

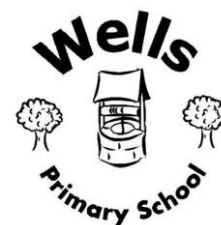
Wells Primary School

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Tuesday 5th September 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the Autumn Term 2023

We are looking forward to welcoming the children back tomorrow - Wednesday 6th September. A warm welcome also to our new children and families joining us this term. I hope that you have all had a good summer break. We are very much looking forward to the term ahead.

Mrs Henderson

As you know, our longstanding and much loved headteacher, Mrs Henderson, left at the end of the summer term. The children and staff gave her a memorable send off and she has asked me to pass on her sincere thanks for all the wonderful gifts and messages of support that she received. I am pleased to say that Mrs Henderson will be continuing to support the school, and me as the school's new headteacher, and she will be visiting us very soon.

New Staff

I would like to officially welcome Miss Partene and Miss Luton who are joining the Wells team this term. Miss Partene is now the teacher in Class 5 and Miss Luton will be teaching Class 3.

Roofing Works Phase 2

The second phase of the roofing works has been taking place over the summer and work is currently anticipated to be completed by the end of September. Scaffolding is in place in some areas of the school, and as a result, it has been necessary to make some temporary changes to how pupils enter and exit some classrooms.

Pupils in Class 1 and Class 2 will be met by their class teachers in the playground each morning and parents/carers should collect their children from the same place each day.

Pupils in Class 9 will be asked to enter through the entrance in the KS2 playground along with Classes 6,7 and 8.

Myself and Mrs Keel will be on hand in the playground in the mornings to help pupils find their teachers or their classrooms.

Timings

A reminder that gates will open each morning at **8:20am** and registration begins at **8:25am**.

Gates will close promptly at **8:35am**. The school day ends at **3pm** and gates will open at **2:55pm**. Gates will also be closed by **3:10pm** each afternoon. Due to the current building works, it is important that the gates are closed promptly therefore late arrivals will need to enter through the front office.



Parking

Please be aware that there are no parking facilities at the school or in Barclay Oval or Aldeburgh place. We advise those who can, to walk to school. If you do need to drive we advise you to park a few roads away and walk. Please be aware that there are parking restrictions in place in many of the surrounding roads, so please allow plenty of time to arrive at school on time. Please also be considerate of local residents and do not block driveways.

Uniform

The pupils at Wells are encouraged to take pride in their school and their appearance and are therefore expected to wear the school uniform at all times. Please look at the school's website for further information on school uniform.

Universal Free School Meals

As you may be aware, all primary school pupils in London boroughs are eligible for free school meals. A copy of the school menu will be sent out separately. Your child is welcome to bring a healthy packed lunch if preferred but please remember that we are a nut-free school.

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.

Reading

Reading is always the highest priority for learning since it opens the doors to almost all other subjects. During the first week, your child will receive a reading record with a reading book.

Your child should bring their book and reading record to school every day. I would urge you to read with your child at home as frequently as possible, even when they are in the older years; the benefits in terms of vocabulary enrichment and the pleasure of sharing stories are immeasurable. Please comment in your child's reading record so that we can work together and reward your child for reading at home. We are using Read, Write Inc. resources to teach the children to read and will be organising some reading workshops for parents and carers in the coming weeks.

Value of the Month

September's value of the month is Respect, followed by Diversity in October; we shall be exploring and considering the meaning of these concepts over the coming weeks.

Achievement Assemblies

We shall be holding our achievement assemblies on Fridays. Children will be nominated by their teachers for a certificate, which will be presented in a Friday morning assembly. Parents of children receiving awards will be invited to attend. The first assembly will be for KS2 children (Years 3-6) on Friday 22nd September, followed by an assembly for Reception and KS1 children (Years 1 and 2) on Friday 29th September. Assemblies will start at 8:40 and usually last for approximately 20 minutes.

School Applications

Please note that the deadline for **secondary school applications for children in Year 6 is 31st October 2023**. To avoid disappointment, you must apply by this date. Online 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 2024 is 15th January 2024**. Please remember that a Nursery place does not guarantee a school place. Online applications and further information can be found at: <https://www.redbridge.gov.uk/schools/primary-school-admissions/>

Nursery Places

We have some availability in our Nursery - including full time and part time places. For more information please contact the school office.

Performance Data

Key Stage 2 Attainment 2023 – pupils working at or above the expected standard (scaled score of 100 or more)

	Wells 2023	Wells 2022	Wells 2019	Redbridge 2023	Redbridge 2022	Redbridge 2019	National 2023	National 2022	National 2019
Reading test, Writing (TA) and Maths test combined	84%	84%	82%	69%	71%	73%	59%	59%	65%
Reading (test)	93%	87%	89%	77%	82%	79%	73%	74%	73%
Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling (test)	98%	87%	100%	82%	83%	86%	72%	72%	78%
Mathematics (test)	91%	91%	93%	82%	82%	85%	73%	71%	79%
Writing (TA)	91%	91%	93%	79%	80%	87%	71%	69%	78%

(TA -Teacher Assessment)

These results are pleasing and reflect the commitment and hard work of staff, pupils and parents/carers to ensure that children continue to have the best learning opportunities.

I hope that your child settles well in their new class. Should you have any concerns, please arrange to speak to your child's class teacher. I look forward to catching up with as many of you as possible in the playground. Please feel free to introduce yourself if you are new to the school.

Yours sincerely,

Debbie Franklin
Head teacher

Autumn Term 2023 Diary Dates

Wednesday 6th September	First day of term for pupils in Reception to Year 6
Monday 11th September	First day of term for Nursery pupils
Monday 2nd October	Reading Workshop for parents of pupils in Years 1 and 2 2pm or 5pm
Tuesday 3rd October	Reading Workshop for parents of pupils in Early Years 2pm or 5pm
Friday 6th October	Harvest Festival
Week beginning Monday 16th October	Parent/Carer consultations (On-line)
Tuesday 17th October	Individual photos for all pupils
Friday 20th October	School closes for half term
Monday 30th October	Staff Training Day
Tuesday 31st October	School reopens for pupils

Further details for specific events will follow separately.