family Fair 2018 - The Rec in Bath, Saturday 17th March
- The Man Engine - largest mechanical puppet - Somer Valley Campus Radstock, Friday 6th April (Easter Holidays)- afternoon and evening
- Bradford on Avon Science and Music Fair - Sunday 4th March 10am- Wiltshire Music Centre

Archaeology Around You

Town Hall – Midsomer Norton
Thursday 15 February 2018, 2pm – 6pm

We need your help to discover more about medieval Midsomer Norton. Find out how to get involved in a community archaeological dig.



PADS presents the *spectacular* pantomime

JACK AND THE BEANSTALK

7:30pm Friday 9th February

2:00pm Saturday 10th February

7:30pm Saturday 10th February

£6 Adult - £4 Child

Tickets available from Paulton
newsagents and Paulton Rovers bar
or call 01761 412907 to reserve tickets

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