

## Newsletter January 2018

### **On behalf of the Local Board**

The Governors hope you have all enjoyed the festive season and wish you all a very Happy New Year.

We have attended school regularly over last term and have very much enjoyed meeting and talking to several parents and the children, as well as supporting the staff team. It has been delightful to witness the rapid improvements that have been made by the school community and we congratulate the pupils and staff for their achievements.

Whilst there is still a way to go, the Governors feel that Weston St Mary's potential is gradually being realised and the pupils will continue to learn and achieve with the support of everyone involved. We will be in and around school again this term and look forward to meeting up with as many of you as possible as the year progresses.

Looking forward to a prosperous 2018, best wishes to all.

### **Head of School Update**

On behalf of the staff and children at Weston St Mary Primary School, I would like to wish you a very Happy New Year. We hope that you and your families had an enjoyable Christmas break. It has been lovely to see the children return to school this week with renewed energy and enthusiasm for their learning.

Last term was extremely busy and there was much to celebrate. A particular highlight was the Christmas Performance of Whoops-A-Daisy Angel by years 1, 2 and 3. It was a pleasure to see all of the children perform so confidently and we were pleased that it was so warmly received by parents and carers who attended. Thank you to those who joined us in order to support the children, and also to those of you who provided costumes and helped children learn their lines in preparation for the performance.

We would also like to thank parents and carers for attending our Church service on the last day of term. The children and staff thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to sing Christmas Carols with you and it set the mood perfectly for the end of term.

Although this half term is a short one, there is lots to look forward to. We will be running open mornings again this term, during which you will have the chance to join your child/children in school for a session to see what learning looks like in our school. More details on this will follow. We are also looking forward to receiving a visit from John Hayes MP on 12<sup>th</sup> January, giving us the chance to show him some of the changes we have made to our school and, most importantly, to introduce him to our fantastic pupils. As you will already be aware, this will also be the last half term in which we wear green and yellow, as School Parliament have unanimously voted to change our uniform to blue and white after the half term. You can read their letter regarding the uniform change on our website and we will provide you with more information soon.

### **Reception Intake 2018**

If you, or anyone you know, has a child who is due to begin school in September 2018, please note that the online application process closes on 15<sup>th</sup> January 2018 at noon.

### **School Parliament Fundraising**

We are pleased to announce that the following money was raised during last term:

Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal - £50.35

Christingle - £50.02

Christmas Jumper Day - £27.45

### **Updating Changes**

If your child has a change in medical circumstances, please notify the school office so that we can keep our records up to date and ensure that all staff are aware of each child's conditions.

### **Open Mornings**

Following the success of our open mornings in November, we have scheduled further open mornings on 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> January. Open mornings allow parents and carers to come into school and see how their child/ren learns.

### **Special Needs Support**

As the school's SENDCo, Mrs Flack is available between 9.30 and 11.00am on Friday mornings should any parents or carers wish to discuss any concerns they may have regarding their child's special education needs. Please make contact with the office to make an appointment.

### **School Lunches**

Please ensure that when ordering school lunches online via A Country Kitchen, you checkout your choices. We have had some instances where parents have not checked out their choices therefore lunches have not been ordered. If you would like to order school lunches for your child and do not have a user name or password, please contact the school office.

### **Dates for your diary**

3<sup>rd</sup> January Term 3  
23<sup>rd</sup> January Open Mornings  
24<sup>th</sup> January Open Mornings

### **Playground Safety**

Just a gentle reminder that riding bikes and scooters within the school grounds is not allowed by children or adults and we respectfully ask for your support in this matter. We also ask that dogs are not brought onto the premises, including the school's car park.

### **Safeguarding**

We believe that safeguarding is an important part of the work with children and young adults so will keep this reminder in all of our newsletters. Please remember that safeguarding is the responsibility of all of us. If we are concerned about the safety of any child, we should let somebody know. Mrs Flack is the designated safeguarding person in school. In her absence, contact Mrs Palmer who has now also been trained as a designated safeguarding person.

### **Term Dates**

#### **Term 3**

3<sup>rd</sup> January 2018 to 9<sup>th</sup> February 2018

#### **Term 4**

19<sup>th</sup> February 2018 to 28<sup>th</sup> March 2018

#### **Term 5**

16<sup>th</sup> April 2018 to 25<sup>th</sup> May 2018

#### **Term 6**

4<sup>th</sup> June 2018 to 20<sup>th</sup> July 2018

### **School Closures School Closures due to weather or emergencies.**

The decision to close the school is never taken lightly. We appreciate that many pupils live within walking distance of the school but we also have to take account of where our staff live and their ability to travel to and from school safely in order to ensure the safety of our pupils. Once the decision has been taken to close the school, the information will be broadcast on local radio

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- BBC Radio Lincolnshire FM(VHF) 94.9/MW 1368 kilohertz/219m or [www.bbc.co.uk/lincolnshire](http://www.bbc.co.uk/lincolnshire)
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