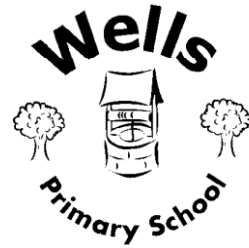


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Friday 10th February 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

I am pleased to inform you of the safe arrival of Mrs Ahmed's baby – a little boy, Umar. Mother and baby are doing very well and have already popped into school for a visit! We wish Mrs Ahmed and her family all the very best for the future and look forward to her return after her maternity leave.

I would like to express my sincerest condolences to those families affected by the earthquake crisis in Turkey and Syria. In collaboration with some of our Turkish families, we shall be organising a fundraising activity after half term to offer our support.

Safer Internet Awareness

E-safety remains an important part of our curriculum and is regularly addressed in school. Despite this, we know that some children are getting into bad habits with their phones and gaming devices. My advice would be to: agree to set cut-off times with other parents and carers; ensure that devices/ WiFi are not accessible beyond bed-time; ensure that certain family activities are 'device-free' for everyone; check your children's activity to ensure that it is appropriate; talk to your children about their on-line activity and exchanges with friends; encourage your children to take up a sport/activity outside of school so that they can engage with friends in person rather than virtually.

Parent/Carer Consultations

I hope that your parent consultations have been helpful. If you have missed an appointment, please ensure that you contact us so that we can rearrange for after half term.

Homework

We have reviewed our practice recently with regards to homework to provide children with a mixture of on-line learning and other activities. Whilst we encourage children to complete some work at home, it should not cause stress within the family! Please speak to your child's teacher or a member of the senior team if you are experiencing any difficulties with regards to homework. Please try to ensure that your child practises their reading regularly, even if you are unable to complete all the homework activities.

Free Bike Servicing

On Tuesday 21st February, a bicycle mechanic will be visiting school to service children's bikes. If your child is in Years 3-6 and would like to bring their bike to school for an appointment with Dr Bike, please e-mail Mrs Poulson on extendedschools@wellsprimay.co.uk . Places will be allocated on a first come first served basis. You will be notified on Monday 20th February if you are able to bring your child's bike to school.

Industrial Action

I am uncertain how the next proposed day of industrial action on Thursday 2nd March will affect the school, however I shall be prioritising attendance for Reception pupils as they missed school on the previous strike day. As soon as I have further details, I will let you know.

Attendance

Please be aware that holidays during term time will not be authorised and you may receive a fine of £60 per parent per child if you take your child out of school for an unauthorised absence.

Value of the Month

February's value of the month is Trust, followed by Forgiveness in March; we shall be exploring and considering the meaning of these concepts over the coming weeks.

Yours sincerely,

Jill Henderson
Head teacher

Please find attached some dates for your diary. Further details will be provided nearer the time.

Dates for the Diary	
10 th February 2023	School closes for half term
Monday 20 th February 2023	Staff INSET day – no school for pupils
Tuesday 21 st February 2023	'Dr Bike' in school.
Wednesday 22 nd and Thursday 23 rd February	Nursery information mornings
Wednesday 1 st March 2023	Football fixture v Churchfields Junior School
Monday 6 th March 2023	Scout to School Breakfast
Wednesday 8 th March 2023	Scholastic Book Fair
Friday 10 th March 2023	PTA disco
Monday 13 th March 2023	Redbridge Choral Festival at the Royal Albert Hall
Tuesday 14 th March 2023	Bancroft's Science Fair
Friday 17 th March 2023	Comic Relief Day
Monday 20 th March 2023	Two-week celebration of books begins
Thursday 23 rd March 2023	Class 4 performance 9am, Class 5 performance 2.15pm
Friday 24 th March 2023	Class 6 performance 9am
Friday 31 st March 2023	Book Character Day
Friday 31 st March 2023	School closes for Spring break (3pm - all pupils)

School Development Priorities academic year 2022/23

Our focus areas for this academic year are:

- To ensure that the vast majority of pupils meet the expected standard of achievement in Reading, Writing and Maths (combined) when they leave the school. (The National data for 2022 leavers was 59%; Wells was 84%.)
- To ensure that all children develop accurate letter formation in the Early Years.
- To ensure that pupils develop as skilled writers through expert teaching.
- To educate pupils in reducing our community's carbon footprint, becoming a more environmentally friendly school and raising awareness of the climate crisis.
- To develop pupils' awareness of their own learning strengths and areas for development.