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Hello...

This Friday we will be breaking up for the February Half Term holiday and it feels like the past 6 weeks have flown by!

Wellgate has been a hive of learning with new topics, visitors into school, extra-curricular learning and class assemblies to celebrate fabulous learning at Wellgate. It has been a pleasure to see the children in action. We are, as always, proud of our children and their achievements and would like to thank all Parents and Carers for supporting school and working with us to achieve the best outcomes for our children.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Mrs Thornton who is expecting a further addition to her family in the Summer Term. We are sure you will join us in wishing the Thornton family much love and happiness at such lovely news.

Attendance and Punctuality Reminder

As you are aware, attendance at school is hugely important so that children have the best opportunities to succeed. Since September, we have been working alongside our EWO, Mr David Scarth, to support the children and families of Wellgate in ensuring they achieve the best attendance possible.

Punctuality is just as important as good attendance. Please find below a reminder of the timings for Wellgate (FS2 – Y6) so that you can ensure your child attends school and is on time for the start of their learning: -

- **8:35am** – doors open for FS2 to Year 6
- **8:40am – 8:49am** – Registration Period / - / mark in the register if your child is present
- **8:50am – 9:09am** – L - L mark in the register if your child is late
- **9:10am or later** – U - U mark in the register if your child is late after the register has closed, this impacts on your child's attendance

After half term, we will once again be issuing letters to Parents/Carers where the attendance and/or punctuality of their child is a concern. If you receive a letter and would like to discuss this further, do not hesitate to contact Mrs Dutton, Mrs Parkin or Mrs Egginton.

We hope that next half term, as Spring begins to arrive and the weather warms up, so will Wellgate's attendance! Thank you for your continued support with ensuring your child attends school every day.

Eat Them To Defeat Them

You may have already seen on TV that the Veg are back... the 'Eat Them to Defeat Them' Campaign 2023 will be officially launched on 20th February 2023.

Take-home packs will be distributed as soon as possible during the first week back after Half Term. It would be great to encourage your child to take part in this campaign.

Thursday 2nd March – World Book Day

A reminder that we will be celebrating World Book day on Thursday 2nd March. Wellgate's Reading Ambassadors have decided that children can either dress up as their favourite book character or dress up as a word for our vocabulary parade, for example carnivore, blizzard, puzzled or even hazard. There will be prizes for the most creative and imaginative word inspired costumes. We look forward to seeing the fantastic costumes!

Who should I speak to?

We very much hope that all our children are happy in school and you will not have any worries or concerns. However, please can we take this opportunity to remind you that if you have any concerns about your child at all you should, in the first instance, contact your child's class teacher as they have the most thorough knowledge of your child.

If your concerns remain, you should make an appointment to speak with your child's Phase Leader –

- EYFS (Nursery & F2) – Mrs Belt
- KS1 (Y1 & Y2) – Miss Nowshirvani
- LKS2 (Y3 & Y4) – Mrs Woodcock
- UKS2 – (Y5 & Y6) – Miss Elliott

If you feel that these members of staff have not been able to assist you sufficiently and you wish to pursue a complaint, you should contact either Mrs Richardson or Mrs Egginton via the school office.

We would hope this would enable the situation to be resolved but if these avenues have been exhausted and you wish to make a formal complaint, our complaints policy can be found on the school website.

Diary Dates

Please see below the events that are planned for the remainder of this half term and new dates for next half term. Our Facebook page and website are both excellent ways to see Wellgate's learning in action, keep updated on school events and find out about any changes that occur. Please remember to check out these posts before sending a message, as the information you require may already be on there.

SPRING TERM 2023 - 2A and 2B	
Thursday 9th February	Spring Term Disco – details have been sent out with letters
Friday 10 th February	3AP Class Assembly - Parents and Carers welcome from 8:50am in KS2 Hall
Friday 10 th February	School Office Closes at 4:00pm – All enquiries after this time will be dealt with on Tuesday 21 st February
Monday 13 th – Friday 17 th February	Half Term
Monday 20 th February	INSET – No school for children
Tuesday 21 st February	Children return to school
Thursday 23 rd February	Y6 KS2 SATs Parents/Carers Meeting – Virtual - more information to follow
Thursday 2 nd March	World Book Day – Book Character and Vocabulary Dress Up Day
Tuesday 7 th March	Virtual Parent/Carer Consultations
Wednesday 8 th March	Virtual Parent/carers Consultations
Friday 10 th March	1JG Class Assembly
Monday 13 th – Friday 17 th March	Y1 Balance Bike - more information to follow
Friday 17 th March	Red Nose Day – more information to follow
Thursday 23 rd March	Y1 Phonics Screening Check – Parent/Carer Meeting – KS2 Hall 9:00am and 3:15pm Y3 Educational Visit to Yorkshire Wildlife Park - more information to follow
Friday 24 th March	1MJ Class Assembly
Thursday 30 th March	Decorated Easter Egg Competition - more information to follow
Friday 31 st March	School closes at 4:00pm – All enquiries after this time will be dealt with on Monday 17 th April
Monday 3 rd April - Friday 14 th April	Easter Holiday
Monday 17 th April	Children return to school

Wishing you a lovely Half Term once it arrives and thank you for your continued support.

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