



Newsletter – Friday 22nd September 2017

Welcome back

I would like to say a very warm welcome back to you all and an especially warm welcome to all of the children and parents who have joined us in Year R. I hope you have all had a wonderful summer break and are refreshed for the Autumn term. Life has been very busy in the Robinson household in the last few weeks as we welcomed the arrival of baby Benedict. We're all settling into our new life as a family of four and Brontë is loving being a big sister.



We would also like to welcome some new members of staff to Team Wellstead – Mrs Street, Miss Christy and Mrs Moore who we introduced in July, we also have Mrs Kelly Carr who is with us for 2 days a week (one in Maize and one in Sunflower), Mrs Jo Milne who is doing a day each week in Oat, Mrs Emma Stevenson who joins the Corn class team and Ms Zoe Lambe who is joining Mr Anderson in Year 4.

Apologies for this rather long newsletter to start the year, but there are some important pieces of information that I need to share with you.

Collaboration Day

The first day of the Autumn term was Collaboration Day. Collaboration is one of our six *learning* values that underpin the *personal* values of the Wellstead Way. The children spent the day learning the importance of collaborating and the key skills we need to use to be able to collaborate effectively. They were also learning to decide on which occasions it would be good to collaborate and in which it would be better to work independently.

We will focus on one of our learning values on the first day back after each holiday so the children have a greater understanding of their importance. The children will continue to learn about that value throughout the half term. Our learning values are:

Collaboration, Perseverance, Motivation, Curiosity, Thinking, Creativity

Parent Survey results and Parent Council

We were thrilled with the number of responses we received from our Parent Questionnaire at the end of the Summer term. We had 133 responses and we were thrilled with the overwhelmingly positive responses to the questions. A full copy of the results is attached for you to view.

Thank you to those parents who indicated an interest in being part of a Parent Council. I will contact you all directly about what this may involve.

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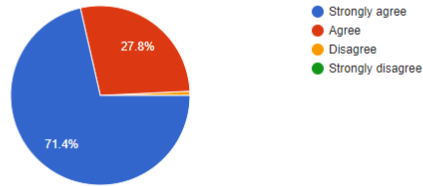
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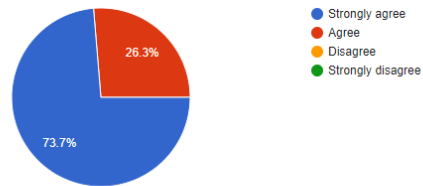
My child is happy at school

133 responses



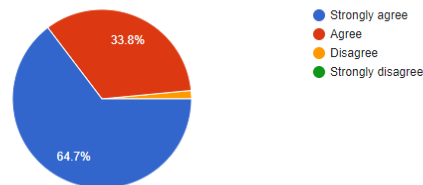
My child feels safe at school

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My child makes good progress at school

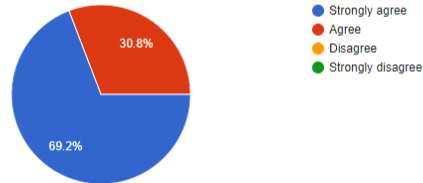
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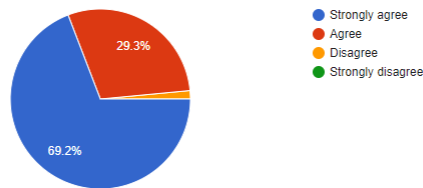
My child is well looked after at school

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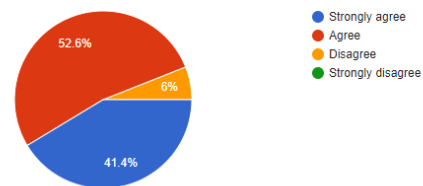
My child is taught well at this school

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My child receives homework appropriate for their age

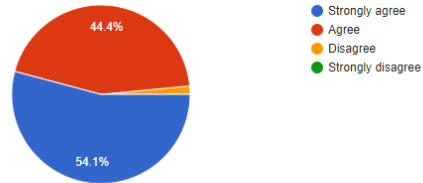
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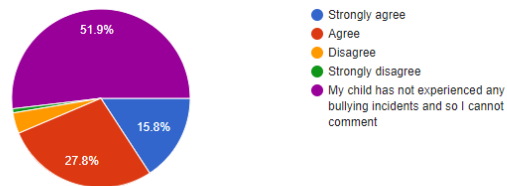
This school ensures the pupils are well behaved

133 responses



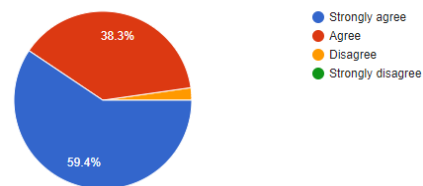
This school deals effectively with bullying

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This school is well led and managed

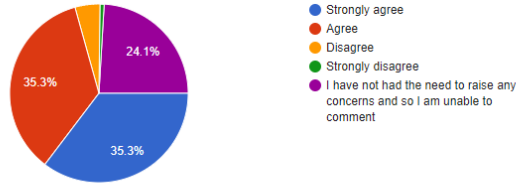
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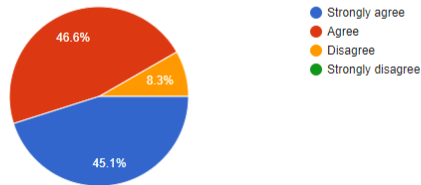
This school responds well to any concern I raise

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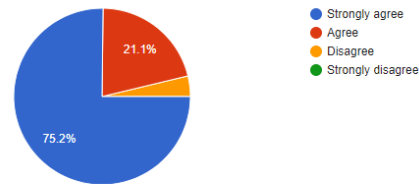
I receive valuable information from the school about my child's progress

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I would recommend this school to another parent

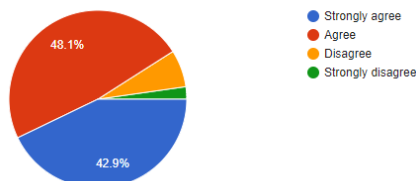
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Do you feel your child has responded well to the new house system?

133 responses



Welcome Meetings

We are looking forward to seeing many of you over the next couple of weeks at our 'Welcome meetings'. This is a chance for you to meet your child's teacher and hear important information about the year ahead. This will also be an opportunity for us to explain the assessment process for your child's year group as these differ across the school.

Monday	25 th September	2.50pm Welcome to Year 1 meeting 2.50pm Welcome to Year 2 meeting
Wednesday	27 th September	2.50pm Welcome to Year 5 meeting
Thursday	28 th September	2.50pm Welcome to Year 3 meeting 2.50pm Welcome to Year 4 meeting
Monday	2 nd October	2.50pm Welcome to Year 6 meeting

Pupil Progress meetings

We will shortly be opening the booking system (early next week) for you to arrange to come into school with your children to meet your child's class teacher. Our pupil progress meetings are on Tuesday 10th and Thursday 12th October. I hope to see as many of you as possible over the two evenings. We will send a message via SchoolComms (and our social media pages) to let you know that these appointments have gone 'live' and you can book via your SCOPAY login.

Class - Barley

Teacher – Mrs Patrick

Appointment **start time** on **Tuesday** 1.15pm

Final appointment time on **Tuesday** 6.45pm

Appointment **start time** on **Thursday** 1.15pm

Final appointment time on **Thursday** 5.45pm

Duration time of each appointment – 15 minutes

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Class - Chickpea

Teacher – Mrs Gray on Tuesday; Mrs Frost on Thursday

Appointment **start time** on **Tuesday** 1.15pm

Final appointment time on **Tuesday** 6.45pm

Appointment **start time** on **Thursday** 1.15pm

Final appointment time on **Thursday** 5.45pm

Duration time of each appointment – 15 minutes

Class - Oat

Teacher – Miss Spence

Appointment **start time** on **Tuesday** 4pm

Final appointment time on **Tuesday** 7.20pm

Appointment **start time** on **Thursday** 4.30pm

Final appointment time on **Thursday** 6.50pm

Duration time of each appointment – 10 minutes

Class - Maize

Teacher – Mrs Moore

Appointment **start time** on **Tuesday** 4.30pm

Final appointment time on **Tuesday** 7.20pm

Appointment **start time** on **Thursday** 3.30pm

Final appointment time on **Thursday** 6.20pm

Duration time of each appointment – 10 minutes

Class – Year 2 - Corn and Wheat

Appointment **start time** on **Tuesday** 4.30pm

Final appointment time on **Tuesday** 7.20pm

Appointment **start time** on **Thursday** 3.30pm

Final appointment time on **Thursday** 6.20pm

Duration time of each appointment – 10 minutes

Class – Years 3/4/5/6

Appointment **start time** on **Tuesday** 4.30pm

Final appointment time on **Tuesday** 7.20pm

Appointment **start time** on **Thursday** 3.30pm

Final appointment time on **Thursday** 6.20pm

Duration time of each appointment – 10 minutes

Monthly newsletters

Due to the success of our Twitter feed and FaceBook page, we have therefore decided to send out a monthly school newsletter rather than a fortnightly one. The dates for these across the year are as follows:

22 nd September	2 nd March
20 th October	29 th March
23 rd November	4 th May
15 th December	22 nd June
19 th January	20 th July

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Uniform

Our uniform can be purchased through the MTS website on wellstead.morethansafety.co.uk

If you are in receipt of Free School Meals, please speak to the School Office and claim your £50 worth of uniform. I would also like to remind you that children should wear shoes and not trainers to school. Trainers may only be brought in for use in PE. The PE hoodies are only to be worn for PE and are not allowed to be worn generally in class.

Please also remember that children are not able to bring in large bags or rucksacks (the exception to this is the children in Years 5/6 who cycle to school alone). We simply don't have the space to store them in our coat rails.

As the colder weather approaches, please remember to send your child to school with a coat as we will always endeavour to take the children outside for a lunchtime play.

Harvest assembly

In our assembly on Friday 13th October, we will be talking to the children about Harvest. As is traditional in many primary schools, we are inviting the children to each bring a donation for our Harvest display.

We would ask that the children bring in only non-perishable goods. Items such as tinned and dried foods are ideal, for example, baked beans, soup, pasta, rice, tinned meat (i.e. stews, casseroles, mince, steak) or breakfast cereals, tea or coffee. These goods will be donated to the Hedge End Food Centre.

The children are asked to take their donation into class with them in the morning and then we will all take our donations into the hall at assembly time.

Morning routines

Please can I ask parents not to walk across the school playground to get to the School Office in the mornings. I do appreciate that it is a pain to have to walk the long way around but it is vitally important that we are able to keep the children safe on the playground by not allowing any adults to cut across. Thank you for your understanding.

PoW Championships

Last week saw the return of the 'Wellstead Championships' run by PoW. This saw several teams of highly-skilled athletes battling against each other at netball and football. Despite the poor weather, the evening was a terrific success and it was fantastic to see so many parents, staff and children having such a great time. A huge thanks must go out to Dave, Becky and Jo and all of the PoW team for all of their efforts and also, thank you to those who refereed the football and netball games.

Term time absence — penalty notices

The Supreme Court has now delivered its judgment in relation to the Isle of Wight Council's appeal which sought clarification on what is meant by "fails to attend regularly" in the context of a prosecution for unauthorised non-attendance at school. The Supreme Court said that "regular" means "in accordance with the rules published by the school" and rejected the view that regular meant "sufficiently frequently".

Now this clarification has been given, school's have received an official communication from Hampshire County Council stating that now the position regarding attendance is clear, they need to abide by the Hampshire County Council's Code of Conduct and issue penalty notices in line with the school policy.

As such, we just wish to remind parents that periods of unauthorised absence for the purpose of a holiday **may well result in a fixed penalty notice being issued.**

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If a child has unauthorised absence or is marked late in the register for **10 or more sessions, (equivalent of 5 school days)**, in any 100 day period, a fixed penalty notice will be issued, by the Local Authority, to each adult with parental responsibility for the child.

Each fixed penalty notice will incur a £60 fine per parent, per child (if paid in the first 21 days) or £120 fine per parent, per child if paid within 28 days. If unpaid, this will result in prosecution.

Absence of any type will only be authorised in an **exceptional** circumstance or genuine illness. Exceptional circumstances can be defined as an event arising as a result of factors beyond a family's control e.g. to attend a family funeral. Holidays will not be authorised during term time. Fixed penalty notices will also be issued to parents/carers of children who we are told were absent due to illness but subsequently discover to have been on holiday.

Therefore, we strongly urge parents to consider this before booking and or taking a term time holiday.

Wrap-around care

We run a very successful Breakfast Club and After-School Club here at Wellstead.

'Wake up Wellstead' is available to parents from 7.45am each day. The cost is £3.00 per child and £2.00 for each sibling. The children are provided with a range of healthy breakfast items to eat and drink and are provided with games to play before school starts.

'Stay and Play' runs from the end of the school day until 6pm Monday to Thursday and until 5.30pm on Friday. The cost is £8.50 per child per session and £5.00 for a sibling. Again, the children are provided with a range of healthy items to eat and drink and are provided with games and activities to play. 'Stay and Play' also make full use of the school facilities including the outdoor play areas, the hall and the Music Room.

There is plenty of space available for both clubs and booking forms can be collected from the School Office.

School lunches

Thank you to Tracey and her team for all of their hard work in preparing our school lunches. I would also like to direct you to the 'My school lunch' webpage www.myschoollunch.co.uk/hampshire where you will find copies of all of the lunch menus and an in-depth section on where HC3S source the food for our lunches. HC3S now have a Facebook page which includes reminders of the daily lunch choices. Pop over and have a look.

Volunteer Workshops

Miss Bourner would like to thank the volunteers who attended last week's volunteer workshops. She will be setting dates for a repeat of these workshops in October for anyone who was unable to attend September's workshop.

Year 6 off to Fairthorne

Year 6 are excitedly preparing for their week away next week at Fairthorne Manor. I would like to thank Mr Cook and Miss Scoggins for all their preparations for this week away and for giving up a week of their own home life to accompany the children. Miss Bourner, Mrs Roberts and I will be joining them over the course of the week. There will be photos of their week added to Facebook and Twitter daily so keep an eye out for these.

We would kindly ask that the children are not dropped to Fairthorne any earlier than 10.30am – Fairthorne very kindly let us arrive earlier than other schools but they are often still busy preparing for the week ahead when we arrive.

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Mims Davies MP visit

Mims Davies MP came to visit us yesterday – she left this message on her Twitter page today...

Thank you to all the team & school councilors - had a wonderful visit & was brill to see all your hard work & chat to you all [@WellsteadPri](https://twitter.com/WellsteadPri)

Routines for leaving school – a timely reminder for a new school year

- If your child is to be collected by someone other than you, this must be indicated to a member of staff by 2.45pm. If you phone school after this time, the School Office can be extremely busy and may not be able to always deliver messages to class before the end of the school day. Other options are to leave a message at the gate in the morning or pop a note in your child's liaison book – please ask your child to show this message to their teacher.
- Only children in Years 5/6 may walk home if written permission is given. Year 5/6 children may not walk younger siblings home.
- Please don't be offended if we question you – we need to make sure we are sending children home with their correct adult. A phonecall may be all it takes to clarify information.

Toby's fundraising

Toby in Year 4 and his Mum met Abby's mum during the summer holidays. They were so saddened by Abby's story. Her family have started this amazing local charity in her memory (they live in Bitterne). She was the same age as Toby when she was diagnosed.

The website about the charity is <https://abbys-heroes.org/>

If you would like to support Toby, his fundraising page is: <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/michelle-sims3>

For convenience, people can just text (4 letters and two numbers below) : OOOV99 £5 to 70070

They were given a "goody" bag from Abby's Heroes. They will "lucky dip" these as thank you gifts to his supporters.



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As always, please feel free to contact me if I can assist you in any way.

My very best wishes,

Mr Matthew Robinson
Head teacher

Key dates for the Autumn Term and the rest of the 2017-18 year

Some key dates for your diary. Please remember to check the Wellstead calendar on our school website for regular updates.

Monday 25 th September	Year 6 to Fairthorne Manor
Monday 2 nd October	Start of Older Person's Week
Wednesday 4 th October	6pm Year R Phonics Evening
Wednesday 4 th October	Year 5 Fairthorne Manor 2018 meeting
Tuesday 10 th October	Pupil Progress Meetings (with children)
Thursday 12 th October	Pupil Progress Meetings (with children)
Tuesday 17 th October	Barley – Phonics Stay and Play
Wednesday 18 th October	Chickpea – Phonics Stay and Play
Monday 23 rd October	Start of October half term
Monday 30 th October	INSET day – school closed
Tuesday 31 st October	Perseverance Day
Wednesday 1 st November	Year 6 to Southampton Art Gallery
Friday 10 th November	PoW Bingo Night (for the whole family)
Monday 13 th November	Anti-Bullying Week
Friday 17 th November	Children in Need
Friday 24 th November	PoW Dress Down Day
Saturday 2 nd December	Christmas Fair 11am – 2pm
Thursday 14 th December	PoW Christmas Disco
Friday 22 nd December	Start of the Christmas holidays
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Thursday 4 th January	INSET day – school closed
Friday 5 th January	INSET day – school closed
Monday 8 th January	Start of the Spring term
Monday 12 th February	Start of February half term
Monday 19 th February	Start of second half of the Spring term
Friday 30 th March	Start of the Easter holidays
Monday 16 th April	First day of the Summer term
Monday 7 th May	May bank holiday
Monday 14 th May	Year 6 SATs week
Monday 28 th May	Start of May half term
Monday 4 th June	Start of second half of the Summer term
Friday 20 th July	Last day of the year for children
Monday 23 rd July	INSET day – school closed

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