

Newsletter November 2017

Head of School Update

The children and staff at Weston St Mary have been very busy during the previous month and it has been a pleasure to see the children enjoying the opportunities they have had over the past few weeks. Years 3 and 4 very much enjoyed their workshop day and theatre trip to the South Holland Centre, which they participated in as part of the START project, and Years 1 and 2 had a fantastic time at the animal workshop which was hosted at Whaplode C of E Primary School at the end of last half term.

We would like to thank you for the support that you have offered us over recent weeks, such as attending our Harvest Festival and for the food items that were donated. These were displayed in church over the Harvest period and then donated to a foodbank in Spalding. We were also pleased that parents took the opportunity to attend our Open Mornings. Feedback from those who attended was very positive and we are pleased that parents enjoyed the opportunity to see how we learn at Weston St Mary. We will look to arrange more of these Open Mornings later in the year. Please see the 'Dates for your diary' section of this newsletter for more opportunities to attend events at Weston St Mary.

Farewell

We are sorry to announce that, due to poor health, Mrs Smith will not be returning to work at Weston St Mary. We wish her a speedy recovery and the best of luck with her future endeavours.

Wear Odd Socks for Anti Bullying Week

The week beginning 13th November is Anti Bullying Week and the children will have the opportunity to participate in a range of activities throughout the week. One that we are particularly looking forward to is Wear Odd Socks Day, where children and staff will be wearing socks that do not match to raise awareness of Anti Bullying Week. Please note that children do not need to bring a donation in order to participate.

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 to choose your school place opens on 13th November 2017 on the Lincolnshire County Council website.

Pets As Therapy

We are very excited to announce that we will be joined by a new helper in school soon. Scout the dog will be joining us for a Collective Worship and will then be working with groups of children to support them with their reading. We are very excited to welcome Scout, along with his handler Lorriane Flett, and look forward to working with them soon.

Special Needs Support

As the school's SENDCo, Mrs Flack is available between 9.30 and 11.00am on Wednesday 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.

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. Please also notify us if any of your contact details change.

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.

School Parliament Fundraising

The School Parliament has decided that they would like to support Children in Need on 17th November by holding a non-uniform day and a bake sale. Children may come to school in non-uniform for a donation of £1. The School Parliament will also be selling cakes at break time to pupils for a small donation (any donations of cakes and biscuits will be gratefully received).

The School Parliament has also decided to support Save the Children by taking part in their Christmas Jumper day on 15th December. Further details will follow in due course.

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.

Christmas Lunch

Our Christmas lunch is on 15th December. Further details on how to order lunch for your child (if you have not already done so via online ordering) will be sent out in the next few days.

Dates for your diary

6th November Open Morning for Parents
7th November Open Morning for Parents
13th November Wear odd socks for Anti Bullying Week
16th November Tolerance Day (activities in school)
17th November Flu immunisations (Yr1-Yr4)
17th November Non-uniform and bake sale in Aid of Children in Need
8th December KS1 Winter Wonderland Visit
13th December Christmas Performance (Y1-3)
15th December Christmas Lunch
15th December Christmas Jumper Day
19th December Christmas Service at Church
19th December End of Term

Admission Policy 2019 Intake

The admissions policy for 2019 intake is under consultation due to oversubscription criteria changing from driving distance to straight line distance. The policy can be found on the school website and any comments should be made to the school office.

Term Dates

Term 2

31st October 2017 to 19th December 2017

Term 3

3rd January 2018 to 9th February 2018

Term 4

19th February 2018 to 28th March 2018