



WELBECK PRIMARY – PARENT NEWSLETTER SUMMER TERM 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been a fantastic summer term so far. I hope that all of our families who celebrate EID had a wonderful time with your families after missing out on so much last year. This term, our 'catch-up' programme has been a huge success. The progress children have made has been remarkable. They have worked so hard and showed such resilience-you should feel very proud. As well as the English and Maths focus, we were delighted to be able to take part in some of the enrichment activities they have missed in the last year. Swimming and Bikeability have been thoroughly enjoyed. Music, singing and dance lessons have recommenced and trips/visitors in school have been fantastic. We have thankfully not needed to close any bubbles all term. Thank you for following the procedures we have in place. As restrictions continue to be lifted, we are excited to be able to invite you into school to see your child's work or watch them perform. Please look at the various events below-it would be lovely to see you all.

Transition:

Each child in school will have the opportunity to meet their new teacher on **Monday 12th July**.

Year 6 pupils will continue to receive contact from Secondary schools about their transition and visit their schools in July.

End of year reports:

A copy of your child's end of year report will be given to your child on 16th July. If they are still a little behind, please do not worry, we will do all we can to catch them up and offer them the support they need. The most important thing is they are happy and well after a very difficult year for all of them.

Breakfast support:

Our breakfast club will continue to offer children a place if their parents are working or studying. The cost for this service will increase from **£1 to £2 from September 2021** to cover the costs of staffing and food. This is still much cheaper than other school breakfast clubs. If you require a breakfast club place for September-please ring the school office to request one.

School dinners:

The School council have worked with Mr Cobbe and Gail, our cook, to develop our school dinners so that all children are eating a healthy meal. These are now served on plates instead of trays which the children have thoroughly enjoyed. Please look at the school menus on our website for more details or follow us on Twitter for pictures!

Healthy and active lifestyles:

The area which has been most concerning following the lockdowns is children's health and fitness. We have noticed that the majority of children (as well as us adults!) are now less fit than before and are struggling in PE lessons. We have recruited a new PE teacher starting in September called Mr Arnold who will focus on this area.

Can you support us at home by ensuring your child:

- Spends as much time outdoors walking, riding, scooting, playing sports as possible. The time spent sat down on screens has had a huge impact on children's weight gain, fitness and ability to focus.
- Eats as many healthy meals as possible including 5 fruit and vegetables a day. We have noticed that many children are struggling to use a knife and fork and less willing to eat their vegetables in school.
- Limits the amount of fizzy drinks-teeth decay has risen since in the past year.

Staffing:

Miss Stewart-Tomes and Miss Simpson sadly leave us this term. They have been dedicated and hard working members of the team and will be sorely missed. We wish them well in their future adventures.

With thanks:

Thank you for your ongoing commitment to reading at home with your child. Reading records have shown an increase in children reading for pleasure and our assessments show the impact it has had. Thank you too, for your kind words at parents' evening-it is lovely to know you think we are doing a good job.

Enjoy the warmer weather and restrictions easing. I look forward to seeing you at the school events over the next 6 weeks.

Warm regards,

Rebecca Gittins
Headteacher

Sun protection

As the temperature rises, please apply sun cream to your child before school and provide a labelled sun hat and water bottle.

We will be spending lots of time outdoors whilst we can!

Uniform Sale Outdoors

Socially Distanced stalls:

3pm on Monday 12th July

1pm Tuesday 31st August

Online Safety

Lots of children are saying they are talking to 'friends' who they don't know online. Please check who your child is talking to.

Online grooming has increased during Covid-19 nationally.

INSET days - School closed on

Friday 25th June, Monday 26th and Tuesday
27th July 2021

Tuesday 31st August 2021

Invitations for parents/carers this term

We would love to see as many of you as possible this term. Please make a note of the following dates relevant to your child/children. For events in the hall, a maximum of two adults can attend please.

Date/Time	Event	Year Group
9.15am Thursday 10 th June	EYFS sports day on field	F1 and F2
1.30pm Thursday 10 th June	KS1 sports day on field	Y1 and Y2
9.15am Friday 11 th June	KS2 sports day on field	Y3-Y6
9am Tuesday 15th June	DARE graduation in main hall (Social distancing measures in place)	Y6
2.15pm Thursday 17 th June	LKS2 music performance in main hall (Social distancing measures in place)	Y3 and Y4
2.15pm Tuesday 22 nd June	KS1 assembly in main hall	Y1 and Y2
2.30pm Wednesday 23 rd June	Creative arts exhibition on school yard (weather permitting)	F1-Y6
2.15pm Tuesday 29 th June	Y5 class assembly (Social distancing measures in place)	Y5
3pm Wednesday 30 th June	EYFS cake sale on EYFS yard	EYFS
1.30pm Tuesday 6 th July 2.15pm Tuesday 6 th July	F2M new starters in September in hall F2G new starters in September in hall (Social distancing measures in place)	N2
9am Wednesday 21 st July	Y6 Leavers assembly in main hall (Social distancing measures in place)	Y6
9am Thursday 22 nd July	End of term awards in main hall (if large groups are permitted indoors)	Y1-6

School books

Our libraries are looking sparse....please look at home for any Welbeck Primary school books and return them to school. Lots are missing!

Covid-19 measures

If your child displays any Coronavirus symptoms, please book a test and do not send them into school.