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Welcome Back

We hope you had a restful half term and enjoyed the Autumn festivities. We are all excited to be back in school and we are looking forward to this next half term. It is a busy one full of exciting learning, extra opportunities and Christmas celebrations. We have set out the key dates for this half term over the page, so please make sure you add them to your diary. We will provide further information regarding specific events nearer the time. We look forward to welcoming you into school to support the celebrations.

Website

We have now moved across to the new Wellgate website and this can be found at –

<https://www.wellgateprimary.com>

We will keep this updated with the latest newsletters and information. We hope you enjoy exploring this new site.

Parking at George Street and Wellgate

We have again received complaints from several members of the community. The residents on George Street and Wellgate have expressed their distress at not being able to park outside their homes due to Parents/Carers blocking their driveways, littering outside their homes and damaging their vehicles.

Again, we ask for your support in ensuring that the parking outside school is both courteous and safe for the children in school and also for members of our community. As residents shared, we would not appreciate it if our own driveway was blocked on a regular basis. Please also ensure that you do not sit in your car with the engine running as this can have a detrimental effect on the air quality around school.

Please remember that Mapplewell Working Men's Club have shared that Parents/Carers can park in their carpark whilst dropping off and collecting children from school. If this is put into practice, a lot of the congestion will be alleviated and enable the George Street Entrance to be safer and less congested during busy periods.

Attendance at school

Over the past half term, we have been working with our Education Welfare Officer, Mr David Scarth, to monitor the attendance of all children in school. Over the next few weeks, we will be issuing letters to Parents/Carers where the attendance of their child is a concern. If you receive a letter and would like to discuss this further, do not hesitate to contact Mrs Rich (Attendance Officer) or Mrs Egginton.

Questionnaires

In a couple of weeks, we will be sending out a link for our Parent/Carer questionnaire via an email on School Comms. Please can we ask that you take time to complete this, as this will help support our school improvement work and ensure our Parent/Carer voice is heard.

The children and staff will also be completing a questionnaire during this time so we can gather feedback from the whole school community.

Odd Socks Day

As part of our ongoing PSHEE Learning, children are regularly taught about the importance of being kind, that difference is accepted and the importance of bullying not being tolerated. To support this and the ongoing work of the Anti-Bullying Alliance and their campaign to raise awareness of Anti-Bullying, we will be holding an 'Odd Socks Day' on Monday 14th November. Your child is invited to attend school in their normal school uniform but wearing odd socks! Throughout the week, your child will complete additional learning about how bullying is not tolerated and will be looking at this year's theme of 'Reaching Out'.

Diary Dates

Please see the events below that are planned for this next Half Term

Tuesday 1 st November	Children return to school
Tuesday 8 th November	Parent/Carer Consultations in school
Wednesday 9 th November	Parent/Carer Consultations in school
Friday 11 th November	Year 6 Trip to Crucial Crew 4CH Class Assembly - Parents and Carers welcome from 8:50am
Monday 14 th November	Odd Socks Day
Wednesday 16 th – Friday 18 th November	Year 5 Residential – Kingswood
Thursday 17 th November	4BC/JW Class Assembly - Parents and Carers welcome from 8:50am
Friday 18 th November	Children in Need Day – more information to follow
Friday 25 th November	5AH Class Assembly - Parents and Carers welcome from 8:50am
Thursday 1 st December	Christmas Bingo Fundraiser 4:30pm – 6:00pm - Further information to follow
Friday 2 nd December	5BH/CL Class Assembly - Parents and Carers welcome from 8:50am
Monday 5 th December	LKS2 Christmas Performance – 1:30pm – KS2 Hall
Tuesday 6 th December	KS1 Christmas Performance – 9:30am – KS2 Hall KS1 Christmas Performance – 1:30pm – KS2 Hall
Wednesday 7 th December	LKS2 Christmas Performance – 9:30am – KS2 Hall FS2 Christmas Performance – 1:30pm – KS2 Hall
Thursday 8 th December	FS2 Christmas Performance – 9:30am – KS2 Hall KS1 Christmas Performance – 1:30pm – KS2 Hall
Friday 9 th December	Nursery (FS1) closed all day FS2 Christmas Performance – 9:30am – KS2 Hall Christmas Dinner
Monday 12 th December	Year 6 and Year 1 Christmas Party – PM
Tuesday 13 th December	Year 3 and Year 2 Christmas Party – PM
Wednesday 14 th December	Year 4 Christmas Party – PM
Thursday 15 th December	Year 5 Christmas Party – PM FS2 Christmas Party – PM FS1 Christmas Party – AM & PM
Friday 16 th December	Break up – Christmas Jumper or Christmas Outfit Day! School Closes at 3:45pm
Monday 19 th December – Monday 2 nd January	Christmas Holidays
Tuesday 3 rd January 2023	INSET – No school for children
Wednesday 4 th January 2023	Children return to school

Our Class Blogs on the website are an excellent way to see Wellgate's learning in action. To keep updated on school events and find out about any changes that occur, please also see our Facebook Page. **Please remember to check out these posts before sending a message, as the information you require may already be on there.**

Thank you for your continued support.



Cathryn Egginton – Headteacher & Team Wellgate