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Welcome back

We do hope that you have had a good summer break and it has been great to welcome back our families this week, plus some new families joining our community here at school.

As usual, we will produce a weekly newsletter that will be uploaded to Class Dojo on a Friday. Please can we ask that you spend time reading this each week as it does contain a great amount of detail regarding school events. Whilst we finalise a few dates in the diary in the coming days, we will send out the diary dates for the year hopefully on Friday 15th September's newsletter. Ms Stimpson in the school office, will update this diary section regularly, so please keep an eye on it. Please note that SATs for Year 6 will commence week beginning the 13th May 2024, so can we please ask that parents keep this week free from leave requests.

We are very much looking forward to working collectively again with you all and our local community this coming year. Any queries or questions, please don't hesitate to contact your child's class teacher on Class Dojo directly, Ms Stimpson in our school office or any senior member of staff on the school gate – we are all here to support you in your child's learning journey with us.

Staffing update

We are delighted to welcome Mrs Roy who is our new teacher in Year 5 and Miss Nixon who is our new Nursery teacher, joining Mrs Kirk. Both staff have thoroughly enjoyed meeting the staff, children and families this week. Congratulations to Mrs Walter (Miss Myhill) who got married over the summer holidays – great to now have you in the Reception Class teaching team.

Unfortunately, we are saying goodbye to Mrs Fitzpatrick, our office manager across the two schools, today. Thank you for all your amazing hard work at both schools over the many years you've been with us, both as a receptionist at Burnham Market Primary and then office manager. We wish you all the very best in your new job in a different sector. As soon as we have recruited to this position, we will inform you.

<https://www.mynewterm.com/jobs/144825/EDV-2023-BMPS-32200/api-feed-referral>

Health & Safety update PE/children walking home or collection by siblings

P.E. will be starting on Monday. Please can I remind you, with reference to our school P.E. policy, all children will be expected wear full PE kit on their allocated PE days. This includes both indoor and outdoor kit. Our school P.E. kit is Black shorts or sports trousers and a t-shirt or polo which is either white or the colour of their house team. Shoes need to be either Sports trainers or black plimsolls. Children will be notified if any additional kit is required in order to allow safe participation in an activity (e.g. shin guards). For swimming, pupils will be expected to wear close fitted swimming costumes and swimming hats. Goggles can be worn. No items of jewellery shall be worn during any physical activity. If ears have recently been pierced then it may be permissible to allow pupils to undertake PE providing the earrings are adequately taped and that the risk of a blow/pressure to the ear is low. Pupils will be encouraged to remove earrings as opposed to taping.

Please can we remind parents who are sending APHS siblings to collect children that we have always advised that they are Year 10 or Year 11 as this fits in with the NSPCC guidance of 14 years +. If you would like younger siblings to collect, please can you write a message on Dojo direct to your child's class teacher and then we have your written permission. Many thanks for your cooperation in this matter – we are all working to keep your children safe.

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New Term Reminders

A little housekeeping for the start of a new school year. Please can we remind parents, carers and families of the following points:

- The school staff car park is strictly for staff only.
- The turning circle is for use of buses only and should not be used by cars, and especially not for parking. This has caused a huge amount of issues for our buses in the past and has potentially put children in danger.
- All meals should be booked in advance on SCOPAY by families for their children. Meals can be booked up to midnight the night before they are required.
- School clubs are now active on SCOPAY, please ensure clubs are booked and paid for before the sessions begin.

Little Gillies – NEW childcare provision for Wells after the closure of Polka Day Care

I am delighted to say that we are having a new day care facility opening in Wells, thanks to a collaboration between the Wensum Trust, of which our school belongs to, and a community led group. I have asked Helena as Chair, to write a piece below to share our celebration of this:

*'I am sure many of you have seen the scaffolding around the soon to be Little Gillies building! So many people have reached out to me this year asking what is happening and it is great now to be in a position to share what we are doing! We hope to open little Gillies after the October half term, this is however subject to successful Ofsted sign off a little earlier in the month. I cannot tell you what a rollercoaster it has been but we are getting there and know how needed this for Wells and the surrounding area. The initial plan is to open 9am - 3pm Monday - Friday for children from 3 months until their 3rd birthday where they will transition to the school nursery the following term. We hope to increase hours to offer wrap around and holiday care but need to take one step at a time; we want to provide a consistent level of service. Forms will be available shortly if you wish for a space please keep an eye on our Facebook page and website for these. If you can help in any way over the next two months painting, cleaning, gardening and sorting toys please get in touch! As a mum of two working full time I know how hard it is to spare time so any help would be greatly appreciated!
I am so proud to be part of the Little Gillies board and truly want to make this an asset for Wells.'* Helena

From a school perspective, this is an excellent addition to our current provision as it enables us to work closely with the staff. Daniel Thrower, our CEO of the Wensum Trust, in which Wells Primary and Nursery belongs said: "We know how important childcare is to parents in Wells and the wider community so we've been really pleased to work with Little Gillies to get this day care facility in place'.

For the children attending Little Gillies, they will now have the benefit of working in complete partnership with the our nursery and primary school, offering our parents and carers a seamless educational provision from birth, right through to the primary school and then on to Alderman Peel High School, which is also a Wensum Trust school.

2023 Term dates for 2023-2024

<https://www.wensumtrust.org.uk/wells-next-the-sea/parents-and-carers/term-dates>

12th-15th September Year Reception Transition

18th-22nd September Year Reception Transition

27th Sept Bags for school collection

20th October Last Day of Half Term

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30th October First Day of Half Term
20th December Last Day of Autumn Term
4th January First Day of Spring Term
16th February Last Day of Half Term
26th February First day of Half Term
27th March Last Day of Spring Term
15th April First Day of Summer Term
6th May Bank Holiday
13th -16th May -Y6 SATS
24th May Last day of Half Term
3rd June First Day of Half Term
19th July Last Day of Summer Term

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