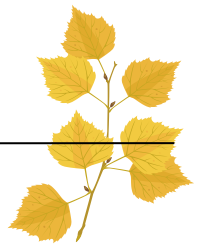




WELBECK PRIMARY – PARENT NEWSLETTER

AUTUMN TERM 2 2024



Dear parents and carers,

Welcome back to our second Autumn Term. The children have returned refreshed and excited about this term events and activities.

Harvest:

Many thanks for your kind donations to the Meadows food bank-this much needed support is gratefully received from members of the community.

Black History Month:

We learn about black history throughout the year as well as historical figures from all nationalities. We were delighted to be invited to perform at the Nottingham City event at Binks yard. A huge well done to our school choir and speakers on a wonderful performance and a big thank you to Miss Brown and Miss Smith for giving up their time at the weekend to attend with the children.

Family Support:

Mrs McConnochie has established her new role as Inclusion and Safeguarding lead and can offer lots of support for families who need it. If your circumstances have changed and you think you might qualify for Free School Meals, please ask her for her support with applications.

Christmas activities and our Welbeck cake sale:

Welbeck staff make a huge effort to make this time special for all children. To keep costs low, we raise funds through cake sales and business donations. Please support us by contributing to the cake sale on **Tuesday 19th November**. We have so much planned in the lead up to Christmas and lots of activities for parents and carers to be involved in. Please look closely at the calendar of events below.

Attendance:

Thank you for doing your best to get children to sleep early so they are ready and refreshed for school. Attendance and punctuality last term was excellent. Please continue to send your child to school even if they have a mild illness like a cough or a cold. We will always ring you if they are upset or poorly.

Remember-no holidays are permitted in term time and fines from the local authority have increased this year.

Reading at home:

Thank you for your support with reading at home. The reading disco was a huge success and children reading lots this half term will receive a special invitation to attend the Christmas movie afternoon we have planned.

Smart phone free childhood:

Following an alarming increase in children's mental health referrals caused by social media, there is a growing movement to ban smartphones for children under age 14. Tens of thousands of parents have signed up to the pact already in the region. We now have **51 parents/carers** who have signed the pact. We firmly believe that children accessing social media is having a negative effect on children's development. If you haven't already, please sign the pact @ <https://smartphonefreechildhood.co.uk>.

Communication:

We want to hear your views and are always available at the end of the day to talk. Please talk to your child's class teacher if you have anything you would like to discuss.

Staffing:

This term we welcome new staff at Welbeck. Ms Teriipaia joins us as our new school office manager, Mr Kearney as site manager, Mr Buckthorp as PE lead and Ms Gascoyne as Y1 class Teaching assistant. We hope they settle into our school community well.

Open evening Tuesday 12th and Wednesday 13th November:

This is an important date for your diary. Please make an appointment online and meet your child's class teacher to hear about their progress and targets for the term. We aim for 100% attendance at this key event.

Many thanks for your ongoing support,

Ms Rebecca Gittins
Headteacher

Key dates to note for the term

Date	Time	Class	Event
Tuesday 12 th November	3.15-5.45pm	F2-Y6	Open evening for parents/carers
Wednesday 13 th November	3.15-5.30pm	F2-Y6	Open evening for parents/carers
Tuesday 19 th November	pm	Selected Y5 and 6	This Girl Can event at Harvey Hadden
Tuesday 19 th November	3pm	All	Cake sale in the hall-donations welcome
Tuesday 26 th November	pm	Selected KS2 pupils	Megafest sports festival at Harvey Hadden
Monday 2 nd December	9am	All-Christmas tree assembly	
Thursday 5 th December	9am 2.30pm	EYFS	Nativity
Monday 9 th December	10.30am	Y1-Y4	Pantomime at the Playhouse
Wednesday 11 th December	am	EYFS	Lakeside theatre trip
Wednesday 11 th December	2pm	KS1	Christmas show in the hall for parents/carers
Thursday 12 th December	Lunchtime	F2-Y6	Christmas dinner. Y3-Y6 to pay if not entitled to FSM.
Friday 13 th December	All day	All	Christmas craft day with Santa
Monday 16 th December	pm	EYFS KS1	Christmas party (bring party clothes)
Tuesday 17 th December	9.15am 2pm	KS2	KS2 Christmas show (two tickets per pupil in total)
Wednesday 18 th December	pm 2pm	Y3 and Y4	Christmas party (bring party clothes)
Thursday 19 th December	9am 10am	KS1 KS2	End of term awards (invite only) End of term awards (invite only)
Thursday 19 th December	pm	Y5 and Y6	Christmas party (bring party clothes)
Friday 20 th December	Last day-break up for school for Christmas holidays. Bring toy and wear non uniform. School returns on Monday 6 th January 2025		

Other important reminders for your information and attention:

Colder weather

Please send your child to school with labelled winter hat, gloves and a winter coats in preparation for the colder weather. We will be outdoors at playtimes and lunchtimes as much as possible even on drizzly days.

We have many spare winter items so if you would like to use these please speak to Mrs McConnochie and she will provide support for you.

Smart Watches and mobile phones

Please note: no smart watches or mobile phones are permitted in school.

All screens should be removed from bedrooms at night and switched off by 6pm to get a good night's sleep.

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.

Any serious concerns will be reported to children's services following LA guidance. If concerns are discussed or reported we must follow these up as is our duty of care. 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.