



Wellstead Primary School
Sowing the Seeds of Success



Newsletter - November

Learning Values: Respect and Reflection



Dear Parents and Carers,

November is in full swing as we look forward to December and all of the Christmas joys it brings. Christmas is always such a special time of year at Wellstead and I look forward to the Christingle and Nativity performances immensely. We are also excited about the Carols event in the playground next Friday - this is a lovely event and a great way to get that festive spirit going! I am especially looking forward to the Y6 Beyond the Beat Musicians joining the Salvation Army to keep us all in tune!

We have been working hard in school as always and the children have been enjoying their Autumn 2 topics. I have seen Year 1 window scene home learning projects come into school - they look fantastic! Well done Year 1 (and parents too)! I spent some time in Year 1 this week, as the children shared with me their writing about the playground. They were excellent detectives and could tell me about the comings and goings on the playground when playtimes are over!

Our assemblies have been focussed on our Learning Values this month. It was wonderful to hand over the reigns to Charlotte and Neveah in Y6 last week. The girls prepared and delivered a very professional and informative assembly on ADHD and many adults commented about the quality of that assembly - they did brilliantly! I led our annual

assembly around Remembrance where we reflected on the sacrifices that many service people have made through wars and conflicts throughout the years. We thought about the British Values of Individual Liberty and Respect and reflected on people in our lives and communities that help us. We then had a superb reading of a poignant poem by a group of Year 6 children.

At the beginning of November we participated in Positive Noticing Day! Your child will have come home with a luggage tag that someone else gave them with something positive written on it that they had noticed about them - this is a national initiative but also fell nicely into Anti-Bullying week. The children were all so proud of their PND tags and it really boosted their social interactions. Anti-Bullying week focused on "choose respect" and all classes engaged with some learning and activities around the theme of anti-bullying. For more information see <https://anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/anti-bullying-week-2024-choose-respect/parents-and-carers>

We have had the pleasure of showing around prospective parents for our YR intake 2025. The tours are a great opportunity for us to show off our wonderful school and all of the extra-curricular activities that we provide to enrich the children's learning. We were able to talk about our excellent sport and music provision which broadens our curriculum offering and gives children opportunities to shine beyond the classroom. We were also able to talk about how memorable the trips and visits are to the children and how they enrich learning by offering memorable experiences in context. When we asked the children about their learning, they could all recall the trips that they had been on and tell us about them.

It was lovely to see so many of you at our Come and Share evening and also at last week's Parents Evenings. There was a buzz about the school and it was fantastic to hear the positive feedback from parents as they passed through. One particular comment that we overheard was "the thing I love about Wellstead is that my child just loves coming to school!"

With best wishes,

Mrs Amanda Greenwood

Headteacher



Staying Safe in the Car

Please see the following information from the Road Safety Team on the use of appropriate and safe child car seats/restraints when travelling by car:

The Road Safety Team are responsible for educating young people and their families on the importance of keeping safe when travelling in a vehicle. Part of this education includes ensuring young people are travelling with correct restraints. Are you aware that 37% of children are in the wrong type of seat for their age and/or height? The Road Safety Team would like to share this car restraint leaflet with you to ensure you know how to always keep your child(ren) safe – in the correct restraint. There are also hints and tips about choosing the right seat, transporting other people’s children and how to fit different types of car seat. To read this informative leaflet, please visit – [In car safety parent guide.](#)

Goodbye - Miss Wilson

I wanted to let you know that Miss Jeni Wilson will be leaving Wellstead at the end of this month; her last day with us was the 22nd November. Miss Wilson has secured a position as a Special Educational Needs LSA in a specialist provision supporting children with quite complex needs. We are all sad to see Miss Wilson leave Wellstead - she has been a wonderful support to so many children as one of our ELSA support assistants and was instrumental in setting up our hugely successful Ready2Learn provision in school. Please do join me however in congratulating her on securing a position that she feels very passionate about. We wish her every success and know that she will be brilliant.

Salvation Army - Nativity Adventure

The Salvation Army have organised a free event this Saturday 30th November for local families. There are games and activities for the children and each child that attends will get a free advent calendar. It is free of charge, but they ask that you book so that they can make sure there are enough treats for everyone. To book:

<https://form.jotform.com/243105606350345>



Safe parking and driving reminders

Please can I remind all parents and carers to park respectfully in the local residential streets at drop off and pick up. It is very frustrating for residents, some of whom are parents of the school, when they are not able to get their car off the drive to get into work themselves.

Please also take care when driving past the school at drop off and pick up - I have had a couple of parents mention that they have had to push their child out of the way of a reversing car and one that has been reversed into whilst walking on the pavement. In the interests of the safety of all of our children, I have engaged with the local PCSO to request that they are present for some of those busy times.

Please remember that the Park and Stride is available for you to use - this is based in the small car park on the left as you drive into Wellstead Way. It is a very short walk from there via a cut through which takes you straight to the school gate.

Thank you for your support with keeping our children safe.

Parent Webinar - "Anxiety Toolbox"

On the 25th of January 2025, Your Space Therapies are offering a practical and down-to-earth 'Anxiety Toolbox' webinar for parents and carers to support their children with anxiety and mental health.

All the details and a QR code for ease of booking are on the flyer.



ANXIETY TOOLKIT FOR PARENTS AND CARERS WEBINAR

SATURDAY 25TH JANUARY 2025, 10AM- 12 MIDDAY

LEARN PRACTICAL TIPS AND STRATEGIES TO HELP PARENTS AND CARERS SUPPORT THEIR CHILDREN THROUGH ANXIETY IN THIS ONLINE EVENT!

Are you feeling overwhelmed by your child's anxiety? Join us for this online event where Your Space Therapies will provide you with practical tools and strategies to help you support your child. Emma Connor, Child Psychotherapist will share valuable, easy to implement strategies to navigate through challenging situations and promote your child's well-being. Don't miss out on this opportunity to learn and connect with other parents and carers facing similar experiences. Register now and equip yourself with the **tools** to better understand and manage anxiety in your child.

Price: £27.80

For more information and booking please scan the QR code:



Sistema recycling - a reminder!

Just a reminder for you to bring your unused or damaged reusable water bottles and food storage containers into school so that they can be recycled by teracycle. We have already recycled over 20 kg (!) and at the time of writing are in the top 5 on the leader board - so we are in for a chance to win either the competition or the runner up prize of free bottles and snack boxes for the children.

The contest ends 18th December.



Healthier Together

As the winter bugs are beginning to take hold, the Director of Public Health has asked that schools share information with families on how to keep your child safe and healthy. It also helps you to decide what to do if your child is unwell. See the attached flyer with details on the NHS Healthier Together app.



Please do not use the Year R Equipment after school

Please can we request that you do not let your children play with the equipment in the Year R area after school. A lot of the resources are very carefully selected to enhance learning for the children and they have been put out by staff for the following day. There have been occasions where staff have worked hard to create a learning area that has been damaged or moved by children playing after the school day has ended. Thank you for your cooperation and support with this.

Mobile phone use

Some parents of Year 5 have brought a smartphone campaign to our attention and have asked that we share information so that parents can make informed decisions around mobile phone use.

It is important to think carefully about the potential dangers of mobile phone use as well as the benefits as children develop their online presence. The NSPCC has released a set of materials called Techosaurus which can be found here: <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/support-for-parents/techosaurus/> and are age appropriate for even our youngest children.

Banardos also offers advice for parents: <https://www.barnardos.org.uk/blog/keeping-your-child-safe-their-smartphone>



Hillier Garden Centre - Christmas Shopping Evening

Sadly, we will not be singing at Hiller's this year as there is a date clash with the Beyond the Beat Concert at Deer Park, however, we are really grateful to Hilliers for supplying us with a Christmas tree again this year and can't wait to get it up in the main reception. Photos to follow!



Christmas Shopping Evening

4th December
No need to book!

Take advantage of exclusive offers and be among the first to explore our 2024 range of freshly selected, beautifully shaped Christmas trees.

Plus, the chance to find the perfect decorations to complement your tree.

Exclusive evening offers available on the night



Dates for your diary



Remember to check our website calendar for up-to-date information on school events:

<https://www.wellsteadprimary.co.uk/calendar/>

November

28th November - PoW Dress Down Day

28th November - PoW evening Wreath Making event

29th November - INSET day

December

2nd December - INSET day

4th December - Beyond the Beat performance at Deer Park

6th December - Carols in the Playground

9th and 10th December - Year 1 Nativity performances

12th December - Christmas Jumper Day, Christmas Lunch and School Discos

16th December - Year 2 Christingle at St Lukes Church

17th December - Barley Christmas Makaton assembly

18th December - Chickpea Christmas Makaton assembly

20th December - Santa visit and the last day of term

January

6th January - First day of the Spring Term

You can check all term dates online at

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/educationandlearning/schoolholidays>

 HEDGE END RANGERS
GIRLS
SOCCER CENTRE
Year R - Year 6
Fridays, 5-6 pm
At deer park school
FIRST SESSION FREE



Contact: girlssoccercentre@hedgeendrangers.co.uk

connect4 communities

CHILD CARE PROVIDERS ACCEPTED

4WARDS
MULTI-ACTIVITY

OFSTED registered

FUN DAYS CHRISTMAS

23/12, 27/12, 30/12, 03/01

WELLSTEAD PRIMARY SCHOOL

9.00 - 15.15

£23 OR FREE for families eligible for benefits related free school meals (limited availability)

AGES 4-12

- ARCHERY
- TAG RUGBY
- NERF WARS
- FOOTBALL
- CRICKET
- DODGEBALL
- TENNIS
- ARTS&CRAFTS
- DANCE
- GOLF
- AND MORE!

4WARDSMULTIACTIVITY@GMAIL.COM

NHS
Hampshire and Isle of Wight

Think Pharmacy First!

Did you know that you can take your child to your local pharmacy and get treatment for five medical conditions? These are:

- Ear ache (children aged 1-17)
- Sore throat (over 5s)
- Infected insect bites (over 1s)
- Impetigo (over 1s)
- Sinusitis (aged 12 and over)

If your child is poorly with any of the above conditions, by going straight to your local pharmacy you can have a consultation with a trained pharmacist and receive advice and even medication (if appropriate) and your child can get back to school sooner.

Visit our Pharmacy First website to find out more.