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### **Spring Term staffing**

Welcome back everyone and we hope you've had a fabulous Christmas and New Year. We are delighted to welcome Mrs Anna Martin as our Year 3 teacher this term. Mrs Topp will now be supporting our Year 6 children with their booster classes, ready for SATs in May, 2 days a week. It's also good to welcome Mrs Gemma Fitzpatrick to the role of Office Manager across the 2 schools. Mrs Fitzpatrick will be overseeing the administration of the 2 schools again and we are delighted that she has joined the team here at Wells.

### **Spring Term value of 'fairness'**

Each half term, we focus on a different value across the school. This term, we are looking at fairness. Please will you continue to talk to your children about how they can demonstrate this value at both home and at school. As usual, we are sending home 'fairness' certificate cards that you are welcome to complete and return to your child's class teacher, when you have seen them demonstrating this value at home. We really like to promote the joined up thinking between home and school, and this is an excellent mechanism to do this. The class teacher will then celebrate this in their own classes and display it on their classroom wall.

### **Mrs Norman**

Unfortunately, Mrs Norman has fractured her leg so is unable to be in school for the next 2 weeks. Mrs Beck and Mrs Chesterman will be covering all her teaching commitments. I'm sure you'll join me in wishing her a speedy recovery! Miss Dowler will be leading the Celebration Assemblies on a Friday. Any queries, please do speak to Mrs Beck, Miss Dowler or myself (Mrs Stroulger)

### **Jaya Dance Workshop**

We are very much looking forward to an upcoming workshop from Jaya Dance. After reviewing our curriculum, we have decided to put on a fun and exciting, multi-cultural event to further engage our children and broaden their experiences.

A huge thank you to our PFA for their financial contribution to this event.

We are asking for a voluntary contribution of £2 from each child - A letter has been sent home this week.

For further information, feel free to come in and speak to me, Miss Beard, or visit their website:

<http://jayadance.com/>

### **World Religion Day**

We are looking forward to taking part in World Religion Day (19 January) next week. We will have an assembly at the beginning of the week to promote the importance of inter-faith understanding and harmony. Each class will then explore this further, looking at similarities and differences between different religions.

### **Safeguarding at School**

We have completed all of the annual safeguarding questionnaires with staff, children, parents and governors. If you took the time to complete the parent safeguarding questionnaire and return it to us, thank you very much. We have analysed all the feedback which was all really positive and will action any identified issues. We were very pleased to know that everyone understands that keeping children safe at Wells-Next-To-The-Sea Primary and Nursery school is a priority for us. If you do need to come and talk to any of the designated safeguarding leads please speak to Mrs Stroulger, Mrs Norman, Miss Dowler or Mrs Beck. If you would like to read our safeguarding policy in full, this can be found on the school website. Many Thanks for all of your support.

### **Continuation this term...**

I (Mrs Stroulger) have been granted one day's compassionate leave each week by the Wensum Trust, to continue to care for my mother with a rare terminal illness. I will continue to split my week 50/50 at each school and therefore will be at Wells Primary all day every Monday and Tuesday, and at Burnham Market Primary all day on Wednesdays and Thursdays. I will not be working on Fridays so Miss Dowler and Mrs Norman/Mrs Beck will be the point of contact in school if needed. Please do still feel free to contact me anytime on a Monday to Thursday; either by email, phone or via the school office and thank you to the many parents who have been so supportive with kind words.

### **Year 5 Swimming**

We would like to remind parents of our Year 5 pupils that they will be swimming every **Monday** of this term, so please remember to bring your swimming kit!

### **Year 4 Curiosity Café**

Our Maths-themed curiosity café for our Year 4 pupils will be on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> January at 2pm. Parents and carers are very welcome to attend, please sign in at the office before making your way to the Year 4 classroom.

### **Pencil cases**

In Year 6, children are allowed to bring in pencil cases if they want to, as we are encouraging and preparing them for High School, where they are required to bring in their own equipment from the beginning of Year 7. Throughout all the classes in school, we provide all the necessary stationery needed for day-to-day lessons. Please can we therefore remind you that pencil cases in Years 1-5 are not required in school and actually can cause problems if precious items go missing. We have plenty of equipment for all children to use. Thank you for your support in this matter.

### **Woodland Sessions**

Our Woodland Sessions will be led by our class teachers this half term instead of Butterflies of Britain. This means some session times may vary, we will send a Dojo notification to parents and carers to tell you of any changes.

### **School Clubs**

All lunchtime and after-school clubs will begin next week, from Monday 13<sup>th</sup> January, except Fencing Club which starts today, Friday 10<sup>th</sup> January. If your child is unable to attend an after-school club session, please let the office know on the day, thank you.

### **Medicines in School**

We would like to remind parents that staff can only administer medicines in school that have prescribed by a doctor. If you would like your child to receive an un-prescribed medicine (eg Calpol, cough medicine etc) during the school day it must be given by a parent/ carer.

### **A reminder about emergency school closure**

We always endeavour to keep school open at all times, but there are instances such as adverse weather, where we have to close our school. We do this for the safety of our children, families and staff. If we do have to close the school we will always try to inform you via a Class Dojo message by 7am in the morning, so you have as much notice as possible to make arrangements.

Please note that we will also update the Twitter feed on our website and the "Emergency School Closures" page on the Norfolk County Council website, and then Radio Norfolk will also announce our school closure.

As the weather is getting colder we would ask parents to ensure children have a warm coat in school each day so they may enjoy break times outside as long as possible. Please also ensure children are wearing black sensible shoes to school each day and all items are named.

### **This week's Awards**

	<u>Good Work Awards</u>	<u>Values Awards</u>	<u>Out of School Awards</u>
Reception	Jessica		Year 5 Megan
Year 1	Max B		
Year 2	Melissa		
Year 3	Jack		
Year 4	Edward		
Year 5	Milly N		
Year 6	Emily		

There are no Values awards this week.

### **Diary Dates**

23 Jan	Y4 Time and Tide Museum Visit	17 Mar	SEND Parent's Evening
7 Feb	NSPCC Number Day-Pattern Theme	24 June	Sports Day
10 Feb	Food Week for all pupils	1/2/3 Jul	APHS transition day for Y6 pupils
11/12 Mar	Spring Parent's Evening	13 Jul	Woodland week for all pupils