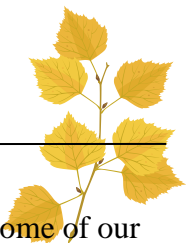




WELBECK PRIMARY – PARENT NEWSLETTER

AUTUMN TERM 2025



Dear parents/carers,

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

Welbeck Primary possible expansion:

There will be a meeting to share information about this on Tuesday 23rd September at 3.30pm. A creche will be provided so parents/carers can attend. It would be good to see as many of you there as possible to hear our plans.

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, from 8.30am Mr Buckthorp runs a kilometre club before school on the park. There will be even more after school clubs and a physical activity every day.

Reading is VITAL!

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.

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. 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.
- Arbor-please sign up to this system
- Website - www.welbeck.nottingham.sch.uk
- Outside noticeboards
- Bluesky @ [Welbeckps.bsky.socal](https://www.bsky.social/welbeckps) Please download the free app and follow us as we post pictures daily.

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 any devices.

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 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/carer's permission.

Key dates to note for the term (more class dates on the class newsletter)

Date	Time	Class	Event
Tuesday 9th September	pm	Y6	Safety Zone
Friday 12 th September-Saturday 13 th September	All day	Selected Y5 pupils	Music Camp
Wednesday 17-19 th September	All day	Y6	Residential
Tuesday 23 rd September	3.30pm in school hall	All	School expansion meeting. Creche provided for children so parents/carers can attend
Thursday 2 nd October	2pm	All	SEND coffee afternoon for parents/carers
Friday 10 th October	All day	F2-Y6	School photographer
Monday 13 th October	All day	All	School closed for INSET
Tuesday 14th October	KS2	2.15pm	Harvest Festival
Wednesday 15th October	KS1	2.30pm	Harvest Festival
Friday 17 th October	School breaks up for half term		
Monday 3 rd November	-	All	Return to school
Tuesday 11th and Wednesday 12 th November	3.30-6pm	All	Open evenings

Other important reminders for your information and attention:

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.

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.

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.

School dinner price increase

The LA have increased school meals to £2.90 per meal and £14.50 per week. All meals are freshly made on site and include at least 3 fruit or vegetables in each serving.

School Governors

The Chair of governors is:

Mrs D Carter

The parent governors are:

Mr Chaudry and Mrs Biddle

School Book bags

School book bags are no longer to be purchased from the office, book bags can be purchased from just-schoolwear.co.uk from the end of next week.