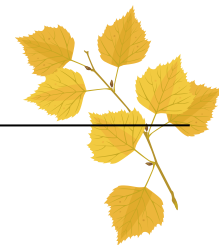




# WELBECK PRIMARY – PARENT NEWSLETTER

## AUTUMN TERM 2023



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** as you will hear all the key information about your child’s year in school. Dates are as follows:

Class	Date	Class teacher
Y1 and Y2/1	Monday 11th September	Miss Cooper and Mrs Keywood
Y2 and Y3	Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> September	Mrs Wildman and Miss Lawler
Y4/3 and Y4	Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> September	Mrs McConnochie and Mrs Tuck
Y5	Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> September	Mr Cordon
Y6/5 and Y6	Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> September	Miss Skreta and Mrs Weatherall

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 do not 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 has continued to rise nationally. We have planned lots of activities to help get us moving and eating 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
Wednesday 13-15 <sup>th</sup> September	All day	Selected Y5 pupils	Music Camp
Wednesday 13-15 <sup>th</sup> September	All day	Y6	Y6 residential
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> September	pm	F2	Parents/carers phonics workshop
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> September	All day	UKS2	Papplewick Pumping Station
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> September	All day	All	School CLOSED for INSET day
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> October	2.15pm	KS2	Harvest Festival
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> October	2.30pm	KS1	Harvest Festival
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> October	am	All	School photographer
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> October	am	Merit winners	Diwali assembly
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> October	am	F2-Y6	Reading treat prizes awarded
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> October	-	All	Break up for half term
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> November	-	All	Return to school
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> November	3.30-6pm	All	Open evenings

**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, sleep, behaviour and eye sight. 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 as they pay to park in there daily.

**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 Ms Gittins, Mr Cobbe or Ms 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, Claire, 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, Ms 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.

### After school play areas

Please do not allow your child to play on the outdoor music area or trim trails after school. Damage and accidents have occurred after school hours. The Queen's park is available for children to play on if they wish. Many thanks for your support with this matter.

### 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](http://www.welbeck.nottingham.sch.uk)
- Outside noticeboards
- Twitter: [@WelbeckPS](https://twitter.com/WelbeckPS) Please download the free app and follow us as we post pictures daily.