



Wells Hall Primary School

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Friday 7th September

Dear Parents, Carers and Pupils,

Welcome back after the summer break, I trust that you have all been able to enjoy the holidays and are refreshed and ready for the new term.

The children have settled into their new classes and are once again getting used to the routines of school. They all look very smart in their new uniforms and school shoes. Thank you for ensuring that they are prepared for the new year.

This term we welcome some **new teaching staff**: Mr Steensma in Year 5 and Mrs Banes in Year 1.

Over the Summer break, Mr Scott has coordinated a number of **improvement projects**. We have relocated the staffroom, given the year 2 & 3 shared area a much needed refresh, repainted externally and installed new signs amongst other things. As a result the school is looking much brighter, tidier and well cared for.

May I offer a reminder that school opens at **8.25am** until 3.15pm. Punctuality is important and children should be in the playground waiting ready to line up when the **bell rings at 8.35am**.

If your child is going to be absent from school please contact the school office on that morning. Also where possible, please schedule any routine appointments such as dentists or opticians outside of school hours.

School Dinners: Meals are free for all pupils in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. For years 3 - 6 the price of a cooked or cold lunch is £2.30 per day (£11.50 for the week). Copies of the menu are available via the school website.

PE Kits: Please ensure that your child has a PE kit in school throughout the week. This should be dark blue or black shorts, a Wells Hall T shirt or the new PE kit and plimsolls or trainers. As the cold weather approaches they will also need a tracksuit or sweatshirt and joggers. Please name all items individually and keep them in a named PE bag.

We are just finalising our offer for **extra curricular** offer and we will write next week with a list of lunchtime and after school clubs on offer.

Our Values

“Compassion Hope Justice Respect Wisdom Courage Resilience Integrity Responsibility”

This time last year we hinted at a new **website**, it has, finally been built and will go live next week. I hope you will find it easy to navigate and that it has useful content. We will be adding to it as the year progresses but would welcome feedback (via the office) regarding its structure and content.

You may be aware that all schools receive a '**Pupil Premium Grant**' via which schools are allocated additional funding into their school budget. **The premium provides funding specifically for children from low income families who are registered.** The purpose of the grant into schools is to raise achievement and improve outcomes for these children. In common with most schools it is likely that a number of parents/carers whose children attend our school fail to claim Free School Meals (FSMs) which is part of the Pupil Premium Grant, even though they are entitled to them.

As the school will receive **additional funding** based on the number of children who receive FSMs, I would ask all parents and carers that if they believe that they may be entitled to claim for their children and do not already do so, to make a claim. As I am sure you will agree the children at our school can only benefit if we are able to attract additional funding.

If you believe you may be eligible, please speak to Mrs Leeder in the School Office who will be able to advise you on how to apply for **Free School Meals** (Pupil Premium Funding), or follow the link on the Wells Hall Primary School website or the Suffolk County Council website.

Dates for the term: This is not a fully comprehensive list as there will be trips and events that are not yet scheduled, however overleaf are some initial dates for your calendar or to stick to your fridge, I hope they are useful.

Thank you all for your continuing support of Wells Hall Primary School and let's all look forward to a great year ahead.

Yours sincerely,

Jim Cleaver

Headteacher



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Autumn Term 2018

September

11th - Year 5 visit The Museum of East Anglian Life, Year 3 Stone Age Workshop in school, FOWH AGM, Individual photographs (whole school – not year 5)

12th Individual photograph (Year 5 only)

18th – Year 2 visit Hollytree’s Museum

20th – Show Racism the Red Card Workshops for Year 5 & 6, Year 4 visit to Ipswich Museum

27th - AM Coffee Morning for parents. PM Harvest Festival KS1 (parents invited)

28th – PM Harvest Festival KS2 (parents invited)

October

1st – Merlins (Y6) visit Sizewell

2nd - Hummingbirds (Y6) visit Sizewell

12th – PTA Disco

17th & 18th - Parents Evening

19th – PD Day

Half Term week beginning 22nd

29th – Year 5 & 6 visit Duxford IWM, Anti-Bullying week

November

8th – Year 5 & 6 to St Andrews Church for WW1 Centenary Event

9th – Remembrance assembly for pupils

19th – Road safety presentations

30th – Wells Hall Around the World celebration

December

13th – Christmas Jumper day & Christmas Dinner

17th – AM KS1 performance / PM Early Years Nativity

18th AM Early Years Nativity / PM KS1 performance

19th – Year 3 & 4 Carols Around the Christmas Tree

21st – Last day of term

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