

Wells Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Attendance

As you may be aware, there is an increased focus on school attendance and we are pleased that our attendance is very positive overall.

Our school attendance target is 97%.

Our current attendance is as follows:

Nursery - 98%

Reception 1 – 96.3%

Reception 2 – 94%

Class 1 – 95.8%

Class 2 – 97.5%

Class 3 – 95.6%

Class 4 – 96.2%

Class 5 – 96%

Class 6 – 97%

Class 7 – 95.4%

Class 8 – 95.6%

Class 9 – 94.1%

Current whole school attendance: 95.8%

“Being in school is important to your child’s academic achievement, wellbeing, and wider development. There is evidence to suggest that regular school attendance is a key mechanism to support children and young people's educational, economic and social outcomes. Schools can facilitate positive peer relationships, which contributes to better mental health and wellbeing. Attendance at school is crucial to prepare young people for successful transition to adulthood, and to support their longer term economic and social participation in society. There is also evidence that the students with the highest attendance throughout their time in school gain the best GCSE and A level results” (<https://educationhub.blog.gov.uk/2023/09/28/what-are-ghost-children-and-why-is-school-attendance-important/>)

Please be aware that we follow our attendance policy and as such, 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.



PTA Fundraising

Thank you for your support at The PTA Quiz night that took place recently; it was a huge success and a good evening was had by all! The PTA are currently preparing for the school discos which are taking place today – 3:30pm for Reception and KS1, and 5:15pm for KS2 pupils. Yesterday the children enjoyed the immersive experience that was sponsored by the PTA. I am very grateful to the PTA who work incredibly hard behind the scenes to raise money for the school. If you would like to get involved please let them know.

Value of the month

The value of the month for March is *Thankfulness*. We have been exploring what this means and considering ways in which we demonstrate this value. In April, the value we shall be thinking about is *Hope*.

Head Lice

As you may be aware from letters sent out, we have had a few cases of head lice recently. We are advising all parents and carers to please check your child's hair regularly.

Attached are some key dates for the summer term.

We will update you with additional dates and information in due course.

End of term and Summer Term 2024 Diary Dates

Monday 25th March	Year 4 Performance to Parents/Carers at 1:45pm
Wednesday 27th March	Year 3 Performance to Parents/Carers at 8:45am
Wednesday 27th March	Year 1 and 2 trip to All Saints Church (afternoon)
Thursday 28th March	School Closes for holidays at 3pm (No After School Club on this day)
Monday 15th April 2024	Start of Spring Term
Thursday 18th April	Class 2 trip to Redbridge Museum
Friday 19th April	Class 1 trip to Redbridge Museum
Tuesday 23rd April	Year 5 Swimming lessons begin
Wednesday 24th April	Class 3 trip to Redbridge Museum
Monday 6th May	School Closed – May Day Holiday
Monday 13th May	SATs week for Year 6
Friday 24th May	School closes for half term break
Monday 3rd June	Staff Training Day – School Closed for Pupils.
Tuesday 4th June	School Opens for pupils
Tuesday 4th June	Whole School Drumming Masterclass Workshop
Monday 24th – Friday 28th June	Year 6 Residential trip to Stubbers
Saturday 29th June	PTA Summer Fayre
Tuesday 2nd July	Sports Day Reception, KS1 and KS2 (more details to follow)
Wednesday 3rd July	Nursery Sports Day (more details to follow)
Thursday 11th July	Year 5 Performance for Parents and Carers 9:00am
Friday 12th July	Year 6 Performance for Parents and Carers 9:00am
Monday 22nd July	Year 6 Leavers' assembly 9:00am
Tuesday 23rd July	School Closes 3pm – NO After School Club

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Debbie Franklin
Headteacher