



WELBECK PRIMARY – PARENT NEWSLETTER

December 2021

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Many thanks to you all for booking onto the new online open evening system. 100% of our parents/carers attended! It was fantastic to share your child's progress and successes so far this year. The teachers feel very proud of them all. Last week was 'Anti-bullying' week and focused on the 'One kind word' initiative. The children shared so many acts of kindness from their peers in school-it was so lovely to listen to all of their examples. We spoke about bullying and discussed what to do if they or someone else was being bullied. Children told us they felt safe in school with there being no reports of bullying in or out of school.

Reading at Welbeck:

Reading continues to be a priority in school. Our reading ambassadors have been reading with the youngest children in our lunchtime reading room and have been organising our new reading books in our library. Congratulations to the children who achieved their golden 'Book worm' badges last term. This term's treat will be a movie afternoon with hot chocolate and popcorn for all children who read 4 times per week.

Christmas countdown:

Today, we began the countdown to Christmas and held our Christmas tree assembly. Every child was given their own bauble to hang. They did a fantastic job and the tree looks wonderful. The diary is jam packed with Christmas related activities, starting with our school choir singing at the Christmas light 'switch on' in the precinct tomorrow at 3.30pm. Please come along and join us to applaud our wonderful choir.

Here is a reminder of the Christmas activities to look out for with information on what is needed.

Date	Year group	Activity	What is needed
Thursday 2 nd December	School choir	Christmas light 'switch on' at the Precinct	N/A
Tuesday 7 th December	F2-Y6	Christmas dinner	KS2 parents/carers-order and pay for a dinner (if your child is not FSM) via School Gateway
Wednesday 8 th December	EYFS	Christmas party and Santa visit	Pay £2 for gift and bring party clothes
Wednesday 8 th December	Y1-Y4	Pantomime	Purchase ticket via School gateway
9.15am and 2pm Thursday 9 th December	Y3-Y6	Christmas concert	2 x tickets per family
9.15am Friday 10 th December	KS1	Nativity	2 x tickets per family
Friday 10 th December	F2	Theatre trip to Lakeside	Purchase ticket via School Gateway
9.15am and 2.30pm Monday 13 th December	EYFS	Christmas carols	2 people can attend per family
Monday 13 th December (change of date)	All	Christmas craft day and Santa visit for Y1-6	Pay £2 for Santa gift
Tuesday 14 th December	KS1	Christmas party	Bring party clothes
Wednesday 15 th December	Y3 and Y4	Christmas party	Bring party clothes
Thursday 16 th December	Y5 and Y6	Christmas party	Bring party clothes
Friday 17 th December	All	Last day of term-toy day	Bring a toy (no electronics) Non uniform
Tuesday 4 th January 2022	All	Back to school	

Covid 19 reminder: please complete a negative lateral flow test **before** attending any events. Please can I also ask that you do your best to be on time for the performance and do not leave until the end as it distracts the children from their performance. Many thanks.

50 Things to do at Welbeck:

In the final week of term, we have been invited by our partner artist, Wolfgang Buttress, to create a flower ring on the Queen's Park. Every child will plant a bulb as part of our '50 things to do at Welbeck' initiative. Please keep an eye on our Twitter feed for photos of the event.

Important information:

Online safety:

There continues to be concerns surrounding children's safety when online. Most of these are via YouTube, Roblox or TikTok. **The age limit for all of these Apps is 13+ years old.** If children are using these apps, this is a safeguarding concern and will be responded to by the Designated Safeguarding Lead in school. Please make sure that your child is not spending any time on their device in their own bedrooms unsupervised. Despite parents putting restrictions on phones, children have been contacted by online 'groomers' via apps like these causing distress for the child, their families and their friends.

Request for leave:

Please complete a request for leave giving clear evidence for your child to miss school. Dentist appointments must be made outside of school hours unless in an emergency. Birthdays and anniversaries are not an authorised request for leave and could result in a fine. Forms are held in the main office.

Punctuality:

Please ensure your child enters the classroom at 8.50am at the latest so they do not miss any learning or disrupt the other children if they arrive late. Many thanks for your support with this matter.

End of term awards:

Sadly, no parents will attend this event as the hall will be too crowded as all of Y1 to Y6 pupils attend. The awards will be given out and photos of the winners will be put on our school Twitter account and Website. Please download the free Twitter APP and follow us [@WelbeckPrimaryS](https://twitter.com/WelbeckPrimaryS) to see if your child has won an award.

I hope that there is no further change in the guidance and we can see you all at the events over the next two weeks.

Many thanks for your understanding and support.

Warm regards,

Mrs Rebecca Gittins

Headteacher