



## WELBECK PRIMARY – PARENT/CARER NEWSLETTER SPRING TERM 2025



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.

### **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.

### **Attendance:**

Our whole school attendance has remained 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. **Appointments:** please make all non-urgent appointments after 3.30pm or in the holidays. Missing learning time even if it is an hour, is disruptive.

### **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:**

All clubs will be organised via Arbor. After school clubs will begin week beginning 13<sup>th</sup> January for KS2 pupils. 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. KS1 clubs will begin in Spring 2 term.

### **Communication:**

Calls and interruptions to the office increased again last term. Please check our school website for all information before ringing as it is updated daily. Many thanks for following us on the new platform BlueSky app. All photos of the children's learning will now be shared via this instead of X.

### **Scooters and bikes**

Children in Y5 and 6 can ride a bike to school and leave it in the allocated area. Please remember, children must wear a helmet when riding a bike. Scooters can be left in the bike area too. 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 **smart phone free 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
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> January	pm	Y2	Swimming starts-no jewellery please
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> January	am	Y5	Swimming starts-no jewellery please
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> January	pm	Selected pupils	Y5 Dodgeball competition
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> January	Lunch	All	Chinese New Year menu
Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> January	All day	All	<b>INSET day-school closed</b>
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> February	All day	All	Greener Meadows event
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> February	pm	Selected pupils	Y4 Sportshall Athletics competition
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> February	am	EYFS	Wonderdome space day
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> February	pm	Selected pupils	Y4/3 Sportshall Athletics competition
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> February	Last day of Spring 1 term. Children return on Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> February 2025		
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 19 <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. Mrs McConnochie 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 bedrooms at night time**. Please ensure children are on APPs appropriate for their age. **TikTok** is not a safe APP to use for children. 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 (boys and girls) 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. Mrs McConnochie is the safeguarding lead for the school. 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 are asking for investigations to take place. 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. 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 as school receives complaints about this.

### **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.
- Bluesky app-follow us on [welbeckps.bsky.social](https://bsky.app/profile/welbeckps.bsky.social)
- Outside class noticeboards