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A few words from our Chair of Governors ~ Mrs Carol Stringer

Hello Everyone,

As we approach the end of yet another year, which has gone by so fast as we have tried to get some normality back in our lives, it is time to reflect on the past year.

Governors are now able to visit school and it has been a joy to see all the children back in school and enjoying their learning. It has been a little trickier for some children, but everything has been put in place to help them settle and get back into the routine of school life. The staff have been on hand to help with any anxieties and by all working together, have ensured that the children have made good progress in their learning.

I was fortunate enough to attend the FS2 'The Sleepy Shepherd' performance this year and I always marvel at how brave and confident the younger children are when standing up and singing in front of a room full of people. Thank you to all the staff who were involved in the Christmas performances throughout school for the hard work they obviously put in.

We have welcomed some new Governors to our school this year, Mrs J Mason, Mrs J Eaton and Ms P Nowshirvani who are all busy learning 'how to be a Governor' and are really excited to be joining the Governing Board.

While sickness is still having an impact on attendance at school, I would like to thank all those parents/carers, children and staff who have strived for 100% attendance, even if feeling a little under the weather. I do understand that illness does sometimes strike to prevent this, but the fact that you keep this uppermost in your minds and recognise that for children to succeed in their learning, they need to be in school - your efforts are greatly appreciated.

Once more, I am sure you would all like to join me in thanking the Senior Leadership Team, teaching staff, TAs, office staff, SMSAs, Site Manager and cleaners for each doing a phenomenal job to ensure that Wellgate is a pleasant, thriving and welcoming place to be.

On behalf of the Governors, I would like to wish everyone a happy, peaceful and restful Christmas and good health and happiness for 2023.

Carol Stringer
Chair of Governors

Digging Deep

Over the past term, you have been so generous in supporting charities and organisations and have raised the following – a great big thank you to the Wellgate Community!

Children in Need - £431.26

Rudolph Run (for Barnsley Hospice) - £429.54

Poppy Appeal - £536.76

Also, some members of our fabulous choir visited Moto Services last Friday to raise money for Mind Mental Health Charity. Members of the public were very generous and gave £120.00 in donations in the hour that they were singing. Well Done Wellgate Choir!

Parking and FunDayz drop off

Yet again, we would like to remind the school community about the importance of parking safely and sensibly at both entrances of the school. Can we also remind you that if you are dropping off children for Fun Dayz at the start of the school day, that you park **outside** the school gates.

If this does not happen, you may find that you are blocked in and are unable to leave the school grounds as staff need to park in this carpark.

Please be aware that if you park on the yellow zig-zags, you will be fined by the Highways Agency as this is an obstruction. The yellow markings are there to show that the area **MUST BE KEPT CLEAR** at all times so that parents, carers and children are safe and so that emergency vehicles can access the premises if required.

We also ask that you are mindful about the residents living near school and ensure that you do not block driveways or cause an obstruction.

Please be considerate of the points above and take extra time and care during busy periods.

Communication over the Christmas Break

At Wellgate, we continue to take pride in the fact that we respond promptly to any queries or questions. However, during the Christmas break, we will be unable to respond to any enquiries, via Year Group emails, the School email or Facebook. We will respond from Wednesday 4th January 2023.

Diary Dates for the remainder of this half term

AUTUMN TERM 2022 (1B)	
Friday 16 th December	Christmas Fun & Last Day – Christmas Jumper or outfit Day! Children in Years 1 to Year 6 are allowed to bring in one game from home to enjoy on the day. Please do not send any electronic games into school.
	School Office Closes at 3:30pm – All enquiries after this time will be dealt with on Wednesday 4 th January, 2023.
20 th December – 4 th January	Christmas Holidays
Wednesday 4 th January	School Reopens to all children

Finally...

On behalf of Team Wellgate, we would like to take this opportunity to wish you and your families a very restful, peaceful and safe festive season.

We hope that 2023 brings you and your loved ones good health, luck and happiness.

Thank you for your continued support and see you in 2023!

Cathryn Egginton & Team Wellgate