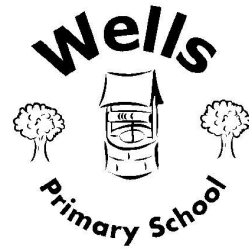


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Wednesday 18th January 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

Strike Action

You may be aware that there has been a number of ballots for industrial action in education recently and the NEU has announced strike action for its teacher members during February and March. This may affect the school on 1st February, 2nd, 15th and 16th March. As soon as I have further details, I will let you know.

Parent/Carer Consultations

The parent/carers consultations this term will take place via School Cloud for Years 1-6 during the week beginning 6th February. Dates and appointment times will be sent in due course. Consultations for Reception pupils will be on site during the same week. We shall be hosting a more informal information session for parents and carers of Nursery pupils after half term, during the week beginning 20th February.

PTA Fundraising

I am delighted to inform you that the PTA Christmas Market raised almost £7000 for the school! Funds raised have enabled us to replace two interactive whiteboards with higher specification models, ensuring that we are maintaining an advanced suite of IT equipment. We are very appreciative of the efforts made by the PTA to raise funds for the school and for your support for school events; in these times of austerity, every penny counts.

School Garden

Many of you have been asking whether you can offer any support following the sad death of Khalisah, one of our Year 6 children, at the end of last term. I have spoken with Khalisah's family and we have agreed that we would like to develop the garden area in the school in Khalisah's memory. We would like this to become a beautiful, quiet area where children can relax and enjoy some peace amidst the plants. If you would like to make a monetary contribution to this project, we would be very grateful; we would be equally appreciative of any plants, compost, or garden pots you may have.

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

January's value of the month is Compassion, followed by Trust for February; 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	
Thursday 19 th January 2023	Reception and Year 6 NHS measurement programme
Week beginning 6 th February 2023	Parent/Carer consultation meetings
10 th February 2023	School closes for half term
Monday 20 th February 2023	Staff INSET day – no school for pupils
Wednesday 22 nd and Thursday 23 rd February	Nursery information mornings
Wednesday 8 th March 2023	Scholastic Book Fair
Friday 10 th March 2023	PTA disco
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.