



WELBECK PRIMARY – PARENT/CARER NEWSLETTER SPRING TERM 2022



Dear Parents/Carers,

The children have returned to school rested, recharged and settled. They have made some New Year's resolutions setting Spring targets which are in their home-school diaries and on display in their classroom. Please take a minute to read these and support your child at home.

Spring term events:

This term, there are lots of in-school events for all children to enjoy-please look out for your child's class newsletter which will be coming home in their bookbags soon.

Business links:

We are extremely fortunate to have built strong partnerships with a range of local links in Nottingham. Last term, the children took part in many enrichment activities thanks to these partnerships.

- The International Artist, Wolfgang Buttress, invited us to create a 'Flower Ring of Hope' in the Queen's park in the last week of term. Every child planted a selection of bulbs, 10,00 in total, which included daffodils, crocuses and snowdrops. Please look out to see them bloom in the next few weeks.
- On the last day of term, every child in F2-Y6 received a brand new hardback book and selection box donated from FHP as a well done for their hard work and resilience last year.
- Our school choir sang for Almedix, our Forest School sponsor, and were invited to their Winter fayre where they received a box of gifts, real life candy floss and played on some old fashioned fair ground games.
- Exciting news! We have reached our mini bus target through various fundraising events and donations from businesses and Trusts. I am delighted to say that we now have our very own mini bus to transport children to sporting and music events. It will arrive later this month.

I'd like to thank all of the businesses and partners who have created such wonderful opportunities for our Welbeck pupils.

Attendance:

Our whole school attendance dropped last term due to the wide variety of bugs going around. Please continue to send your child to school unless they are very unwell. A mild cold or tiredness will be forgotten about as soon as they arrive. We will always ring you if they are very poorly.

Reading at home:

Thank you for your continued support with reading at home. Over 150 children read at least 4 times a week last term and made the most progress in school. Reading after dinner time before they get too tired is a good time to do it. Please remember to sign their diary once they have read to you. Our lunchtime reading room, ran by staff, will continue to take place everyday to give your child the opportunity to get their stamp.

Extra Curricular clubs:

After school clubs will begin for KS2 pupils, week beginning 10th January. Please collect your child on time when the clubs finishes at 4pm. Siblings, who are not in the club, must be collected at 3.10pm as normal. These clubs are free of charge. KS1 dance club will start again on Thursday 13th January-all other KS1 clubs will start in Spring 2.

Fitbit and Smart watches:

Please do not send your child with either of these watches to school. The Smart watches are distracting in lessons and evidence shows that 'Fitbit style' watches is leading to some children becoming obsessive with counting steps and setting themselves targets rather than playing and having fun. Many thanks for your support with this.

Meadows Children's centre:

I attended a consultation this morning about the closures of 6 out of the 9 Children centres in Nottingham City. I have shared our view that this is an invaluable resource for our community and I put forward arguments to keep it open. I will keep you up to date of further information when I receive it.

Parent Governor vacancy:

Mrs Mahmood, one of our Parent Governors, term of service has come to an end. I would like to thank her for her time and commitment to our school. She has been a fantastic support to the work we do. We will be advertising for a new Parent Governor this month, please look out for details and if you are interested in the role come and see me. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of my Governing Body for the support they have provided in the past year. They give their time voluntarily to ensure your children are happy and safe and make sure Welbeck remains an Outstanding school.

Mrs Rebecca Gittins
Headteacher

Key dates to note for the term

Date	Time	Class	Event
Tuesday 11 th January	pm	Y6	DARE begins
Tuesday 11 th January	pm	Y5S	Notts County coaching starts
Wednesday 12 th January	pm	Selected Y5/6 pupils	Cross country competition at Wollaton Park
Tuesday 25 th January	pm	KS2	Road Safety Quiz
Thursday 27 th January	pm	Selected Y3/4 pupils	Sportshall Athletics
Friday 11 th February	All day	All	Women in Science day
Friday 11 th February	Last day of Spring 1 term. Children return on 21 st February 2022		

Other important reminders for your information and attention:

Punctuality:

Lessons begin at 8.50am prompt. Please ensure your child is on the yard from 8.45am to ensure they are settled and in class for the beginning of each lesson. School finishes at 3.10pm. Teachers begin planning meetings at 3.15pm so please do your best to collect on time. If you are running late, please ring the school office to let them know.

Lateral Flow Test and PCRs

From 11th January, PCR tests will no longer be compulsory following a positive Lateral Flow test. If your child tests positive on a Lateral Flow, please take a photo and email it to the school office for our records.

Screen time and online safety:

Please limit this to one hour maximum a day and ensure children are on APPS appropriate for their age. Children using inappropriate APPS is a safeguarding concern. We are speaking to parents weekly as problems and concerns are arising when children using their device unsupervised.

FSM applications:

If your circumstances have changed and you are receiving financial support, you may be entitled to Free School Meals, help with uniform and trips. Please complete a FSM application from the office to see if you qualify. Ms Coull can support you with the application if needed.

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:

- Email - Let us know your email address
- Text - Make sure we have your up to date phone number
- The home school diary. Please check and sign.
- Website - www.welbeck.nottingham.sch.uk . All of our information is on here and it is updated weekly.
- Outside class noticeboards
- Twitter: @WelbeckPrimaryS Please download the free app and follow us!

