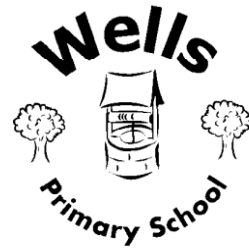


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Thursday 20th October 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

Consultation Meetings

I hope that you are well and that your child has had a successful start to the academic year. I trust that your meeting with your child's class teacher was informative and helpful. If you missed your appointment or have not yet arranged a meeting, please contact the teacher via the school office.

School Development Priorities 2022

Whilst we aim to ensure the highest standards of provision in all aspects of school life, 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.

School Applications

Please note that the deadline for secondary school applications for children in Year 6 is 31st October 2022. To avoid disappointment, you must apply by this date. On-line applications and further information can be found at: <https://www.redbridge.gov.uk/schools/secondary-school-admissions/>

The deadline for applications for children entering Reception in September 2023 is 15th 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/>

Wells' Parent Teacher Association

As you are aware, the PTA provides invaluable support to the school both in terms of fundraising and organising social events throughout the year. Thank you to those of you who were able to attend the AGM earlier this week. The PTA successfully appointed the following core members of the committee: Chair - Jack Tuck; Vice-Chair - Natasha Saleem; Secretary - Aneela Ahmad; and Treasurer - Sally Nickson.

Parent/Carer Governor Election

On Tuesday 1st November, the voting papers for the Parent Governor Election will be distributed. The ballot box will be available in the playground for receipt of papers until 3pm on Monday 7th November.

Number 19 Barclay Oval

Some of you may be aware that the house adjacent to the school was formerly a caretaker's dwelling. I am delighted that we have been successful in securing a change of use for the house so that, in time, we can move some of the administrative function of the school, and storage areas, out of the main building. This will free up considerable space within the school to provide much needed teaching areas, particularly for group work. There will be adjustments required which will come at a cost; the Governors, School Business Manager and I are looking at how we can finance this exciting project.

Parent Visitors

We are fortunate to have parents and carers with a broad range of skills and experiences and last week the children enjoyed a visit by Sally Nickson, a professional pianist. Visits such as these broaden the children's knowledge about the world, expand their thinking, provide inspiration and often have a significant and

lasting impact. If you think the children would be interested in your work, general interests or talents, please contact me or another member of staff.

Healthy Lunches

If your child is bringing packed lunch to school please ensure that you include healthy options. We would ask you not to include crisps, sugary snacks or sweets. Please also be mindful that we have children with severe allergies to nuts; peanut butter and Nutella should not be included.

Parking in Aldeburgh Place

Thank you to those parents and carers who walk to school or who park and walk. Please be aware that Aldeburgh Place (the rear entrance) has access and parking for residents only. Please do not enter this area. Residents have quite rightly complained about cars idling in the road and parking in residents' only parking zones. This is also the school's emergency entrance point and must be accessible at all times.

Reading

Thank you for supporting the recent Book Fair. We are delighted to have received credit for £187 worth of books. If you find any school reading books at home, please return them as soon as possible.

Harvest

Thank you for your very generous harvest donations! We had a wonderful display of items which will be gratefully received by the Redbridge Food bank.

Value of the Month

October's value of the month is Equality, a concept that is central to the school's ethos. We aspire to create equality of opportunity in all aspects of school life, for all members of our community. November's value of the month is Justice.

I hope that your children have a pleasant half term and that you manage to enjoy some time together. 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	
Monday 31 st October 2022	STAFF TRAINING DAY – no school for pupils.
Tuesday 1 st November 2022	School reopens for pupils
Thursday 3 rd November 2022	Year 6 Junior Citizens' Scheme
Monday 7 th November 2022	Flu immunisation programme Reception – Y6 pupils
Wednesday 9 th November 2022	Wind quintet recital for pupils in Year 3 and 4
Monday 14 th November 2022	Reception visit to Knighton Woods
Thursday 17 th November 2022	Year 5 and 6 debating competition at Bancroft's
Thursday 1 st December 2022	Year 6 cricket trials
Saturday 3 rd December 2022	PTA Christmas Fayre
Tuesday 6 th December 2022	Year 3 and 4 visit to Redbridge Drama Centre to see pantomime.
Tuesday 13 th December 2022	Carol service at All Saints' Church – 9.30am
Wednesday 14 th December 2022	Nursery Christmas sing-a-long 9.00am or 2.30pm
Wednesday 14 th December 2022	School Christmas lunch pm – Christmas jumper day
Thursday 15 th December 2022	Class 1 Christmas Performance 9.00am
Thursday 15 th December 2022	Class 2 Christmas Performance 2.00pm
Friday 16 th December 2022	Class 3 Christmas Performance 9.00am
Monday 19 th December 2022	Reception Christmas performance 9.15am
Monday 19 th December 2022	Class Christmas parties
Tuesday 20 th December 2022	School closes for Christmas holiday at 3pm for all pupils
Thursday 5 th January 2023	School reopens for spring term.