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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 difficult year due to Covid 19 (perhaps we should now call it Covid 21!), I would like you to think of all the positives that the year has brought us.

We are now very competent in using the technology of this world to carry on our learning and communication. I think we have all, including the children, shown tremendous resilience in embracing whatever has been thrown at us and risen to every challenge with good grace.

Governors have still not been to visit school during this time and we still miss seeing the children and staff in action, but we have kept up to date with everyone via virtual platforms. Just when we thought that we would be able to attend the children's Christmas performances, Covid has reared its ugly head again – but it has not won! Mrs Egginton and her excellent staff are working hard to ensure that we can all see the amazing work that the children have been doing in their preparation for the Christmas Concerts by recording them so that we can watch at our leisure. It will also give the children the opportunity to watch themselves along with their families too.

Since September, I am told that the children have shown tremendous resilience and for the most part simply “got on with it”, which is wonderful to hear. 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 and enjoyed being back in school.

I am sure you would all like to join me in thanking Mrs Egginton, the Senior Leadership Team, teaching staff, SMSAs, Site Manager and cleaners for each doing a phenomenal job to ensure that Wellgate remains open and safe for the children. And don't forget to give yourselves a pat on the back for the support and encouragement you have shown your children in keeping going through all the challenges that this year has presented.

Everyone always works very hard at Wellgate, but this year, for the second year running, everyone has dug deep and pulled on reserves they didn't know they had and for this, we are all in admiration and express our sincere thanks.

On behalf of the Governors, I would like to wish everyone a happy, peaceful and restful Christmas and good health and happiness for a better 2022, when we can all meet up again to support and celebrate the successes of our children at Wellgate.

Carol Stringer  
Chair of Governors

### **Phonics Screening Check**

Well done to all the children who gave 100% effort in their Phonics Screening Check last week. They should feel very proud of themselves; we certainly are. A huge well done and thanks to the staff who have ensured the children have made excellent progress in their phonics since returning in September.

### **Christmas Concerts**

Please see the email that was sent out yesterday which explains how you can see videos of your child/ren's Christmas concerts and nativities.

### **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 Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2022.

### Children in Need

We managed to raise a fabulous £448.04 for Children in Need on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> November. Thank you all for your generosity and digging deep.

AUTUMN TERM 2021 (1B)	
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Christmas Fun & Last Day – Christmas Jumper or outfit Day! PLEASE DO NOT SEND YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL WITH GAMES OR ANYTHING FROM HOME.
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> Dec	School Office Closes at 3:30pm – All enquiries after this time will be dealt with on Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> January, 2022.
20 <sup>th</sup> Dec – 3 <sup>rd</sup> January	Christmas Holidays
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> January	School Reopens to all children
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> January- Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> January	Year 6 Robinwood Residential

### 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 2022 brings you and your loved ones good health, luck and happiness.

Thank you for your continued support.

Stay Safe and Be Kind,



Cathryn Egginton & Team Wellgate