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### A word from our Chair of Governors - Mrs Stringer

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come to the end of another school year, it is time to reflect on the hard work that everyone undertakes in the best interests of the children of Wellgate. Every member of staff involved in the school has a part to play, no matter how big or small, in ensuring that the children progress and reach their full potential. This is further enhanced by the part that you Parents/Carers play in supporting your children to achieve and be the best that they can be... and not forgetting the children who are a delight, hardworking and a pleasure to be around.

The children show resilience and settle down to their learning quickly and the recent SATs results and in-school assessments are the living proof that all the hard work that has been undertaken by everyone has been worthwhile. **Well done to everyone!**

This year, I have attended a staff professional development meeting, which takes place weekly after the school day, where staff discuss ways of working to push the learning forward in various areas, share ideas and training they have attended and incorporate this into their plans for upcoming lessons. This shared learning ensures that consistency is achieved across school and all children are receiving the same, age-appropriate teaching, building on their knowledge and understanding as they move through school. This is just one example of numerous activities that go unseen, to ensure that the children of Wellgate thrive.

**Our goodbyes to Year 6 children** are always emotional and we sincerely hope that they will move on confidently, feeling that their time at Wellgate has given them many happy memories and a strong and sure foundation to build on for the future.

We hope that in your **communications** with the school you have felt well-informed and supported throughout the year. To add to this, next year Governors are working on introducing a section on the school Facebook page, we will be asking for suggestions so please get your thinking caps on. This is an innovation for Governors at Wellgate, please bear with us, we will try our best to bring a different perspective of school life for you. In partnership, we will all work together and move forward.

As Governors, we are also excited to be working alongside staff in the development of a new outdoor learning provision – the Wild Wood. A big thank you must go to everyone who has contributed in time (and money) to ensure that this is a success and enables children to experience an environment, on the school site, that they would not otherwise have. It will be interesting to see how this outdoor classroom will change throughout the seasons and how much the children enjoy this different perspective.

We are happy to welcome a new Parent Governor to our Board, Mr Alwash, who has joined us at the end of this academic year. Mr Alwash is currently undertaking induction into the role of Governor and will have plenty of reading to carry out over the summer in readiness for September. Happy reading Mr Alwash!

**Thank you to all you Parents and Carers** for helping to keep the children engaged and attending school, this ensures that they settle into their learning quickly and each day gets off to a good start. Encourage your child(ren) to chat about their day and share their learning with you. Good attendance is really important to us at Wellgate so that children can progress and any missed learning is kept to a minimum.

I am sure you will agree that everyone in school is ready for a well-earned rest over the summer break.

I would like to wish you all a happy, healthy summer and look forward to meeting you in school one day soon.

**Chair of Governors ~ Mrs Carol Stringer**

## School Lunches

Due to the substantial increase in charges for our school meals provision announced and passed onto us in the past couple of weeks, we would like to make you aware that unfortunately, from September 2023, the price of a school meal for children will increase to £2.50 per day. We understand any increase in costs is not ideal, but with increased costs passed onto us, we cannot afford to keep the level of subsidy at the current rate. We have always subsidised school meals to try and ensure the cost to Parent/Carers remains as low as possible. Please be assured that even after this increase, we will continue to subsidise them.

Please can we also ask, that as we near the end of the school year, you ensure your dinner money accounts are paid in full.

## Communication over the Summer Break

Over the year, we have continued to develop our good communication links with our community through the use of Year Group emails and the School Texting Service. We take pride in the fact that we respond promptly to any queries or questions. However, during the Summer Break we will be unable to respond to any enquiries but will do so when we return on Tuesday 5th September 2023.

## Important Dates

Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> July	School Office closes at 3:30pm – All enquiries after this time will be dealt with on Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> September 2023
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> July – Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> September	Summer Holidays
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> September	INSET – No school for children
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> September	<b>Children return to school ~ doors open at 8:35am</b>

## And Finally...

Wow, what a year we have had at Wellgate! It has been fantastic and full of wonderful and exciting learning, opportunities and events.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank 'Team Wellgate' for all their efforts, energy and time given to the pupils of Wellgate, as well as thank the Parents/Carers of Wellgate who have supported their child(ren) and the school throughout this academic year.

Today, we will say a fond farewell to our Year 6 pupils who are moving onto their secondary education in September. To all our Year 6 Parents and Carers, we would like to take this opportunity to express our sincere thanks for your support, encouragement and partnership during this final year for your child(ren).

We hope that as Parents/Carers and children you will look back fondly and with happiness on your time here at Wellgate Primary. The Year 6 children are a very special group of young people with unique talents and skills; we know that each and every one of them will go on to achieve great things. We wish them every success and happiness as they start out on their new journey. We look forward to hearing about their future achievements and progress, so please keep in touch!

Until we see you again on Tuesday 5th September, have a wonderful Summer break and hopefully the sun will shine ~ Happy Summer!

Kind Regards,



Mrs K.E. Richardson  
Acting Headteacher & Team Wellgate