



# WELBECK PRIMARY – PARENT/CARER NEWSLETTER

## SPRING TERM 2024



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 200 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 in the next week.

**Please note the foodbank and clothing event planned for tomorrow is POSTPONED as the charity delivering it have had to cancel. Apologies for the inconvenience.**

**Attendance:**

Our whole school attendance has remained good and above national average. Please continue to send your child to school unless they are very unwell. A mild cold/cough 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 80% 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 KS1 and KS2 pupils, week beginning 15th January. Please collect your child on time when the clubs finish at 4pm. Siblings, who are not in the club, must be collected at 3.15pm as normal. These clubs are free of charge.

**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.

**Scooters and bikes**

Children in Y5 and 6 can ride to school and leave their bike/scooter in the allocated area. Please remember, children must wear a helmet when riding a bike. They must not ride on school premises as there are many young children around.

**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 and they will look after your child’s phone during the school day.

Many thanks for your ongoing support,

Ms Rebecca Gittins

Headteacher

**Key dates to note for the term**

Date	Time	Class	Event
Tuesday 30th January	pm	Selected KS2 pupils	Boys Active at Harvey Hadden
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> February	All day	All	Safer internet day
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> February	am	All	Chinese new year assembly for children
Friday 9th February	Last day of Spring 1 term. Children return on Monday 19th February 2024		
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	Save the date...Open evening		

## **Other important reminders for your information and attention:**

### **Punctuality:**

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 all devices are **removed from rooms at night time**. Please 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.

### **Parking**

We appreciate school parking is difficult. Please do your best to walk to school as several parents received fines for parking illegally last term. We are unable to challenge these fines on your behalf. Please also be mindful of our neighbours and do not block their driveways.

### **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](http://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!