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## Welcome Back!

It has been fabulous to see the children returning to Wellgate this week and to welcome them back into their new classes. There have been lots of smiling faces, excited chatter and eagerness to settle into their learning. It has also been great to see all of our lovely Parents/Carers out and about.

We would like to send a warm welcome to our new children in FS1, FS2 and also across school. We have lots of new members to the Wellgate family and we are looking forward to working with them over this school year.

## Team Wellgate – Staffing Update

We would like to say a warm welcome to our new members of Team Wellgate.

Mr Alex Hirst (Y5 Teacher)

Mr Oliver Clayton (Y4 Teacher)

Mrs Samantha Poulter (Teaching Assistant in Y3)

Miss Maisie Nicholson (Teaching Assistant in FS2)

Mrs Angela Carr (Teaching Assistant in FS2)

We wish them all the best in their new roles and hope they will be very happy at Wellgate.

Mrs Egginton will be continuing her work at Wilthorpe School over the next two terms therefore Mrs Katie Richardson will continue the role of Acting Headteacher at Wellgate. She will be supported by Mrs Belt and Mrs Woodcock who will be stepping up to the role of joint Acting Deputy Headteachers. Miss Holden will be taking over from Mrs Richardson as SENDCo.

## Reminders

We would like to remind Parents/Carers about the start and finish times for the school day. **PLEASE ensure your child is here for 8:40am as learning is starting promptly.**

	Morning Session			Afternoon Session	
	Start Time	Finish Time		Start Time	Finish Time
Nursery – (Foundation 1)	8:40am	11:40am		12:20pm	3:20pm

**\*\*The Nursery door and gate will close/be locked at 8:50am for start of the morning session**

**\*\*The Nursery door and gate will close/be locked at 12:30pm for the start of the afternoon session**

	Doors open	Start time	Finish time
<b>Reception (FS2) and Key Stage One</b> FS2 Year 1 Year 2	8:35am	8:40am	3:00pm
<b>Key Stage Two</b> Year 3 Year 4 Year 5 Year 6	8:35am	8:40am	3:05pm

## Thank You

Over the summer break, Mr Slater and Mr Wilkinson have worked really hard to maintain the school grounds. They have spent time ensuring that the school grounds are safe and ready for the new school year. The Cleaning Team have also worked hard and carried out a thorough clean prior to opening. On behalf of the school community, we would like to thank Mr Slater and Mr Wilkinson and our fabulous Cleaners for their efforts, hard work and care they have given to the school.

## PE Days

Here is a reminder of the class PE days –

Monday - Year 6 – Mr Cronin/Mrs Lee and Mr Woodcock/Mrs Woodcock

Monday - Year 1 – Miss Nowshirvani and Miss Jarimba

Tuesday - Year 5 – Mr Hunt and Mr Hirst

Tuesday - Year 2 – Miss Gillott and Mr Steeples

Wednesday - Year 4 – Mr Hawley and Mr Clayton

Thursday – Nursery - Mrs Nicholson (Children can wear plain comfy clothing)

Friday - FS2 – Mrs Belt/Miss Richardson and Mrs McGinn

Friday – Year 3 – Miss Holden and Miss Elliott/Mrs Binns-Alexander – Swimming lessons will commence from Friday 15<sup>th</sup> September and these lessons will take the place of PE lessons. Therefore, children will need to come in their school uniform. More information about swimming lessons has been sent out separately.

Children need to attend school in their PE Kit on their PE Day. **Please ensure that your child's PE kit is as plain as possible.** We request that clothing follows these guidelines -

- Black/Navy tracksuit bottoms
- Plain T-shirt (ideally white) – **no cropped tops/football tops**
- Plain Trainers
- Warm Top, again wherever possible, this needs to be plain or the children can wear their school sweatshirt/cardigan

If your child attends in a PE Kit that does not follow our school policy, they will be asked to change into a plain kit provided by school.

To ensure we keep all children safe, we ask that children should be able to remove their own stud earrings for PE or they come to school with them covered using tape or plasters. Long hair must also be tied back.

## Replacement Pin Badges

It has been super to see the children returning with their pin badges from the last academic year. If your child misplaces their pin badge, a replacement can be purchased at the office at a cost of £2.

## Dinner Money Reminder

We would like to remind you that the charge for a school dinner (**for children in Y3, 4, 5 and 6**) is £2.50 per day or £12.50 per week.

**We would also like to remind all Parents/Carers that all school dinner money accounts need to remain in credit and therefore all school meals will need to be paid for in advance.** Please check your child's balance on a regular basis and top-up their account if necessary.

The most effective way to pay for dinners is to use the school's Gateway App. This will enable you to view your child's account balance and manage payments. To enable you to use the gateway app you will need to ensure the office has your current email address and mobile number.

## Nut Allergies

Can we remind you that Packed Lunches from home **must not** include any products that contain nuts e.g. Nutella spread and chocolate nut pots. We have a number of pupils with serious nut allergies and even when airborne they may cause a reaction. Thank you for your support with this matter. Also, to ensure there is no confusion, we do not allow any form of chocolate spread in school.

## Curriculum

To ensure Parents and Carers are aware of what their child/ren will be learning over the year, we will be adding information to our school website over the coming weeks. Please keep checking for this.

## Communications and Year Group Emails

We continue to pride ourselves on our communications with Parents/Carers and we hope that any queries and concerns are dealt with efficiently and effectively. However, from the start of this new school year, staff will not be available at the start of the school day.

If you do have a query or would like to speak with a member of staff, then please either phone the office who will pass a message on for you, or alternatively email your child's teacher via the year group email.

FS1 - Mrs Nicholson's class	<a href="mailto:Wellgatefs1@ecmtrust.co.uk">Wellgatefs1@ecmtrust.co.uk</a>
FS2 – Mrs Belt/Miss A Richardson and Mrs McGinn's classes	<a href="mailto:Wellgatefs2@ecmtrust.co.uk">Wellgatefs2@ecmtrust.co.uk</a>
Year 1 – Miss Nowshirvani and Miss Jarimba's classes	<a href="mailto:Wellgateyear1@ecmtrust.co.uk">Wellgateyear1@ecmtrust.co.uk</a>
Year 2 – Miss Gillott and Mr Steeples' classes	<a href="mailto:Wellgateyear2@ecmtrust.co.uk">Wellgateyear2@ecmtrust.co.uk</a>
Year 3 – Miss Holden and Miss Elliott/Mrs Binns-Alexander's classes	<a href="mailto:Wellgateyear3@ecmtrust.co.uk">Wellgateyear3@ecmtrust.co.uk</a>
Year 4 – Mr Hawley and Mr Clayton's classes	<a href="mailto:Wellgateyear4@ecmtrust.co.uk">Wellgateyear4@ecmtrust.co.uk</a>
Year 5 – Mr Hirst and Mr Hunt's classes	<a href="mailto:Wellgateyear5@ecmtrust.co.uk">Wellgateyear5@ecmtrust.co.uk</a>
Year 6 – Mr Cronin/Mrs Lee and Mr Woodcock/Mrs Woodcock's classes	<a href="mailto:Wellgateyear6@ecmtrust.co.uk">Wellgateyear6@ecmtrust.co.uk</a>
School Office Email	<a href="mailto:Wellgateprimary@ecmtrust.co.uk">Wellgateprimary@ecmtrust.co.uk</a>
Special Educational Needs – Miss Holden	<a href="mailto:SENDwellgate@ecmtrust.co.uk">SENDwellgate@ecmtrust.co.uk</a>

Here is a reminder of the protocol to follow regarding contacting staff -

In the first instance, please contact your child's Class Teacher. If your query is still not resolved, please ask to speak with your child's Phase Leader. If after doing this you have still not achieved a satisfactory resolution, then contact can be made with Mrs Belt or Mrs Woodcock (Acting Deputy Headteachers) and Mrs K Richardson (Acting Headteacher).

Here is a reminder to all Parents/Carers of who the Phase Leaders are in school –

- EYFS (Fs1 and Fs2) - Mrs S Belt (EYFS Teacher/Acting Deputy Head)
- KS1 (Years 1 & 2) - Miss P Nowshirvani (Year 1 Teacher)
- Lower Key Stage Two (Years 3 & 4) – Miss K Elliott (Year 3 Teacher) / Mr Hawley (Year 4 Teacher)
- Upper Key Stage Two (Years 5 & 6) – Mrs J Woodcock (Year 6 Teacher/Acting Deputy Head)

## Diary Dates

Please see the events below that are planned for the first half of this Autumn Term.

Our Facebook page is an excellent way 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.**

Autumn Term 2023 (1A)	
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> September	Inset Day
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> September	Children return to school
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> September	Individual Photographs
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> September	Roman Visitor (Y4)
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> September	Inset Day
Wk commencing 2.10.23 – 6.11.23	After-school clubs
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> October	Flu Vaccinations FS2 – Y6 – Parents and Carers need to have completed online consent form
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> October	6AW/JW Class Assembly – Parents and Carers welcome from 8:50am
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> October	Autumn Disco – Further information to follow
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> October	6BC/CL Class Assembly - Parents and Carers welcome from 8:50am
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> October	School closes at 4:00pm
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November	Half Term

Thank you for your continued support and we look forward to working with you over this next academic year.

Kind Regards,

Mrs Katie Richardson – Acting Headteacher