



# Welburn Hall Weekly

Friday 29 September 2023

Hello and welcome to our weekly Newsletter.....

## School dinner arrears

We are currently owed £145 for unpaid school meals. We would very much appreciate it if you could check your account and make sure it is in credit.

Thank you for your understanding

## Autumn 1 – Food Tech Contributions
















Payments can now be made towards Autumn 1 Food Tech.

So, if you are able to contribute, please do so via [ParentPay](#). Thank you



As of today, **86%** of ParentPay accounts **have been activated** – so thank you for your support and cooperation.

For those who have not activated their account, **please can you ensure that you login to ParentPay and sign up as a matter of urgency.** We need **ALL** parents to activate their account, even those receiving **Free School Meals** to ensure you receive the full benefits of the system. Thank you!

Week 2 Lunch	Main	Vegetarian	Pudding
Monday	Flaky pastry topped steak & mushroom pie with mash 	cauliflower mac 'n' cheese 	chocolate cornflake pudding 
Tuesday	pasta Bolognese & garlic bread 	sticky Quorn noodles 	Viennese whirl, fruit & ice cream 
Wednesday	toad in the hole with onion gravy & roasties 	cheesy bean enchilada 	jam roly poly & custard 
Thursday	cottage pie 	pizza 	flapjack 
Friday	battered fish & chips 	Lightly spiced veg & bean curry, loaded wedges 	toffee apple muffin 

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To all parents/carers and our school community

**Autumn Message 2023**  
**from Mrs Marianne Best, Headteacher**

Following the somewhat damp and not so sunny summer, we have had a lovely start to our new school year! The school is expecting to have over 100 pupils on roll by the end of the year, growing to 120 when the building work is complete.

Building work commences after the October half-term, when the House will be shut for 2 years. The heating and electrical systems will be completely overhauled with all associated asbestos and repairs undertaken. We are very excited about the prospect of reopening the House in September 2025, with the proposal to reopen the residential provision to 38-week, high needs young people.

This year we have taken possession of 4 excellent temporary classrooms for use whilst the House is closed. Teachers and students in those 4 rooms are very keen to start using them next half-term. They are situated over at the School part of the site and we are looking forward to College and School working very closely together.

North Yorkshire Council, together with Welburn Hall governors, are managing our financial position and we are very privileged and grateful for the millions of pounds being invested in our school. Mindful of this, we are planning to create community-based resources in the House that will open from September 2025.

This term we are focusing on achieving the next level of accreditation with the National Autistic Society, as well as developing our Nurture Group provision. The majority of our students have autism and all benefit from the approaches that work for autistic children. Our ethos is to have the therapeutic approach to learning, respecting every child as an individual and building on their personal strengths. Despite the classes being much larger and all the challenges around resourcing, our pupils, as ever, have made a very positive start to the year with their new friends and teachers!

Our new Deputy Headteacher, Amanda Caton, is working with all teachers to ensure that we are a truly specialist resource and is focussing on communication as a priority this year.

I must mention our wonderful Home School Association; whose Chair is Evette Dadswell. Through Evette's leadership and everyone's unwavering commitment, we have raised thousands of pounds, which have allowed us to apply for a school minibus, to purchase new resources for outside spaces and contribute to specialist resourcing to support the communication needs of all our pupils.

The work we do here and the development of our school would be impossible without the staff, who are an amazing team of dedicated and highly skilled people. I am very proud of what we've achieved so far on our journey and we are supported by an incredibly able and involved governing body.

Finally, none of us would be here if it weren't for the wonderful pupils, who brighten every day and make it a blessing to work here!

M Best



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Miss Marr's class have been talking about kindness in PDE.

The students made compliment slip posters and put them around school to brighten everyone's day! 😊



Our College Students have started on their work experience placements.



They displayed excellent teamwork and perseverance to finish these jobs by the end of the morning.



At Helmsley Walled Garden they were busy with Autumnal tasks - harvesting pumpkins, marrows and squashes, then clearing and composting the old plants.



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# Exploring Colour Mixing



Miss Leetham's class had a fabulous time in their colour exploration session.

The class mixed primary colours for painting, but also enjoyed finding and sorting them.



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The learning was all done through play. All the students really engaged and worked nicely together.

What's more there was lots of chat and laughter.



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