

Wellfield Junior School Newsletter

19th October 2018



Dear Parents and Carers,



Ofsted's very successful inspection visit in September gave our school a great start to the new academic year, with the very positive report now published.

Thanks to all the parents who took part in the online survey or spoke with the inspector, who was impressed with the number of responses and commented on how positive they were. I felt very proud as the inspector gave his feedback at the end of the (very long) inspection day, listening to his comments about the many strengths of the school, how it had continued to improve, and its pupils, staff and governors. **"Wellfield is a calm, safe and purposeful school where pupils are well behaved and want to learn."**

"Wellfield Remembers" As part of our commemoration of the centenary of the end of the First World War, the children will be



learning about how local families were affected by the sacrifice of so many, through



stories, music, poetry, art and history. As part of this, poppies will be on sale after the half term holiday for a minimum donation of 50p. A commemorative installation by the children will honour local soldiers who lost their lives and a wreath made by the Year 5 children will be laid at St Martin's Church.

The **Daily Mile** continues to be a popular new addition to our drive to keep children active and healthy, so that they are super-active every day with PE lessons, games or a run. Please ensure your child has a pair of trainers in school every day so they can participate safely. PE kits should also be left in school so every child can participate in their statutory PE lessons.



Well done to our **Kitchen Garden Club** which goes from strength to strength. Copies of their recipe book, with some favourites to try at home, are available to order via the office, priced just £3.00. Our school has entered a cake design competition, aiming to reflect our school's values, which has been organised by **Lakeland in the**

Trafford Centre. Please call into the shop to **vote from Monday next week for Wellfield Junior School's** fantastic cake design, based on the children's winning ideas – and help the school win £1,000! Thanks to all the children for their fabulous entries and to Mrs Hudson and Mrs Ransome, and the children who helped to bring the design ideas to life.

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With a busy half term ahead, Year 4 and 5 will be visiting Liverpool, with activities linked to their topics; Year 6 begin their Careers Sessions with We Aspire; many competitive sporting fixtures will take place; each class will have visits by Trafford's recycling team and some will take part in a local litter pick. I also understand that Paddington Bear's 60th birthday will not be going unnoticed...!

Look out for a fantastic opportunity to support the school and pick up some amazing gifts at the **Christmas Fair** organised by the Friends Association, at school on Saturday 8th December, between 12 noon and 3.00pm. **Morning Club** still has spaces and runs from 7.45am each morning, giving our junior children the chance to start the day with fun and games organised by our sports coaches.

The majority of our children arrive in good time for school, so thank you for helping them get a good start to their days. **Please ensure your child arrives in time for registration**, which is at 8.50am. If a child is late, they can often miss important information and the start of the lesson. Parents are asked to sign their child in, if they arrive after 8.50am, giving the reason for the lateness. Punctuality and persistent absence or lateness is monitored by Trafford's Educational Welfare Officer, and failure to improve may result in a fixed penalty notice being issued.



Please help your child be ready to learn, by providing them with a single zipped pencil case containing a blue handwriting pen (not a cartridge, ball point or biro), plus a spare one, an HB pencil, a short ruler, and a **small** selection of pencil crayons. Uniform must be labelled with your child's name please. Sensible black school shoes must be worn, **not** trainer-style footwear.

A huge thank you to parents who have already paid a contribution to school fund, which enables the school to continue to provide enrichment activities, such as visits by theatre groups and authors, extra equipment and resources, which would not otherwise be possible for the children to enjoy. Parents and carers can easily make their contribution via ParentPay, and we are just asking for £13 per term, or £39 for the whole year.

School closes on Friday 19th October at 3.20pm and reopens on Monday 29th October at 8.50am. Have a relaxing half-term break!

Yours sincerely,

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Headteacher