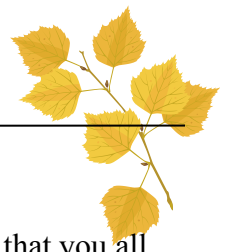




## WELBECK PRIMARY – PARENT NEWSLETTER AUTUMN TERM 2 2023



Dear parents/carers,

It was so lovely to see the children well rested and excited to be back in school this week. I hope that you all had a fantastic half term. Thank you for attending the welcome meetings and Harvest festival celebrations last half term-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.

### **Welbeck tops the league tables!**

I am delighted to share that Welbeck Primary achieved the highest KS2 SATS results in Nottingham this year. Nick Lee-Director of Education wrote to us to share his thanks:

*'I am writing to extend my heartfelt congratulations to Welbeck Primary on the fantastic achievement in this year's SATS results! It is truly remarkable to witness the dedication, hard work, and passion displayed by the students, teachers, staff, and parents of Welbeck Primary. The fabulous results are a testament to the commitment to excellence in education that is evident throughout the school.*

*As I reflect on the journey that has led to this remarkable achievement, I cannot help but recognize the extraordinary efforts put forth by you and your entire staff team. Your determination for pupils to succeed and willingness to embrace challenges have undoubtedly played a crucial role in this success, particularly in this time. You alongside all of the teachers and staff at Welbeck Primary have shown remarkable dedication to their profession, going above and beyond to provide an environment that fosters learning and growth. Their expertise, guidance, and encouragement have undoubtedly been instrumental in shaping the minds of the children and helping them excel in their recent examinations.*

*But beyond the scores and statistics, what truly stands out is the sense of community and camaraderie at Welbeck Primary. It is evident that the school nurtures not only academic excellence but also the development of well-rounded individuals with values, empathy, and a passion for learning. This exceptional achievement serves as a beacon of inspiration to other schools and an affirmation of the power of education to transform lives. I am confident that the positive impact of Welbeck Primary will continue to ripple through the lives of its students for years to come.*

*Once again, please accept my warmest congratulations on your remarkable accomplishment. I wish Welbeck Primary continued success and prosperity in all its endeavours. Your school has set a shining example for others to follow, and I am certain that even greater heights await you in the future.'*

*Nick Lee-Director of Education*

We feel so proud of these results and our school community overall. Thank you to you all for your ongoing support.

## Nottingham Forest Holiday Club:

This half term, we opened our doors to over 300 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 **21st, 22nd, 28th and 29th 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. A food bank and a free winter clothing event will take place early January.

## 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 will attend the reading disco on Friday-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!

Kilometre club is up and running again with many children and parents running before school each morning. Please try and join in when you can as it is a great start to your child's day.

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
Monday 13-17 <sup>th</sup> November	Afternoons	All	Anti-bullying week
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> November	3pm	All	Cake sale-please bring in cakes to support with school funds
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> November	am	Y4T	New library open day
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> November	3.30-4pm	School choir	Meadows Christmas light switch on in the precinct
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> December	9.15am	KS1	Nativity-parents/carers welcome
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> December	2pm	All	Christmas fayre-parents/carers welcome
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> December	Lunchtime	Rec-Y6	Christmas dinner
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	pm	KS1	Christmas party (bring party clothes)
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	10.15am	Y1-Y4	Pantomime at the Playhouse
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	9.15am 2.30pm	EYFS	EYFS nativity
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	9.15am 2pm	KS2	Christmas show
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	am	EYFS	Pantomime at the Lakeside
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	pm	EYFS	Christmas party with Santa (Bring party clothes) <b>Nursery closed for part time places</b>
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	pm	Y3 and Y4	Christmas party (bring party clothes)
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	pm	Y5 and Y6	Christmas party (bring party clothes)
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	9am	Y1-Y6	<b>Invite only-end of term awards.</b>
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> 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, contact the school office by 9.30am on day one. If they have a mild cold/cough or are tired, please do your best to send them to school.

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.

### **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 school play therapist, Claire, 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.

### **Communication**

Please inform the school office of any change of personal details. Please check our school website and Twitter for information before ringing school as all of the vital information is posted there. Many thanks

### **Safety around the school grounds**

Please ensure your child does not use any of the school equipment after 3.15pm as there have been accidents and damages caused. Children must not ride scooters/bikes on the school grounds. Please also leave the school grounds promptly so we can lock the gates to ensure safety during after school club sessions.

### **Parking on Kinglake Place and Castlefields**

We have received further complaints from residents about dangerous parking during drop off and collection times. Please do not park on corners or obstructing entrances. The school mini bus is often needed to drop children off and cannot access the entrance if cars are parked illegally.

### **Dog free zone**

Please leave dogs at home during drop off and collection time. Many thanks for your support with this matter.