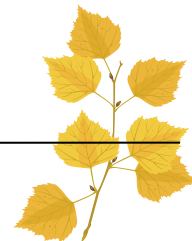




# WELBECK PRIMARY – PARENT NEWSLETTER

## AUTUMN TERM 2024



Dear Parents/Carers,

After a fantastic first week in school, I would like to share some of our school priorities for this year and the events planned for this half term.

### **Increased food and heating costs:**

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 Mrs McConnochie 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 know that 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. This term's treat is a READING DISCO.

### **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, Miss Martins will run a kilometre club before school on the park. There will be even more after school clubs and a physical activity every day.

### **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 11-12 <sup>th</sup> September	All day	Selected Y5 pupils	Music Camp
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> September	pm	Y6	Safety Zone
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> September	pm	Selected pupils	Creative Collaborative event at the Broadway
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> September	pm	Selected Y5 and 6 pupils	Relay Challenge at Harvey Hadden
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> September	pm	Y6	Trent Bridge cricket experience
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> September	All day	Y5 and Y6	World War 2 experience day-dress up in period clothing
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> October	pm	Selected Y5/6	Sportshall athletics competition
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> October	am	All	School photographer
Sunday 13 <sup>th</sup> October	2pm	Selected pupils	Black History month event at Binks Yard
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> October	2.45pm	KS1	Harvest festival-parents/carers welcome
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> October	2.30pm	KS2	Harvest festival-parents/carers welcome
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> October	-	All	Break up for half term
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> November	-	All	Return to school
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 13 <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

We have a small area for bikes so only Y5 and 6 children may ride a bike to school. Bikes must be roadworthy and should be placed safely in the bike area. Helmets **must be worn** on the way to and from school.

#### Mobile phones

These are not permitted in school. Y6 pupils may be permitted a non-smart phone if a letter is written to the class teacher with an explanation as to why they need them in school. Children must only access Apps appropriate for their age. Apps like TikTok and YouTube have harmful content and will be dealt with as a safeguarding matter. Please protect your children by checking these are not on their devices.

#### Screen time

Children using screens can lead to problems with their attention, sleep, behaviour and eyesight. 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. No screens in bedtimes please.

### 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 even with a mild illness like a common cold. If your child is **ill ring us** on the first day or email the reason why they are absent from school. 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.

**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 please. Please make standard appointments in half term or after 3.30pm.

Many thanks for your understanding with this matter.

### Safeguarding Children

Children's safety and well-being are our priority. Any welfare concerns should be shared with Ms Gittins, Mrs McConnochie, Mr Cobbe, Mrs Wildman or Mrs Challen and will be followed up with parents/carers. 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, Claire, provides support for children and parents. Children are referred with parent/carers' permission.

### School uniform

Please ensure your child wears a white polo shirt not blue and has black shoes. 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.

### **Free School Meal and Uniform entitlement**

Your child may be eligible for support in school if you receive:

- Income support
- Job seeker's allowance
- Support under the immigration and asylum act
- Child tax credit
- Universal credit
- Working tax credit

Please complete a form in the office and we will process that for you.

### **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
- X: @WelbeckPS Please download the free app and follow us as we post pictures daily.