



Newsletter – Friday 24th November 2017

Time for Friends

Thank you so much to everyone who has come to support our 'Time for Friends' events this week – the children have loved having visitors into school to play games with. It has been a great follow up to our Anti-Bullying week activities. It was lovely to hear such positive feedback from the parents in relation to the children being so polite and well-behaved too.

Staff news

I'm very sorry to have to tell you that Mrs Loader our School Business Manager is moving on to pastures new at the start of December. Sarah has done a terrific job in the time she has been with us and has excelled herself in her control of the school's budget. We are delighted that she will be continuing to support the school in her role as Clerk to the Governing Body. I would personally like to thank Sarah for all her efforts and her support and to say that she will be sorely missed.

We look forward to welcoming Mrs Tina Clark as our new business manager. Tina joins us from her role as Finance Officer at Droxford Junior School.

Winter weather

With the winter weather fast approaching, please can I ask you to remember to send your children to school with jumpers and coats.

As we continue to get bigger, there is a greater strain on the use of the school hall for PE. As a result, we will endeavour to have our PE lessons outside whenever we can. Please could I ask you to send your children to school with their outdoor PE kits. Ideally, the purple hoodie with black bottoms or their grey tracksuit if they are still wearing those. However, as I have mentioned before, the children will not be allowed to wear their PE hoodies generally in class.

Uniform

Please could you make sure that your child's hair (if long enough) is tied back every day for school. Please could we remind you that children should not be wearing nail varnish to school.

Children in Need

Thank you to everyone who supported our Children in Need day by wearing spots to school and donating £1 for such a worthwhile cause. £342.25



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Christmas Jumper Day – a reminder

We will also be supporting Save the Children again this year by taking part in their Christmas Jumper Day on Friday 15th December. Again, the children are asked to bring in a donation of £1 or more on the day to support this worthwhile cause.



House Points

The children can earn a house point for displaying any of our five personal values. The winning team at the end of this term will all receive a treat (which is to be decided on Monday) and will kindly be funded by PoW. Congratulations to Hibberd house who are in the lead so far – although there is only 141 points between the house in 1st place and the house in 5th place so it is still all to play for!

Autumn 1 – totals so far...

Mescott	1957
Pomeroy	1954
Hansen	1965
Barfoot	1969
Hibberd	2095



Christmas Post Box



Friday 1st December sees the start of Christmas Post at Wellstead. The children are able to bring their Christmas cards in that they have written for other children or adults in the school.

The children will need to put their cards into the Wellstead Post Box. The post box will be placed in the corridor at the back of school every morning. These will then be delivered each day in the afternoon to the classes.

REALLY IMPORTANT - Please ensure that each envelope has the child's first and last name and their class. The last day for post is Monday 18th December.

Dropping off and collecting children

I am very sad to have to say that we have had a couple of 'near misses' recently where children (and cars) have narrowly missed having an accident as the children have had to cross the road between parked cars who are either parked on double yellow lines or are parked astride the pavement.

I appreciate that there is very little parking available for parents but we have tried very hard to alleviate this by allowing entrance to the school through two separate entrances and also by opening the school 10 minutes early in the morning. We are also very lucky to have the Park and Stride available for parents to use at the start and at the end of the day.

Please can I ask you not to park on the double yellow lines on the bends at the top of Wellstead Way or in the small pull-in area opposite the front gate. The double yellow lines are there for a reason and you are putting children at risk by doing so.

Berry Theatre – Santa's Little Trolls

You should all have had the letter about our children going to the Berry Theatre to see Santa's Little Trolls this December.

Years R, 5 and 6 will go together to see the show on Thursday 14th December during the school morning. Normal lunch arrangements may remain. Years 1, 2, 3 and 4 will go together to see the show on Wednesday 20th December during the school morning. Normal lunch arrangements may remain.

The voluntary contribution is £2 per child. **However, if not enough voluntary contributions are received, we may have to cancel the visits. The deadline for voluntary contributions is Monday 4th December either via SCOPAY or via the School Office.**

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Christmas Lunch

Tracey and her HC3S team will be putting on our annual Christmas hot school dinner on Tuesday 19th December.



The options on that day will be...

RED – roast turkey with half a sausage

GREEN – Quorn fillet with half a vegetarian sausage

Both options will be served with a stuffing ball, roast potatoes, garden peas, baton carrots and (optional) gravy. Pudding options are a chocolate mousse slice OR a jelly

ALL lunches for this special day MUST be pre-ordered by Tuesday 5th December by clicking on this link – please complete a separate form for each child you have in school.
<https://goo.gl/forms/QpEQQzqcKSfISbE63>

The meal will cost the usual price of a hot school dinner (£2.15) and should be paid in the usual way (either via SCOPAY or at the School Office) on the Monday. Those in KSI will be entitled to this meal for free as part of the Universal Infant Free School Meals scheme.

We usually get a very high take up for hot school dinners on this day but those who do not like these options are welcome to bring in a packed lunch.

Attendance

Please see below the attendance figures so far this term for our children...

Barley	96.91%	Quinoa	97.91%
Chickpea	97.79%	Poppy	96.99%
Oat	98.27%	Rye	97.03%
Maize	97.42%	Sunflower	95.94%
Corn	96.41%	Farro	97.39%
Wheat	97.25%	Rice	98.64%

The whole school attendance figure currently stands at 97.33%

Well done to Rice class for the best overall attendance so far this term.



Filming productions

Miss Bourner recently met with Alex, our school photographer to review the first year of filming our productions at school. Alex comes to each production at school, with a sound engineer, Barnaby.

If you have purchased any of the production DVDs, I am sure you will agree that the cost of £8 for both photographs and a film of the production was amazing value.

Unfortunately, Alex and Barnaby have found that this process has been far more labour intensive and time consuming than they initially thought it would be (although this is often down to their wish to make it the best DVD possible).

We have decided moving forward to split up the 2 options of photographs and DVD.

After each production, you will be able to order the DVD online (via a code provided by Alex) for £10.

Separately, you will be able to order photos online (via a code provided by Alex) of the cast in 3 sizes...

7 x 5 photograph (mounted and in a plastic covering) for £4

8 x 6 photograph (mounted and in a plastic covering) for £5

10 x 8 photograph (mounted and in a plastic covering) for £7

Music events coming up...

Listen to Me concerts

If your child is in Year 3, they would like to invite you to hear what they have been learning with Mrs Buckley from Hampshire Music Service in their African drums sessions this term.

The short performances of around 20 minutes will take place in the hall so please come into school via the front entrance. (Sorry but we won't be able to allow pushchairs into school.)

9am Poppy class concert

2.45pm Quinoa class concert

Classical Music Concert – January 2018

Thank you to all of you who have signed up for your child to attend this event. The tickets have been ordered and the transport arranged. You will now receive a letter asking for monies to be sent into the School Office or paid via SCOPAY.

KSI Giant Sing – March 2018

Thank you to the 53 Year 1 and 2 children who indicated an interest in attending this event. We have this week had confirmation of our seats. Unfortunately, we were unable to secure tickets for everyone who requested one. We will send out a letter before Christmas (having picked names from a hat) to tell everyone who has secured a place. We will let those know who did not secure a place on this occasion also. We are on a waiting list for additional tickets so fingers crossed for that!

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Nut free school

I have been asked by class teachers and the lunchtime team to put out a reminder that we are a 'nut-free' school. Foods such as Snickers bars, chicken satay sticks and Nutella-based foods should be avoided as breaktime and lunchtime items please.

Breakfast Club entry

We have now changed the entry procedure for dropping children off at Wake Up Wellstead (our breakfast club provision). The KS2 side gate is now the new entrance for Wake Up Wellstead and all children will need to enter through this gate and not via the School Office. The gate is opened at 7.45am and will remain open until 8am. After 8am, you need to ring the bell at the gate to gain entry. There is a black mark on the gate post which indicates the position of the bell. Parents are asked to accompany their child to the room and not leave until they are sure that they have entered the room safely. Your child is your responsibility until they have entered the room.

No smoking site

A polite reminder that we are a **no smoking site** and that includes **no vaping on the school site**.

Reminder from the School Office

Year 2s day visit to the Seacity museum is coming up very soon. The deadline for the £10 voluntary contribution and permission form is Wednesday 29th November. Please remember, we require a permission form to be completed for every child on this day visit.

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

My very best wishes,

Mr Matthew Robinson
Headteacher



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.

Saturday 2 nd December	Christmas Fair 11am – 2pm
Monday 4 th December	6pm Year 1 production
Tuesday 5 th December	5pm Year 1 production
Wednesday 6 th December	Year 2 to the SeaCity Museum
Monday 11 th December	6pm Year 2 Christingle at St Luke's
Thursday 14 th December	10.30am Year R and Years 5/6 to the Berry
Thursday 14 th December	PoW Christmas Disco
Friday 15 th December	Christmas Jumper Day
Tuesday 19 th December	Children's Christmas Lunch
Wednesday 20 th December	Years 1-4 to the Berry
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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