

January 2024

We've certainly started the year as we mean to go on at Weldon CE Primary, with a very busy January in school.

Our wonderful choir travelled to Birmingham's Resorts World Arena to take part in this year's Young Voices spectacular. Along with 6,000 other children, the children had the opportunity to perform their well-rehearsed songs and dance moves in front of an arena full of spectators (including many parents who had made the trip too). It's such a fantastic experience for our children and a huge thank-you, as always, to our music teacher, Mr Hole, for getting them all show-ready.

Our year one class enjoyed a Florence Nightingale workshop as part of their Spring Term topic, Real Life Superheroes. Looking fabulous in their Victorian outfits, the children were able to experience life as it would have been as a nurse during the Crimean War in 1854 by taking part in practical activities, drama and role-plays.

We are keen to work more closely with our parents of children with SEN (Special Educational Needs) and January saw the launch of a Parent SEN Support Group. We're hoping to be able to provide parent-to-parent support, workshops and visiting speakers alongside the chance to chat, share experiences and support each other. We're due to hold our first meeting in February, which will help shape the plans for the coming months.

As part of our continued drive to ensure fluency with times tables right across the school, our children regularly play TT Rockstars. This is a fun and engaging app, which helps children to have fun whilst learning their times tables. We run regular challenges that pit different classes against each to earn the most TT Rockstar points, with classes competing to win the trophy each week. It gets very competitive and all the children are always very keen to hear who the victors are.

Our PFTA has been recruiting new members to help raise some much-needed funds for school. There are a few fundraising events already in the pipeline, including a Leap Year Disco in February and an Easter tombola!

We currently have a vacancy for a parent governor to join our Academy Governance Committee (AGC). We've had two applicants for the role and so it's gone to a ballot, the results of which should

be in shortly. As all parish councillors know, it's increasingly hard to secure people for voluntary roles, so we were very pleased indeed to have two interested applicants.

Last but certainly not least, our year 5 children enjoyed a Maths Day at the Rock UK Frontier Centre in Irthlingborough. This is an annual event organised by the Peterborough Diocese Education Trust (PDET – of which we are a part) and it brings together schools from all over the trust to take part in hands-on maths puzzles and games. The children really enjoyed themselves, particularly the 'Escape Room' challenge where they had to work as a team to solve various maths puzzles to find the combinations to multiple padlocks on the vault. It's certainly a great way to make Maths fun!