



September Newsletter 2023



Head of School Update

It has been wonderful to welcome all of the pupils back to Weston St Mary after the summer holidays and to see how well they have settled into their new year groups and classes. We have also enjoyed welcoming our new starters, both in EYFS and in year groups across the school. The academic year has started well, and the children have been working hard across a wide range of subjects. It has been great to hear them speak enthusiastically about their learning, whether it be the fun PE session they have just had with our PE coach or the Science experiment they have been conducting about teeth!

One of the greatest successes this month has been Key Stage 2 swimming. It has been fantastic to hear of the progress pupils are making, and we love to hear how excited the children are when they arrive back from Whaplode announcing that they can now swim! Whilst we will be sad for these sessions to end at half term, it won't be too long before they begin again after the Easter break.

You may have noticed that there have been some improvements made to our school grounds over the past few months. Before the summer holidays, Morrison's Community Champions kindly dedicated two days to improving our car park area by planting flowers and painting the fences and pergola. In addition to this, our beautiful new reflection area was built in the playground over the summer holidays, funded by the Moulton John Harrox Trust. We would like to thank both Morrison and the Moulton John Harrox Trust for the contributions they have made to our school, making it an even lovelier place to be.

Rachael Walker
Head of School



Emails

Please ensure that you check your emails on a regular basis (even during the holidays) as this is the fastest and most efficient way for us to communicate with you.

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)
- BBC Radio Lincolnshire FM(VHF) 94.9/MW 1368 kilohertz/219m or www.bbc.co.uk/lincolnshire
- www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/schoolclosures
- www.weston-st-mary.co.uk

Updating Changes

If your child has a change in medical circumstances, please notify the school office as soon as possible 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.

Our school value this term is – Respect

We will be looking at what respect means and why it is important that we treat others with respect.

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 officers are Mrs Z Halden and Miss A Muir.

Term Dates

School Photographer in – Friday 13th October

**Celebration of Learning (for all classes) –
9.00am Friday 20th October**

Clothing

PE this term is on a Friday for all children. Please ensure that your child has the correct PE kit and appropriate footwear - trainers in school on this day.

All children have a locker so their PE kits can stay in school if you wish.

PE:

Plain blue t-shirt (or a plain t-shirt) **NO logos**

Black shorts

Suitable trainers

Winter/outdoor PE kit should consist of plain dark coloured tracksuit/jogging bottoms.

Special Needs Support

The school's SENCO is Mrs Z Halden who works between different schools. If you have any concerns, please email the office and these will be passed on.

Absence

If your child is absent from school, please let the office know on the morning of the absence before 08:45am as stated within our school attendance policy. This is a very important procedure that needs to be followed to ensure that we know that children are safe. If you do not do this, then a member of our admin team will continue to email and ring until we receive a response.