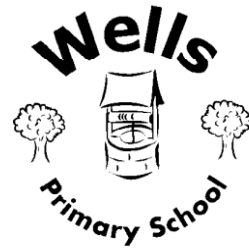


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Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

### **Governance**

I am pleased to inform you that Buket Yilmaz was re-appointed as a parent governor in the recent election. She was also elected as Chair of Governors at the autumn Governors' Board meeting. I would like to congratulate Ms Yilmaz on this appointment; I would also like to thank Mrs Louise van der Heiden for her services and commitment to the school as Chair over the past few years.

### **PTA Christmas Market**

We are very much looking forward to next week's Christmas Market and hope that as many of you as possible are able to come along. I know that PTA members have been working hard behind the scenes to ensure that the event is as spectacular as ever. If you are able to help on the day, please let the office or one of the PTA committee members know.

To support the fayre, children may wear **non-uniform, next Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December**; they are also invited to make a donation for the bottle/ chocolate tombola!

### **School Budgets**

I am sure you will be aware that schools are feeling the cost of living crisis in line with the rest of the population. With this in mind, we have been trying hard to keep the cost of school trips as low as possible. Coaches have become extraordinarily expensive so, where possible, we are arranging for older pupils to travel by tube. We are also making use of local facilities or inviting visitors into school. However, we do rely on parental contributions; we would politely request that if you can afford to pay for events, please ensure that you do so that we can continue to arrange a rich variety of experiences for the children.

### **School Applications**

The deadline for applications for children entering Reception in September 2023 is **15<sup>th</sup> January 2023**. Please remember that a Nursery place does not guarantee a school place. On- line applications and further information can be found at: <https://www.redbridge.gov.uk/schools/primary-school-admissions/>

### **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**

December's value of the month is Love; we shall be exploring and celebrating this concept in the coming weeks.

I look forward to seeing you at the various festive occasions ahead and thank you for your continued support.

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 1 <sup>st</sup> December 2022	Year 6 cricket trials
Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> December 2022	Year 5 and 6 Movie Night
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> December 2022	Non-uniform Day in support of the Christmas Market
Saturday 3 <sup>rd</sup> December 2022	PTA Christmas Fayre
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> December 2022	Year 3 and 4 visit to Redbridge Drama Centre to see pantomime.
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December 2022	Carol service at All Saints' Church – 9.30am
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> December 2022	Nursery Christmas sing-a-long 9.00am or 2.30pm
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> December 2022	School Christmas lunch pm – Christmas jumper day
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> December 2022	Class 1 Christmas Performance 9.00am
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> December 2022	Class 2 Christmas Performance 2.00pm
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> December 2022	Class 3 Christmas Performance 9.00am
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> December 2022	Reception Christmas performance 9.15am
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> December 2022	Class Christmas parties
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> December 2022	School closes for Christmas holiday at 3pm for all pupils
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> January 2023	School reopens for spring term.

### School Development Priorities 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.