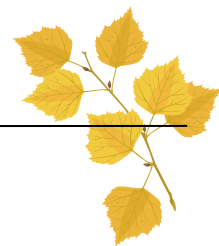




WELBECK PRIMARY – PARENT NEWSLETTER

AUTUMN TERM 2022



Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to our new school year! I hope you have had a wonderful summer holiday and enjoyed time with your families. The children have made an excellent start to the new term-they look refreshed and so smart in their Welbeck uniforms. Can I take this opportunity to welcome any new parents/carers to our community.

Parent/Carer class welcome meetings:

Class ‘Welcome’ meetings for parents/carers are **very important**. I will attend each one to share some key information about this school year. Dates are as follows:

Class	Date	Class teacher
Y6	Thursday 8 th September	Mrs Weatherall
Y1	Monday 12 th September	Miss Kenna
Y6/5	Tuesday 13 th September	Miss Skreta
Y5	Wednesday 14 th September	Miss Shaabdi
Y4	Thursday 15 th September	Mrs Tuck
Y4/3	Monday 19 th September	Mrs McConnochie
Y3	Tuesday 20 th September	Ms Lawler
Y2	Wednesday 21 st September	Mrs Wildman
Y2/1	Thursday 22 nd September	Mrs Muntaquim

Please enter via the classroom doors, the main gates (KS2 yard) will be open from 2.40pm.

Cost of living crisis:

We fully understand the pressures this is putting on families and will do the following to support:

- Limit funded trips by gaining sponsorship from businesses
- Provide half a bagel for any children who need one for breakfast on their way into school (look out for bagel monitors on gates)
- Hold regular free clothing events including a winter coat event in October/November
- Provide support to access food banks/free holiday clubs for those who need extra help

Please contact Ms Coull or myself if you need further support or advice. This will be dealt with confidentially.

Reading is KEY!

We don't give out lots of homework at Welbeck as we know it can cause added stress for families. However, we do believe reading everyday leads to fantastic progress in all areas so, please support your child by reading at home **4 times per week**. Reading before bed is a great way to ensure a good night's sleep. Please sign their diary for your child to win the reading treat.

Welbeck's mission to become a healthy school!

Sadly, obesity in children is increasing dramatically. This is a national crisis. We have planned lots of activities to help get us moving and eat healthier. Every morning, Mr Marks will run a kilometre club before school on the park. Letters will be sent out with more details soon. There will be even more after school clubs and a physical activity every day. All research shows that if a child is overweight by the age of 11 then they will live 3 years less than someone who isn't. We must make sure our children are healthy to give them the best chance in life.

Communication:

Please do not ring the school office unless **absolutely necessary**. All of the club, holiday, uniform, school meals information is on the school website. Please take a good look to save our office time, it is very busy in school.

Key dates to note for the term (more class dates on the class newsletter)

Date	Time	Class	Event
Thursday 15th September	am	All	School photographer
Tuesday 20 th September	All day	Selected Y5/6	Y5/6 Cross Country trials
Thursday 29 th September	pm	Y6	Safety Zone
Wednesday 5 th October	All day	F2-Y6	Flu Vaccination
Tuesday 11 th October	2.30pm	Y1 + Y2	Harvest festival
Wednesday 12th October	2.30pm	Y3-Y6	Harvest Festival
Friday 14 th October	am	Merit winners	Diwali assembly
Friday 14 th October	am	F2-Y6	Reading treat prizes awarded
Friday 14 ^h October	-	All	Break up for half term
Monday 31 st October	-	All	Return to school
Tuesday 8 th and Wednesday 9 ^h November	3.30-6pm	All	Open evenings
Friday 25 th November	All day	All	INSET day

Other important reminders for your information and attention:

Children's safety and well being

Bikes

Only Y5 and 6 children may ride a bike to school. Bikes must be roadworthy and should be locked safely in the bike area. Helmets **must be worn**.

Mobile phones

These are NOT permitted in school. Y6 pupils may be permitted a phone if a letter is written to the class teacher with an explanation as to why they need them in school.

Screen time

Children using screens can lead to problems with their attention and behaviour. Please limit them as much as possible and check they are not talking to any strangers online or on APPs too old for their age.

Parking

Please do not park on the double yellow lines or block driveways on Kinglake Place. Traffic wardens arrive daily and are happy to ticket anyone parked outside the bays. The staff car park is for staff only.

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 people. We will not let children go with anyone we don't know.

Attendance – Aim for 100%

We expect all children to attend every day. If your child is **ill ring us** on the first day. One day for Eid may be authorised. Children should not be collected early unless it is an emergency.

Holidays are NOT allowed in term time. If you take an unauthorised absence for a period of time, without informing us, your child will be classed as missing and reported to the authorities. Requests for leave of absence must be made in writing stating the exceptional circumstances. A reply will be given.

For **emergency medical and dentist** appointments resulting in absence or lateness we will need to see your appointment card or letter.

All absence is followed up through phone calls and letters. **Persistent absence** is attendance below 90% and is reported to Education Welfare. Expected attendance is 96% and above.

Safeguarding Children

Children's safety and well-being are our priority. Any welfare concerns should be shared with the Mrs Gittins, Mr Cobbe or Mrs Coull 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. Our Safeguarding Policy is on the website. Our new school counsellor, Beth, provides support for children and parents.

Children are referred with parent's permission.

School uniform

Please ensure your child wears a white polo short not blue and has black shoes/trainers. All uniform must be labelled.

Only stud earrings are permitted, no bracelets or necklaces please for safety reasons.

School Governors

The Chair of governors is:

Mrs D Carter

The parent governors are:

Mr Chaudry and Mrs Biddle

Milk – Reception and KS1 children only

If you would like your child to have milk you will need to register with Cool Milk. You only need to register if you pay for your child's milk. If you are in receipt of benefits and you qualify for FSM please speak to the office as your child may be free. If you require help, please speak to the office team

Healthy Schools – Healthy Lunches!!

All Reception and KS1 children are still having free, freshly cooked, healthy school lunches. Menus are available on the website. If you need help applying for free school meals for older children ask at the office.

Packed lunches for KS2 children should include:

- Sandwich (no jam or chocolate spread)
- Fruit
- Any other healthy snacks (carrot, raisins, yoghurt, chopped cucumber/carrots/peppers etc)

No sweets, chocolate, biscuits or flavoured drinks should be included and please limit crisps per week.

As a healthy school we are expected to promote healthy eating. All Foundation Stage and KS1 children have milk and fruit. KS2 children may bring fruit for playtime.

Medicine

If your child is completing a prescribed course of medicine from the doctor and has been declared fit for school, Mrs Gittins may administer that medicine. Forms need to be filled in at the office. All medicine must be labelled with the child's name and dosage from the pharmacist. We **cannot** administer paracetamol, Calpol or any medicine not prescribed by the doctor.

Communication

Emergency Contact Numbers

Make sure we have your most recent phone number as well as a second contact. If you change phones or address please let us know immediately.

We do our best to keep you fully informed, we will communicate with you through:

- Letters - Look in your child's book bag daily when you read please.
- 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: @WelbeckPS Please download the free app and follow us as we post pictures daily.

