

## Newsletter January 2019

### 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 Year 5 visit to Lincoln Cathedral for the Church School Christmas Carol Service. The children thoroughly enjoyed attending the choral workshop in the morning and then spending the afternoon singing in the Cathedral. Another highlight was our whole school trip to the Pantomime at the South Holland Centre. Watching the performance (and eating ice cream!) was the perfect end to what had been a very busy term. Thank you to everyone who attended Acorns Class' Christmas Performance of Christmas Counts and to those who joined us for our Carol Service in church 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 not set to be quite as busy, there is still lots to look forward to. We are excited to invite you to join us for Candlemas at St Mary Church in Weston on Monday 4th February at 9.30am. We are also pleased to announce that this half term members of our School Parliament will be meeting with the School Parliament of Whaplode Church of England Primary School to discuss the charitable causes they wish to support across both schools. For more dates please see the Dates for your Diary section below.

### Special Needs Support

The school's SENCo is now Mrs Z Halden who works between both Whaplode and Weston St Mary's Schools. Mrs Halden is available alternate Friday mornings between 9.30 and 11.00am. If you have any concerns or would like to book an appointment, please contact the school office

### Twitter

We are pleased to announce that we have relaunched our Twitter account and you can now follow us for updates and news @WestonStMary

### Dates for your diary

22<sup>nd</sup> January – KS2 Roman Workshop at Whaplode  
4<sup>th</sup> February – Candlemas at St Mary Church, Weston

### iPads!

We are delighted to announce that we have 10 new iPads in Acorns class, which we have been able to buy thanks to the generous support of the Moulton Harrox Educational Foundation. We would like to thank them for their generosity and for being so supportive of our school.

### 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. The designated safeguarding officer is Mrs Flack, with Mrs R Walker the deputy safeguarding officer

### **September 2019 Admissions**

Admissions Arrangements are now on the County Councils Website

A reminder to parents with children that are due to start in Reception Class September 2019 to apply online for a school place. The closing date for applications is Monday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2019.

Please visit:

[www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/parents/schools/school-admissions](http://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/parents/schools/school-admissions) or contact the admission team on 01522 782030 to apply

### **PE Kits**

As we approach the cold winter months, we are increasingly concerned about the fact that many of our pupils do not have weather-appropriate clothing for PE. Due to timetable restrictions, the children change for PE before lunch time and then spend up to 45 minutes outside after they had eaten their lunch. Please ensure that children have jogging bottoms in school so that they can keep warm during lunch time before their PE lesson in the afternoon

### **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

### **Book People**

The Book People drop off books on a regular basis and we would like to give parents and carers the opportunity to view and purchase these books. Each time we receive a selection of books, we will send out an email giving you a two day slot to view/purchase books. Please note that payment must be made at the time of ordering

### **Term Dates**

#### **Term 3:**

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> Jan 2019 to Friday 15<sup>th</sup> Feb 2019

#### **Term 4:**

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> Feb 2019 to Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2019

#### **Term 5:**

Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2019 to Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2019

#### **Term 6:**

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2019 to Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2019

### **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.

It is also important that parents keep the school updated of changes in contact details, especially mobile phone numbers, so that we are able to make contact with you in an emergency

### **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

- Lincs FM (FM (VHF) 102.2 megahertz or [www.lincsfm.co.uk](http://www.lincsfm.co.uk))
- BBC Radio Lincolnshire FM(VHF) 94.9/MW 1368 kilohertz/219m or [www.bbc.co.uk/lincolnshire](http://www.bbc.co.uk/lincolnshire)
- [www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/schoolclosures](http://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/schoolclosures)
- [www.weston-st-mary.co.uk](http://www.weston-st-mary.co.uk)