

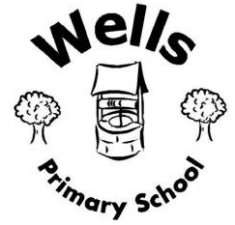
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Friday 24th November 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Staffing News

At the end of the Autumn term, we shall be saying a sad farewell to Mrs Potts who will be leaving Wells to spend time with her young family. Mrs Potts joined the school as a newly qualified teacher and has been a dedicated teacher during her ten years here. Having taught in Nursery and Reception for many years, she will have taught most of the pupils in the school. I would like to thank Mrs Potts for her hard work and commitment to Wells; she assures me she will be back to visit us from time to time. I am pleased however, to inform you that Mrs Ahmed will be returning from maternity leave at the end of the term and will be taking over as the teacher in Nursery; she will work alongside Mrs Potts at the end of term to ensure a smooth transition for the Nursery children.

Attendance

As you will be aware, we take pride in our high attendance at Wells. Each week we report and congratulate classes with the highest attendance; well done to Reception 1 and Class 8 who achieved 99% attendance last week.

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.

Applications for Reception 2024

Just a reminder that the fast approaching 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 January 2024

We have the last few remaining places in our Nursery for January 2024. If your child has recently had their third birthday or will turn three before January, they are eligible for 15 hours free nursery provision. We are able to offer flexible attendance and additional hours if required. For more information please contact the school office.

There will be a tour of the school on **Monday 4th December at 2pm** for anyone that is interested in applying for Nursery or Reception places.



Universal Free School Meals / Families on low incomes

As you are aware, **all** primary school pupils in London boroughs are now eligible for free school meals this year, regardless of income. **If however, you are on a low income, you may qualify for other support. Please see the link included and apply if you think you meet the criteria** <https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals>.

Funding for books and book donations

Thank you to those of that have purchased books for school from our **'Wish list'**. Every donation is really appreciated. There is still time to purchase a book for the school and every book purchased raises additional funds for books too; here is the link if you would like to donate <https://shop.scholastic.co.uk/wishlists/3729870>. If you decide to order something from the list, you can do so securely online. Your donation will be delivered directly to school.

Value of the Month

The value of the month of December is Peace; we shall be exploring and considering its meaning within our school community throughout the rest of this term.

PTA Christmas Market

The PTA Christmas market is being held on **Saturday 2nd December**. Thank you to those of you who have already donated items for the Rainbow Raffle. There is still time to donate; please ask your class representative if you are unsure of the colour of the item for your child's class.

Every child has also been busily working away creating decorations. You will be able to **purchase your child's handmade decoration** from the stall that will be run by staff in the school hall at the PTA Christmas market.

To support the PTA, there will be a non-school uniform day on **Friday 1st December** and we kindly request contributions for the tombola stall; bottles, biscuits and chocolate donations are gratefully received.

Our Christmas Market is always a fabulous event with lots of fun activities on offer, and we hope you are able to join us.

Christmas Service

Many of you will be aware that every year we have a whole school Christmas service at All Saints Church; this year our service will take place on **Tuesday 12th December at 9:30 am**. Everyone is invited to attend the service and we would welcome some adult helpers walking pupils to and from the church. Please let your child's class teacher know if you are available to help.

Please find attached some dates for your diary.

Thank you for your continued support. I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Yours sincerely,

Debbie Franklin
Head teacher

Autumn Term 2023 Diary Dates

Friday 1st December	NON-SCHOOL UNIFORM DAY for Pupils to support the PTA
Saturday 2nd December	Wells PTA Christmas Market 11:30- 3:30
Monday 4th December	Nursery Nativity 9am
Monday 4th December	School Tour – (for Nursery and Reception interest)
Thursday 7th December	Bag2School – Clothing donations
Friday 8th December	Nursery Nativity 9am
Tuesday 12th December	Whole school church service at All Saints Church 9:30am
Wednesday 13th December	Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumpers day
Thursday 14th December	Class 2 Nativity 9am
Thursday 14th December	Class 3 Nativity 2pm
Friday 15th December	Class 1 Nativity 2pm
Friday 15th December	Year 5 Cinema Trip
Monday 18th December	Reception Nativity 2pm
Monday 18th December	Year 3 Cinema Trip
Tuesday 19th December	Year 4 Cinema Trip
Wednesday 20th December	Year 6 Cinema Trip
Wednesday 20th December	School Closes for School holidays (NO After School club on this day)
Thursday 4th January 2024	Start of Spring Term

Further details for specific events will follow separately.