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Happy half-term!

May I take this opportunity to wish you all a very happy and restful half-term holiday and we look forward to welcoming you all back to school on Monday 26th February 2024 😊

Staffing for the Summer Term

Following a strong field of candidates, we are delighted to announce that we have appointed Miss Jenny Beard to the position of Year 4 teacher for the Summer Term. Miss Beard is an ex-member of KS2 staff, who taught here a few years ago before relocating to Wales. We are so pleased she will be rejoining the strong teaching team here again. We are still recruiting for the Year R teaching position and will update parents and the community, as soon as we have an appointment.

Mrs Beck and I will be a clear presence in school throughout the school week during the Summer Term. I will be working at Wells a minimum of 3 days a week (Monday to Wednesday, and more if needed) and Mrs Beck will be here Tuesday-Friday. Discussions are still taking place at a Central Team level regarding the structure of the leadership of the school from September and as soon as we have a confirmed plan, we will be recruiting to this as directed. This will be detailed on the school newsletter for all parents to see and I will keep you updated. Mrs Kerkham will be trained as a third Designated Safeguarding Lead, so we will always have coverage regarding this essential issue too.

Vexatious parents

Please can I draw your attention to the school website and in particular the vexatious parent's Wensum Trust policy: <https://www.wensumtrust.org.uk/wells-next-the-sea/information/school-policies>

As a school, being part of The Wensum Trust, we have a zero tolerance policy towards parents demonstrating verbally aggressive behaviour towards our staff. The policy clearly states that 'parents/carers/members of the public who wish to raise problems with the school should treat all school staff with courtesy and respect'.

Please take note that:

1. In the first instance, the school will verbally inform the complainant that their behaviour is considered to becoming unreasonable/unacceptable and if not modified, action may be taken.
2. If the behaviour is not modified the school may take further action as necessary such as; sending a letter, banning the complainant from the school site or taking legal action.

We do hope that you will continue to work with us in a supportive manner so that together, we can continue to provide the best we can for our children and families. Thank you for your ongoing support with this matter.

Children's safety on the playground morning/afternoon

Please can we remind parents to keep a close eye on their children both at the beginning of the school day and at the end. Children are not to be running around the canteen building as this is unsafe. Mr Dorman is making a new gate for this area, even though it is not on the school site. Children do not access any of this area within school time, so please can parents watch over children when entering and leaving the school from that gate - we want to make sure that all children are safe. Also, if you are concerned about any children on the playground before school, please do speak directly to the members of school staff that are outside on duty each morning, rather than approaching other children yourselves. Thank you so much for your support with this in keeping all our children safe.

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Parents' Evenings

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

World Book Day-Thursday 7th March

World Book Day will be taking place on Thursday 7th March. As a school, we celebrate reading and encourage a love of books throughout the year but we'll be taking this as an opportunity to focus on reading for pleasure and to encourage children to explore some fantastic authors and illustrators. This year, we will be having a Big Book Swap where children can bring in a children's book that they have finished reading and swap it for one from somebody else. In addition, those children who would like to do so are very welcome to dress as their favourite character or bring in their favourite book to talk about with their friends.

RNLI Day

This week we were very lucky to have visitors for our assembly from the Wells Lifeboat station. They told us about the history of the RNLI in Wells and the coming celebrations as they celebrate 200 years of the RNLI here in Wells. This week all classes have been creating artwork and poetry about the RNLI. A selection of children's work, as chosen by our Year 6 prefects, will be on display in the Maltings for the RNLI weekend 2-3rd March. We will also be displaying a mural at this event created by all of the children in the school.

On Tuesday this week Year 2 also visited the lifeboat station to find out more about being on the lifeboat crew and the lifeboat. Did you know that the new Wells lifeboat weighs the same as 8 elephants! We all had a fantastic day at the lifeboat and at the Wells Maltings.

Values Awards

Reception	Blake you were determined to work hard in phonics, well done.
Year 1	Jacob you show great determination in phonics and have shown a huge improvement in your phonics knowledge
Year 2	Mason for showing lots of determination to complete a puzzle at the Maltings
Year 3	Andie you are showing us how determined you are to improve your handwriting and the presentation of your work. It has also been lovely to see you joining in more in class. Well done Andie!
Year 4	Freddie for showing excellent determination in PE. You were thinking carefully about how to apply the skills we were learning in netball.
Year 5	Lily W for being determined to be on task and listen carefully to instructions. Well done.
Year 6	Leo we have been so impressed by your determination to do your very best in Year 6, particularly in your writing. You should be extremely proud of yourself

Good Work Awards

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Reception	Isla for your fantastic lifeboat picture with lots of detail, well done!
Year 1	Skye you worked hard on our Discovery Learning topic writing letters to our missing penguin, using lots of facts you have learnt.
Year 2	Albie for a fantastic improvement in your writing. Well done!
Year 3	Laurel you have worked really hard to share more of your great ideas and thinking with us this week. It is lovely to have your contributions! Well done.
Year 4	Rueben for working exceptionally hard in English this week. You are really trying hard to think about the quality of your written work and your hard work is paying off. Well done!
Year 5	Dino for excellent focus and effort in your work recently. Keep up the good work!
Year 6	Nikki-Elise for fantastic, mature work across the curriculum. You always work to the very best of your ability and it's great to see you asking questions about how to improve your writing. What a super attitude!

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

16th February Last Day of Half Term

26th February First day of Half Term

7th March World Book Day

12th March-Parents Evening

14th March-Parents Evening

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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