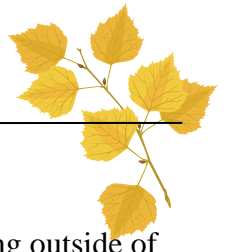




WELBECK PRIMARY – PARENT NEWSLETTER AUTUMN TERM 2 2022



Dear parents/carers,

Autumn term has been fantastic so far. The children have loved their practical lessons and learning outside of the classroom. The photos on Twitter show the learning coming to life with engaged and happy children. Please follow us if you haven't already @WelbeckPS

Thank you for attending the welcome meetings and Harvest festival celebrations-it was great to see so many of you there. Our school council took several large food parcels to the Meadows Trussell Food bank who were very grateful for our support.

So far this term, we have hosted visitors from Experian, Nafferton Primary School in Yorkshire and the Directors from Nottingham Schools Trust. They were 'overwhelmed' by the engaged, polite and hardworking children calling our school a 'haven' to be in. We are, as always, very proud of our school community.

Nottingham Forest Holiday Club:

This half term, we opened our doors to over 400 children who took part in a free holiday club with activities including hula hooping, boxing, basketball, football, drama and art. We were delighted to be able to offer this to our families for free. The same club will run on **22nd, 23rd, 29th and 30th December**. We will send out booking information via email nearer the time. Please book early to avoid disappointment.

Cost of living crisis:

We appreciate that these are challenging times for many of us. The additional bagels on offer for children on entry to school have been a huge help as the number of children eating a bagel has doubled this term. We will continue to provide this service for as long as necessary.

Reading disco

This reward gathered lots of excitement as children read at home or came to the lunchtime reading room to achieve their target. Nearly 200 children hit their target and attended the reading disco-a huge achievement! Thank you for your support-it really does help your child in all areas of learning. A big thank you to Mrs Tuck for organising this for our children.

Welbeck's mission to become a healthy school!

A huge well done to all of the children and adults who have taken part in the before school 'Kilometre' club. So far, as a school, we have run over 1273 miles which is fantastic. In addition to this club, we have taken part in dodgeball, cross country and athletics competitions and our skills are developing all the time. A huge thank you to Mr Marks for inspiring so many children to get involved.

Communication:

Phone calls to the office have reduced slightly-thank you for your support with this matter. Clubs will not be cancelled even if there is bad weather. Can I request that you do not ring and ask if it is on, as this wastes valuable office time. Please continue to look at the school website for information about trips/meals/uniform/diary dates. Many thanks for your support with this matter.

Staffing:

We welcome Miss Caratti, as our new Office Manager. We hope she settles into Welbeck life well. As we say farewell to Mrs Speed who begins a new chapter in her life, Miss Rudji joins Y4 as their class teaching assistant. Mrs Nichols returns to Welbeck in January to work in Y3 with Miss Lawler who has been teaching the children this year. Miss Adams also returns from her maternity leave this half term.

This half term is jam packed with so many wonderful activities for your children to learn from and enjoy. Please make a note of the dates below on your calendars!

Key dates to note for the term

Date	Time	Class	Event
Friday 25 th November	All day	All	INSET day
Thursday 1 st December	12.30-3.30pm	Selected Y5 and 6	Handball competition
Thursday 1 st December	4.15pm	School choir	Meadows Christmas light switch on
Tuesday 6 th December	Lunchtime	F2-Y6	Christmas dinner
Wednesday 7 th December	9.15am	KS1	Nativity
Wednesday 7 th December	12.30-4.45pm	Y1-Y4	Pantomime at Theatre Royal
Thursday 8 th December	pm	EYFS	Christmas party with Santa (Bring party clothes)
Friday 9 th December	All day	All	Christmas craft day with Santa
Tuesday 13 th December	pm	KS1	Christmas party (bring party clothes)
Wednesday 14 th December	9.15am 2pm	KS2	Christmas show
Wednesday 14 th December	pm	EYFS	Pantomime at the Lakeside
Thursday 15 th December	9.15am 2.30pm	EYFS	Christmas carols for parents/carers
Thursday 15 th December	pm	Y5 and Y6	Christmas party (bring party clothes)
Friday 16 th December	pm	Y3 and Y4	Christmas party (bring party clothes)
Tuesday 20 th December	9am	Y1-Y6	Invite only-end of term awards.
Wednesday 21 st December	All day	All	Last day.Non uniform and bring a toy!

Other important reminders for your information and attention:

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 school counsellor, Beth, provides support for children and parents. Children are referred with parent's permission.

Screens and online safety

No primary age pupil should be accessing APPs like TikTok, Snapchat, Twitter or Instagram.

Please ensure, if your child has a phone, these APPS are deleted and you are checking their phones daily. All screens should be off by 7pm and removed from bedrooms please. All the research shows that screens affect sleep and concentration levels.