

# Wells Primary School

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**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2024**

Dear Parents and Carers,

## Staffing News

I am very sad to inform you that at the end of the Autumn term, we shall be saying farewell to our Deputy Head Teacher, Mrs Keel, who will be leaving Wells to take early retirement after 32 years of teaching. Mrs Keel joined the school as the SENDCO in 2019. In her roles as both SENDCO and more recently DHT, she has worked with many families and supported lots of children in a wide variety of ways. Mrs Keel has also mentored, developed and supported many of the staff at Wells. She has supported the school through a variety of challenging events including the pandemic and more recently our successful Ofsted inspection. Mrs Keel has been a huge support to me too, particularly during my first year of headship, and I will always be grateful for her unwavering support and kind and caring ways. I would like to wish Mrs Keel a very happy and fulfilling retirement and thank her for all the time and dedication she has given to Wells Primary School over the past 6 years.

Miss Partene will also be leaving us at the end of term to join another school. My sincere thanks to Miss Partene for all her hard work and support to the pupils during her time with us; many children have enjoyed being taught by her and being a part of the various clubs that she has run.

I am pleased however, to inform you that Mrs Bristow, who is our senior teacher, will be returning from maternity leave next term on a part time basis.

## PTA Christmas Market

The PTA Christmas market is being held on **Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December 11:30 -3:30** where there will be lots to see and do. There will be a stall in the hall run by staff where you will be able to purchase your child's handmade decoration that they have been working on in school. These items are priced from £1.50 to £2.00.

Entrance to the fayre will be via the main entrance in Barclay Oval. Please do bring along the whole family to this very enjoyable event to support the school in raising much-needed funds. **Please note that children will not be permitted to enter without an adult.**

Our Christmas Market is always a fabulous event with lots of fun activities on offer, and we hope you are able to join us. To support the PTA, there will be a non-school uniform day on **Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December** and we kindly request contributions for the tombola stall; bottles, biscuits and chocolate donations are gratefully received. A special thank you to all the members of The PTA for all the hard work needed to organise such a huge event; thank you also to the many volunteers that have got involved.



### **Christmas Church 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 10<sup>th</sup> 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.

### **Value of the Month**

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

### **Ofsted**

The Ofsted report for the inspection that took place at Wells Primary School on 22<sup>nd</sup> / 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2024, has now been published. We were pleased that Ofsted recognised what a unique school Wells is and I would like to thank you all for the positive feedback, good wishes and continued support; partnerships with parents are very important to us.

### **Attendance**

As you will be aware, we take pride in our high attendance at Wells. Our whole school target is 97% and I am pleased to report that we have achieved 97% frequently this term.

### **Uniform and personal belongings**

**PLEASE** help us to help your child in school by **labelling all belongings**. The lost property bucket is once again overflowing. Many children, particularly in the lower years, find it very upsetting when they cannot find their items of clothing; it is also very challenging for staff to match unlabelled clothing with children - particularly on PE days.

### **End of the School Day**

I would like to remind parents and carers, to please refrain from allowing children to play in the playground at the end of the school day. In the interest of health and safety, children are not permitted to play on the equipment; it is necessary for us to close the gates promptly at 3:10pm so that the extra-curricular clubs are able to use the playground safely.

### **Applications for Reception 2024**

Just a reminder that the fast approaching deadline for applications for children entering Reception in September 2025 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/>

### **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>.

I hope you and the children have an enjoyable end of term; as always if you do have any concerns please speak to your child's class teacher or request a call.

Thank you for your continued support.

Please find attached some dates for your diary.

Yours sincerely,

Debbie Franklin  
Head teacher

#### **Autumn Term 2024 Diary Dates**

<b>Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Christmas Market 11:30 - 3:30
<b>Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Year 6 Cinema Trip
<b>Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December</b>	9:30 am Christmas Carol Service at All Saints Church For pupils in Reception to Year 6 All parents and carers invited to attend
<b>Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day
<b>Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Reception 1 Nativity to parents and carers - 9am
<b>Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Year 4 Cinema Trip
<b>Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Reception 2 Nativity to parents and carers - 9am
<b>Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Year 5 Cinema Trip
<b>Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Year 3 Cinema Trip
<b>Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Year 1 Nativity to parents and carers - 9am Year 2 Nativity to parents and carers - 2pm
<b>Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Nursery Nativity Singing for parents and carers - 9am
<b>Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Last day of term. School closes - 3pm. There will be no after school clubs on this day.
<b>Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2024</b>	First day back for all pupils