



# Welton CE Academy Weekly Newsletter

Friday  
25<sup>th</sup> November 2016



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## Message from Mr Crozier

## Dates for your diary

Dear Parents/Carers,

I wanted to take this opportunity in my weekly slot in the newsletter to consider the wider community in ensuring that we are being courteous to our neighbours. In the short time I have been in post I can wholeheartedly say that the staff in the school, the children, the parents and carers, representatives from DRET, the PTA and Governors have made me feel very welcome at Welton. We now need to take a moment to reflect and ensure that this is felt beyond our school and out into the community. It has been brought to my attention that the White Horse pub - a large presence in the village - feel that we are hindering their business to the point of affecting them financially. We need to ensure that we **do not park in the pub car park** at any time as on more than one occasion this year the bins could not be emptied due to cars obstructing access. This incurs costs each time it happens and the bins then have to be emptied at another time at an extra cost. In meeting with a representative from the White Horse I understand they would be within their rights to take further action. To avoid further action I am addressing this now and asking for your cooperation to stop this happening.

After a very positive first Governors' meeting this week it has been brought to my attention that certain aspects of school life that changed at the beginning of term need addressing.

**Mufti days**- I can categorically state that Mufti-days have not or never have been banned in the school and that through miscommunication this has been the perception. It is my opinion that Mufti days have a role in education but we need to ensure that they are purposeful and have an impact on the pupil's education. One Mufti day a month is excessive if it doesn't give the children a worthwhile reason to raise their awareness and indeed funds for charities and the school itself. A future planned Mufti day will be around World Book Day where the children will be asked to make a donation to the school and dress up as a book character. Our children can explore stories and then produce some writing that will make the day memorable and have an educational purpose. I hope you share my views.

**Sharing assemblies**- Again, through miscommunication, which I wish to clear up, it has been perceived that sharing assemblies have been cancelled too. We need to look at ensuring these events are purposeful and do not hinder the education of our children but that we also encourage parents and families to celebrate what is happening in school. We already have a date for our sharing assemblies at the end of this term and we will ensure that we repeat it again around Easter and at the end of the academic year. This will ensure that time is given for children to produce work for these occasions and that the quality of the work is improved.

For the school to work at its most effective we need to sharpen up the communication from the school to all of you and these two examples highlight this. The importance of discussions with myself that can occur in the playground in the morning or through an appointment will, hopefully, alleviate any problems before they arise. If I am aware of your concerns, and please come and share them with me, then I can do my utmost to resolve them.

Thank you for your on-going support towards the school.

## Attendance & Special Awards

For the week ending 18<sup>th</sup> November 2016

- Rabbits 98.6%
- Squirrels 100%
- Foxes 97.6%
- Badgers 94.3%
- Otters 98.0%

Whole School 97.7%

*Wow! Squirrels 100% for the second week running.*

### Stars of the Week....this week

Rabbits: Amelie Donnison & Amelia Reeve  
 Squirrels: Beau Handy & Sofia Oliver  
 Foxes: Alex Cartwright & Caitlyn Beahan  
 Badgers: Mia Ainger-Gamble & Sam White  
 Otters: Joel Aldridge & Fiona Collins

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**Tidiest Classroom** - Badgers

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## Diary Dates

25<sup>th</sup>  PTA Christmas Fair 5pm – 7pm

30<sup>th</sup> Open Afternoon – guided tours

### **December**

5<sup>th</sup> KS1 Nativity Dress Rehearsal 2.00pm

6<sup>th</sup> KS1 Nativity Performance 2.00pm

7<sup>th</sup> KS1 Nativity Performance 2.00pm

12<sup>th</sup> Area Carols Service Year 6 only 6.00pm

13<sup>th</sup> KS2 Pantomime Visit to Derngate

14<sup>th</sup> KS1 Pantomime Visit to Deco Theatre

Open Afternoon – Guided Tours

15<sup>th</sup> Christmas Dinner, 'Party' and 'Wear a Christmas Jumper' Day

### **20<sup>th</sup> December**

9.30am KS1 Celebration Assembly

10.45am KS2 Celebration Assembly

3.15(20)pm Break up for Christmas

**New Term starts on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> January**

## Information for Parents & Other News

### **Children in Need Mufti Day**

Thank you for all the Mufti donations last Friday. We were able to send £130 to Children in Need.

### **Sal's Shoes**

The Newbould family would like to thank everyone for their contributions to Sal's Shoes. They collected 130 pairs from Welton and 280 from Little Kickers, so a total of 410 pairs altogether. Well done everyone!



The children enjoyed decorating biscuits for the Christmas Fair. Thank you to the members of the PTA for helping!

Don't forget   
 to come and see Santa  
at the PTA Christmas Fair



**TONIGHT**  
**5pm – 7pm**

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