

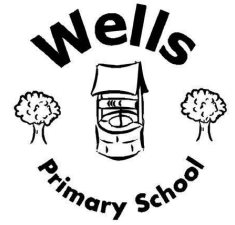
Wells Primary School

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Thursday 23rd January 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that your child has settled happily back at school following the school holidays. You will have received a curriculum letter last week, which aims to inform you of all the information you will need to ensure your child is ready and prepared for each day at school. If however, you do have further questions, please do contact your child's class teacher for advice.

Staffing update

I would like to welcome back Mrs Bristow who is returning part time from her maternity leave. I am also pleased to inform you that Mrs Bristow and Miss Christodoulou will be sharing the role of acting deputy head this term. Both are long standing members of staff who know the school very well.

Value of the month

January's value of the month is Compassion and the value for February is Trust. We will be exploring these values in class and in assemblies.

Parent/Carer Consultations

Parent/carers consultations this term will take on Friday 14th February between 9am and 4pm. The school will be closed to pupils on this day. All meetings will take place online using School Cloud but there will also be an opportunity for you to come into school to look at your child's work on Wednesday 12th February at 3pm. Further information including appointment times will be sent in due course.

PTA Fundraising

I am delighted to inform you that the PTA Christmas market raised over £8000. Funds raised have enabled us to add some improvements to the KS1 and KS2 playgrounds. We will also be using some of the funds to buy new books and update one of our interactive whiteboards. We are very appreciative of the efforts made by the PTA to raise funds for the school and for your continued support at the events. Further events planned this term include a disco for the children and a quiz night for the adults; further details to follow from the PTA soon.

Donations

We would welcome the following, if anyone has any good quality items that need rehoming; Lego, Duplo, wooden small world play sets, houses, animals, construction sets, garages, cars/trucks, dressing up clothes/props, play food or kitchen role play equipment and outdoor play equipment.

If you think you may have possible donations please let me know.

Attendance

Our attendance target is 97%.

Our current attendance 96.2%.

Please be aware that holidays during term time will not be authorised and you may receive a fine of £160 per parent per child if you take your child out of school for an unauthorised absence.

Getting Your Child to School Really Matters



Did You Know... ?

In a School Year, If Your Child is Late Every Day By...	Your Child Would Have Lost Approximately...	or They Would Have Missed Approximately...
5 Minutes	3.5 Days from School	20 Lessons
10 Minutes	7 Days from School	41 Lessons
15 Minutes	10 Days from School	55 Lessons
20 Minutes	14.5 Days from School	82 Lessons
30 Minutes	22 Days from School	123 Lessons

Please Encourage Punctuality to Maintain Attendance

ABSENCE = LOST OPPORTUNITY



Did You Know... ?

If Your Child's Attendance During the School Year...	Your Child Would Have Lost Approximately...	or They Would Have Missed Approximately...
was 95%	9 Days from School	50 Lessons
was 90%	19 Days from School	100 Lessons
was 85%	29 Days from School	150 Lessons
was 80%	38 Days from School	200 Lessons
was 75%	48 Days from School	250 Lessons

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Parking

The School Streets scheme at Wells Primary School has been agreed for Aldeburgh Place following the public consultation; this will come into effect on Monday 24 February 2025, after the spring half-term. For more information on this, please see separate email that was sent out this week.

Unfortunately, we are still receiving a number of complaints about cars parking illegally in Barclay Oval. Please be considerate to our neighbours by NOT obstructing their driveways.

Please find attached some dates for your diary. Further details will be provided nearer the time.

Spring Term 2025 Diary Dates

Tuesday 4th February	Class 5 trip to The British Museum
Friday 7th February	Class 4 trip to The British Museum
Tuesday 11th February	Class 6 trip to The British Museum
Wednesday 12th February	3pm - Classrooms open to parents/carers to see children's work
Thursday 13th February	Last day of Spring half term 1
Friday 14th February	School Closed to Pupils Parent/Carer Consultations for pupils in Nursery to Year 6 More details to follow
Monday 17th – 21st February	School Closed for half term break
Monday 24th February	School reopens for pupils
Thursday 6th March	World Book Day - Pupils invited to dress up as a Book Character
Monday 10th March	Year 6 Junior Citizen Day
Week beginning 10th March	Whole School Science Week
Thursday 27th March	Class 6 Performance to Parents/Carers at 9am
Friday 28th March	Class 5 Performance to Parents/Carers at 9am Class 4 Performance to Parents/Carers 1:45pm
Friday 4th April	School Closes for holidays at 3pm (No After School Club on this day)
Tuesday 22nd April	Start of Spring Term

Science Curriculum

As part of our Science curriculum we are always exploring possible careers in science and the children really enjoy hearing about the careers of our parents and carers. If you would like to volunteer to come into school to speak to the children about your career, in or around Science week, or if you know anyone that could offer us a visit, please do let us know.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Debbie Franklin
Headteacher