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26<sup>th</sup> January 2024

### **Exciting baby news**

We are delighted to announce that Mrs Sheldrake has had her beautiful baby boy. I'm sure you'll join me in sending congratulations to Mrs Sheldrake and her new family.

### **Parents' Evenings**

We will be holding our Spring Term Parents' Evenings on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March and Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March, between 3.30pm-7pm. Sheets will be in the canteen as usual, before that date.

### **Smoking/vaping onsite**

Please can I remind you that we are a 'non-smoking' site, as are all schools, so could you refrain from smoking or vaping on site. Please can all families remind all members of families or others, who might be collecting children and they aren't familiar with the school site and signage - thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

### **Children arriving early at school**

The side-school gate opens at just before 8.30am to enable children to attend sensory circuits in the hall or to walk down to Nursery for 8.30am. Children and families should only be entering the school site at that time please. We are finding that some Year 5 and Year 6 children who are walking to school, are arriving at the gate at just after 8am. This is far too early for school and are not being supervised by any adults or parents. Please can we ask that any children that are walking to school are reminded by parents to arrive at the school gates at 8.30am and no sooner. This is for their own safety as we cannot be supervising children before 8.30am and who aren't on school site. Thank you for your support with this.

### **Staffing changes for the Summer Term**

Unfortunately, we are saying goodbye to Mrs Martin who will be leaving us at the end the Easter holidays to take up a new teaching position, much closer to where she lives in the Summer Term. Mrs Martin came to Wells Nursery & Primary School after having worked at Burnham Market Primary School first and so collectively, we are so grateful for the amazing work and dedication that she has had towards our children for a few years now, across the 2 schools. We wish her every success as she moves onto a school closer to home and are very grateful for the long commute she has had for a while now.

As both Mrs Norman and Mrs Martin will be leaving us now at the same time, Mrs Beck will be based outside the classroom so that between Mrs Beck and myself, we will be the Senior Leadership Team for the interim period of just the Summer Term, whilst we advertise for a new structure from September 2024 onwards. This is being decided centrally at the Wensum Trust and then we will let you know the structure as soon as this is formed. We will be advertising for a Year 4 and a Year R teacher for the Summer term and will inform you of the appointments as soon as they have been made. We recognise that this is an unsettling time as 2 senior staff will be leaving at the same time, and Mrs Beck and I will be a consistent presence in school for the Summer Term because of this. Any questions or concerns, please do chat to me on the gate as I will be there on Monday as normal.

### **'To the Moon and Back' Science Show**

On Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> January, children in Key Stages 1 and 2 will be enjoying a special Science Show called 'To The Moon and Back'. Key Stage 2 classes will also be participating in some Science and Drama workshops during the day. 'To The Moon and Back' by Ben Langley is a new play presented by the SAW Trust and Norwich Science Festival and

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supported by the People's postcode Trust, a grant giving charity funded entirely by the players of the People's Postcode Lottery. Norwich Science Festival runs in half term 17-24th February, with a jam-packed programme of talks, shows, workshops, performances and much more for everybody to enjoy. With more than 200 events, including a range of free and affordable activities, there is something for everyone – both children and adults. Tickets are now on sale for all the Festival events, which can be found in the brochure online at [norwichsciencefestival.co.uk](http://norwichsciencefestival.co.uk).

#### **Spelling and reading parent information session.**

The Schools and Communities Team will be holding a spelling and reading information session for parents of KS2 children on Thursday 1st February from 1-3pm. This will be held at Wells Primary School. If you would like to attend please let the office team know by Wednesday 31st January.

#### **SCOPAY – Ordering & Dinner Money**

Can I please remind you that school meals SHOULD be ordered the night before so that the SCOPAY system retains its efficiency and teachers are not manually inputting dinner choices in the mornings. We have a large amount of money outstanding on many children's dinner money accounts. If you have dinner money bills outstanding please ensure to clear them by the end of this week. I (Mrs Stroulger) will be speaking to individuals who have outstanding balances and then outstanding debts will be passed onto the Wensum Trust Finance officer for further action. If you are having difficulty paying outstanding debts with the school please do contact the school office so we can discuss this with you and help/support.

#### **Good Work Awards**

Reception	Lucas, for good work in Maths this week learning about size and weight
Year 1	Bradley, you always try hard in all lessons, especially challenging yourself in Maths
Year 2	Flora, you are trying so hard in all of your learning and showing an excellent attitude.
Year 3	Sophia, as you always help out first thing in the morning doing lots of jobs to help me and other staff. You are also working really hard to improve all aspects of your learning.
Year 4	Maisy, for starting the new term with an excellent hard-working attitude to all subjects. Well done!
Year 5	Ferney, for being a wonderful addition to our Year 5 class. You have settled in brilliantly and try super hard. Well done!
Year 6	Kalani, for having a great attitude to your learning, trying hard and asking questions. Good job!

#### **Values Awards**

Reception	Mia N-S for great determination in phonics and trying really hard with your writing
Year 1	Rupert, you have been showing great determination during English to improve your handwriting.

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Year 2	Tia, you showed great determination when practicing jumping and hopping in PE
Year 3	Taia, as you are always so determined to improve and extend your learning. Well done.
Year 4	Harper, for being determined to always try your best. It is great to see you enjoying your learning.
Year 5	Orla, for showing true determination to be at school and still try her best, despite having an ongoing poorly ear.
Year 6	Thomas, for being determined to help younger children in the classroom. Well done!

2024 Term dates for 2023-2024 <https://www.wensumtrust.org.uk/wells-next-the-sea/parents-and-carers/term-dates>

16<sup>th</sup> February Last Day of Half Term  
26<sup>th</sup> February First day of Half Term  
12<sup>th</sup> March-Parents Evening  
14<sup>th</sup> March-Parents Evening  
27<sup>th</sup> March Last Day of Spring Term  
15<sup>th</sup> April First Day of Summer Term  
6<sup>th</sup> May Bank Holiday  
13<sup>th</sup> -16<sup>th</sup> May -Y6 SATS  
24<sup>th</sup> May Last day of Half Term  
3<sup>rd</sup> June First Day of Half Term  
19<sup>th</sup> July Last Day of Summer Term

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