



Newsletter – Friday 15th December 2017

A very busy end to the term

School life is always hugely busy in the lead up to Christmas. Here are just some of the things that have been happening at school over the past few weeks...

Naomi House – Light Up a Life

Thank you to all those children who took part in this packed church service at Holy Trinity Church in Fareham. As always, Miss Bourner received amazing feedback from members of the congregation and representatives from Naomi House and Jack's Place about the children's behaviour and performance.

Year 1 production

Whoops-a-Daisy Angel was a wonderful start to our Christmas performances at school. Congratulations to the staff and children in Year 1.

Year 2 Christingle

Year 2 put on a wonderful performance at St Luke's this week in their Christingle service – again, lots of wonderful feedback especially from our 'older friends' who joined us from their Encounter group.

St Luke's Christmas service details

Thank you to Year 6 who went out and about in the community to deliver the Christmas service postcards on behalf of St Luke's.

Listen to Me concerts

Congratulations to Year 3 on a wonderful concert yesterday demonstrating their skills after a term of learning the African drums with Mrs Buckley.

PoW discos

Thank you to all the adults, both staff and volunteers, who supported the PoW discos last night – the children had a brilliant time!

HC3S feedback

We had a visiting senior manager today from HC3S who asked us to compliment the children on their manners today as the children came to collect their hot school dinners. Well done everyone!

A big thank you to the staff and our volunteers who help to make these events a reality. They too have busy lives of their own outside of school in the run up to Christmas and giving up their time is very much appreciated.

Sad farewells and warm welcomes

We bid farewell on Tuesday to Mrs Milne who has been in Oat class for a day a week this term. We look forward to seeing Mrs Milne back at Wellstead to cover classes in the future.

As Wheat class parents have known for a while, Mrs Brown will be leaving us on Thursday. We will be really sad to see Mrs Brown go and we wish her every success for the future.

Wheat class will now have Mrs Carr with them four days a week (Monday – Thursday) and Miss Bourner will join them on a Friday.

As some of you may know, Mrs Page is a qualified secondary school teacher and so we knew we were so lucky to have her join us at Wellstead. Mrs Page will be taking on a new role in January as part of Toynbee School. We will

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miss Mrs Page very much and wish her all the very best in her new role. We are in the final stages of replacing Mrs Page in Wheat class – we hope to be able to send out the details to Wheat class parents early next week.

Mr Morrow who has been working in Poppy class will be moving onto his second placement school in January. We look forward to welcoming him back to Wellstead later in 2018.

We are delighted to welcome Mrs Hatt to Team Wellstead – she will be undertaking 2 days a week with us – one in Maize (replacing Mrs Carr) and one in Sunflower (again replacing Mrs Carr).

House points

The children worked extremely hard in the final week to earn as many house points as possible for their teams. The final count was made on Friday and the winning house for the Autumn term was announced as HIBBERD house in assembly. There were only 105 points from the winning house to the house with the fewest points which is extremely small considering that each house has approximately 70 children in it.

Hibberd will enjoy a 5-star cinema experience on the last day of term. The team from PoW will provide a brand new film (which Hibberd house are currently voting for), hot chocolate, sweets and popcorn in the luxury setting of the staffroom using the sofas and bean bags from around the school.

Huge congratulations to the children in Hibberd house and well done too to all of the children who graciously congratulated them.

Snow plans

It's come to that time of year again when we have to start considering the effect that a heavy snowfall would have on the school. Our overriding principle is to keep the children, staff and parents that use the school site as safe as possible. We would do everything we could to open the school in the event of a heavy snowfall, however, we need to consider that this might not be possible. In the event of the school having to close we would inform you as soon as possible and we would do this in several ways.

- We would immediately contact the Local Authority to update their official list.
- We will also contact the local radio stations.
- We will put a message onto our school Twitter account @WellsteadPri (which links to our Facebook page)
- We will put a detailed message onto our school website.

If you see the school's message on our website or Twitter/Facebook and you decide to 'share' it on your own social media, it would be really helpful for us if you shared the whole message rather than paraphrasing it then everyone will get the same message. Thank you!

Wellstead social media

We can see that many of you 'like' or 'follow' our Facebook page and our Twitter page. We regularly receive really positive feedback about how we use our social media platforms to communicate with our parents.

However, some confusion seems to arise when parents don't see reminders that have been added to our school Facebook page. We are aware that all year groups have private Facebook group pages (that we do not have access to and require you to 'join'). Please make sure you 'like' the school's Facebook page so you can see these reminders and the exciting things that happen at Wellstead – <https://www.facebook.com/Wellstead-Primary-School-1195372020538420/>

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Here are the links to the year group pages that you could ask to join (if you are not already a part of them)...

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1	https://www.facebook.com/groups/562971697196230/
2	https://www.facebook.com/groups/995598140504307/
3	https://www.facebook.com/groups/235729946637606/
4	https://www.facebook.com/groups/1735232893403396/
5	https://www.facebook.com/groups/1388728961373723/
6	https://www.facebook.com/groups/179625332574785/

PoW Events

I have recently heard that the final amount raised at this year's Christmas Fair was a staggering £2333. This is an incredible amount of money and I would like to thank you all for your support and generosity. I would like to say a very big 'thank you!' to all of the team from PoW who supported the event and to all of the families that attended.

I would also like to thank them for all of their help and support with the refreshments at the recent performance and for running three extremely successful discos and, of course, the end of term treat for the winning house.

Arriving to school on time

Please could we remind you that all children should be in school by 8.50am at the latest. The gates are open between 8.30am and 8.50am but we are having an increasing number of children arriving late via the School Office.

Parking at drop off time

I'm sorry to have to mention this again but please could we ask parents to be more considerate at drop off time particularly. We know that more people drive to school when the weather is colder but there are an increasing number of people parking irresponsibly in order to let their children out of the car.

I would like to take the chance to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and I look forward to seeing you in 2018.

Mr Matthew Robinson
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