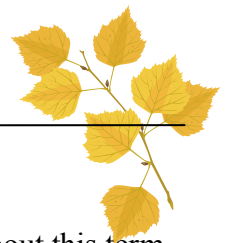




WELBECK PRIMARY – PARENT NEWSLETTER AUTUMN TERM 2 2021



Dear Parents,

Welcome back to our second Autumn Term. The children have returned refreshed and excited about this term events and activities. We are so happy to be able to return to some of the Christmas activities we were unable to do last year. Instead of a fayre at Christmas and at summer, there will now be a Christmas fun day for children with an appearance from Father Christmas. Then we will have a summer fayre in June for parents as sourcing prizes was proving very difficult. We look forward to inviting parents in for the various Christmas performances.

We are hosting some VIPs in school this term. Mel Barratt, CEO for Nottingham City Council will be visiting with Nick Lee-Director of Education. They have asked for a tour of our school as they have heard many great things. Wes Streeting-MP and Lilian Greenwood-MP will also visit to see our '50 things to do at Welbeck' initiative in action as Labour are initiating something similar for all schools. We are excited to introduce them to your children.

Sporting success:

This term our athletes came 2nd in the Nottingham City Sportshall athletics competitions and are now through to the finals. Our school football team are unbeaten and looking forward to the next matches ahead. We wish them luck this term in their next round of competitions! Notts County begin workshops in Y5 this term and will be offering an after school club for budding footballers.

Performing Arts at Welbeck:

Y6 were incredible in their Samba performance at the Playhouse-many thanks if you were able to attend. Children have taken part in our school choir auditions and been selected by Mr Adebayo. They will begin rehearsals for our 'Christmas choir on tour' singing for all our partners as a thank you for their support. They will also perform at the Meadows Christmas light switch on and other events. We hope to see you all there to cheer them on!

Attendance:

I am hopeful that the winter colds and coughs that many children experienced last half term are over now and we can get back to 100% attendance in school. Please send your child to school for any mild illnesses, they often forget about feeling a little under the weather and shouldn't miss out on key learning. 100% certificates for this term will be given out at the end of term.

Drop off/Collections:

Many thanks for arriving on time ready for gate closure at 8.50am. Class teachers will settle the children in class with teaching assistants greeting children and parents at the door. Teachers will be available at the end of the day once all the children are dismissed to discuss any concerns with you.

Reading at home:

Thank you for your support with reading at home. The gold 'Bookworm' badges will be handed out to those who read the most last term. All children who have read at home regularly received a treat from their class teaching assistant last term.

Staffing:

As we say farewell to Mrs Wildman and Mrs Nichols who start their maternity leaves at the end of this term, Mrs Challen returns to Welbeck in January to work alongside Mrs Whitrow teaching Y2 and Miss Shaabdi takes over after Christmas in Y5. Our Y3 Teaching Assistant, Miss Adams also leaves in December to have her baby.

Autumn 2 events:

We are delighted to be able to offer lots more enriching activities for your child this term. Please make a note of the dates below and we look forward to seeing you all at the open evenings in the next two weeks.

Many thanks for your ongoing support,

Mrs Rebecca Gittins

Headteacher

Key dates to note for the term

Date	Time	Class	Event
Tuesday 9 th November	3.20-6pm	F2-Y6	Open evening
Wednesday 10 th November	3.20-6pm	F2-Y6	Open evening
Monday 15 th November	pm	LKS2	Basketball sessions
Tuesday 16 th November	3pm	All	Cake sale in EYFS and Main school
Wednesday 17 th November	3pm	All	Uniform sale
Friday 26 th November	All day	INSET day-school closed	
Wednesday 1 st December	9am	All-Christmas tree assembly	
Thursday 2 nd December	All day	F2-Y6	Christmas craft day and Father Christmas!
Thursday 2 nd December	3.30pm	School choir	Meadows Precinct Light switch on
Tuesday 7 th December	Lunch	F2-Y6	Christmas dinner
Wednesday 8 th December	am	Y1-Y4	Pantomime
Thursday 9 th December	9.15am 2pm	KS2	Christmas concert (tickets only- 2 per child)
Friday 10 th December	pm	F2	Lakeside theatre visit
Friday 10 th December	9.15am	KS1	Nativity performance
Monday 13 th December	9.15am 2.30pm	EYFS	Christmas performance
Tuesday 14 th December	pm	KS1	Christmas party (own clothes)
Wednesday 15 th December	pm	LKS2	Christmas party (own clothes)
Thursday 16 th December	pm	UKS2	Christmas party (own clothes)
Friday 17 th December	Last day-break up for school for Christmas holidays. School returns on Tuesday 4 th January 2022		

Other important reminders for your information and attention:

Colder weather

Please send your child to school with labelled winter hat, gloves and a winter coats in preparation for the colder weather. We will be outdoors at playtimes and lunchtimes as much as possible even on drizzly days. We have many spare winter items so if you would like to use these please speak to Ms Coull and she will provide support for you.

Collecting children

Please note: **NO** child may be collected by anyone under aged 16. Safety is a priority. Let us know who is collecting your child if it is not the usual adult. We will **NOT** let children go with anyone we don't know.

Safeguarding Children

Children's safety and well-being are our priority. Any welfare concerns should be shared with the class teacher and will be followed up with parents. It is our duty of care.

Any serious concerns will be reported to children's services following LA guidance. If concerns are discussed or reported we are not accusing anyone but merely asking for investigations to take place. Our Safeguarding Policy is on the website. Our school counsellor provides support for children and parents. Children are referred with parent's permission. An appointment can be made with her through the school office.

Communication

We will communicate with you through:

- Letters - Look in your child's book bag
- Email - Let us know your email address
- Text - Make sure we have your up to date phone number
- Website - www.welbeck.nottingham.sch.uk
- Outside noticeboards
- Twitter: @WelbeckPrimaryS Please download the free app and follow us!