



WELBECK PRIMARY – PARENT/CARER NEWSLETTER

SPRING TERM 2023



Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope that you had a lovely break with your families and friends. The children have returned to school rested, recharged and ready for Spring term. 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.

I hope that many of you found the free holiday club helpful over the two-week break. Over 250 children attended the sessions and feedback has been excellent.

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.

- We are now closely linked with **Experian** who provided food parcels and food vouchers to families in need. They also invited our Y5 and Y6 pupils to attend a Christmas party at their head office where they decorated doughnuts, designed and made a coaster and took part in a football shoot out.
- Local business, **ABB** were very generous in providing the stock for our food bank at the end of term-we hope you found it helpful.
- The Christmas parties and gifts from Santa were paid for by **FHP** as well as every child in F2-Y6 receiving a brand-new hardback book on the last day as a well done for their hard work and resilience last year.
- This term we have a professional drummer from a local band called **Spiritualized** coming into school to deliver free drumming sessions with gifted musicians.

I would 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 severely last term. 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 75% of 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, run by staff, will continue to take place every day to give your child the opportunity to get their stamp.

Extra Curricular clubs:

After school clubs will begin for KS2 pupils, week beginning 9^h January. Please collect your child on time when the clubs finishes at 4pm. Siblings, who are not in the club, must be collected at 3.15pm as normal. These clubs are free of charge. KS1 clubs will start in Spring 2.

Communication:

Many thanks for following us on Twitter and looking at the school website for information. This has reduced the number of phone calls into the office. If you have any queries, please speak to the **class teacher** at the end of the day first before approaching myself or Mr Cobbe.

The View:

Our new classroom is finally ready for Y5 and Y6 to use as an additional learning space. Drumming and small interventions will take place in this much needed room.

Fitbit and Smart watches:

Please do not send your child with either of these watches to school as they are a distraction in lessons.

Mobile phones:

Are not permitted in school. If your child is in Y6 and you would like them to use a mobile phone on the way home, please speak to your child's class teacher.

Many thanks for your ongoing support,
Mrs Rebecca Gittins
Headteacher

Key dates to note for the term

Date	Time	Class	Event
Wednesday 18th January	am	Y1-Y6	Tram safety assembly
Tuesday 24 th January	pm	Selected KS1 pupils	Cricket competition
Tuesday 31st January	pm	Selected KS2 pupils	This Girl Can event
Wednesday 1 st February	am	EYFS	Wonderdome in the school hall
Friday 10 th February	All day	All	Safer Internet day
Friday 10 th February	Last day of Spring 1 term. Children return on 20th February 2023		

Other important reminders for your information and attention:

Punctuality:

Some children are arriving to school at 8.50am. **Lessons begin at 8.45am prompt. Please ensure your child is on the yard from 8.40am** to ensure they are settled and in class for the beginning of each lesson. School finishes at 3.15pm. 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.

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.

Screen time and online safety:

Please limit this to one hour maximum a day and ensure children are on APPs appropriate for their age. **TikTok** is not a safe APP to use and is for age 13+. Children using inappropriate APPs is a safeguarding concern. We are speaking to parents weekly as problems and concerns are arising when children are using their device unsupervised.

Hair and jewellery

Please tie all hair up to avoid the spreading of nits.
Only small stud earrings are permitted and no necklaces or bracelets please.

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: @WelbeckPS Please download the free app and follow us!