



'Make every minute meaningful'

Dear parents and carers,

May 2024

Well, can you believe that we are already so far into the summer term? Teaching the children has been an absolute pleasure so far this year and I know that they will continue to do us proud.

Across the school, we have had a big focus on basic reading, writing and maths skills. We have been ensuring every child works towards closing any gaps in their learning so they are able to keep up with the pace of lessons. Behaviour and attitudes continue to improve and we are incredibly proud of all of our children.

Thank you for your continued support in achieving the best academic and pastoral outcomes for your child.



Mrs Webb

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SATURDAY 18TH MAY 2024

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FACE PAINTING ★ TOMBOLAS

PUNCH CUPS ★ HOOPLA

BALLOON POP ★ INFLATABLES

REFRESHMENTS ★ BARBEQUE

HOOK A DUCK ★ POP UP BEACH

BEAT THE GOALIE ★ RAFFLE

18 MAY | 12-3pm ★ **FREE ENTRY**

ALL WELCOME

Wellington Community Primary School

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Exam Stress



Stress is an inevitable part of life but children need to be supported to cope with its demands.

Kooth have been recommended by Hampshire as providing excellent support for children, particularly around exam stress.

Please look at their resources online if you are concerned about your child's mental health.

It is also a good resource if you have older children and want to prepare them for their GCSEs or A-levels.

We also have ELSA, TALA and Bubble Time available to offer within school, led by trained adults, which can offer children an extra level of support for their mental health and allow them to discuss their feelings and emotions in a variety of ways. Get in touch with us if you feel your child could benefit from this support.

If you have any concerns about your child's mental health, please reach out to us.

Online Safety

Being safe online is a fundamental skill that children need to have to navigate modern life. However, when asked as part of a national research project, children frequently reported that the adults around them did not know enough to keep them safe.

If you feel that you have a strong knowledge and the skills to help protect your child online, please ensure that you are having regular conversations about it. Children report that this is the most important thing for them: adults need to talk openly and frequently.

If you feel that you need further support to help protect your child, please be proactive in identifying the apps and websites that your child uses. There is lots of advice online about steps that you can take to make these platforms safer.

Please reach out to us for help.



Free Courses for Parents This Summer Term!

To book type in the link: <https://shop.hants.gov.uk/collections/library-courses>



Course Title:	Location:	Dates:	Times:
Get Ready for School	Online	23 April – 21 May	7pm – 8:30pm
Paediatric First Aid	Basingstoke Discovery Centre	4 May – 11 May	9:30am – 4:30pm
Paediatric First Aid	Fleet Library	1 June – 8 June	9:45am – 4:45pm
Makaton Signing with Babies and Families	Bridgemary Library	3 June – 8 July	12:45pm – 1:45pm
Time Out for Parents	Alton Library	4 June – 9 July	9:30am – 11:30am
Positive Parenting	Online	10 June – 8 July	6:30pm – 8pm
Paediatric First Aid	Alton Library	15 June – 22 June	9:30am – 4:30pm
Emergency Paediatric First Aid	Bridgemary Library	5 July	9:15am – 4:30pm

These courses are aimed at Hampshire residents aged 19+. Attendance is expected at each session to ensure that you get the most out of your learning experience and to minimise disruption for other learners. Please advise the venue/tutor of any absence you may have.

Key dates overview for the summer term



Wednesday 1st May	- Optional KS1 SATs begin
Monday 6th May	- May Day Bank Holiday (school closed)
Friday 10th May	- PTA 'break the rules day'
Monday 13th May	- KS2 SATs week begins
Thursday 16th May	- PTA 'break the rules day' (date to be changed due to Yr6 SATs)
Saturday 18th May	- Spring fair
Monday 20th May	- Walk to school week
Monday 20th May	- Wellbeing week
Wednesday 22nd May	- Year 6 Macbeth workshop

May half term: Monday 27th May — Friday 31st May

Monday 3rd June	- Year 4 Multiplication Tables Checks (MTC) begin
Monday 3rd June	- Year 4 Runways End Residential (3 days)
Monday 10th June	- Year 1 (& Year 2 retakes) Phonics Screening Checks begin
Tuesday 11th June	- Year 3 trip to RHS Garden Wisley
Wednesday 12th June	- Year 5 trip to Legoland
Friday 14th June	- Year R trip to Wellington Country Park
Thursday 20th June	- Year R & KS1 sports day
Friday 21st June	- KS2 sports day
Thursday 27th June	- Reserve sports day
Sunday 30th June	- Year 6 PGL Marchants Hill Residential (4 days)
Wednesday 10th July	- Move up morning (new classes for September)
Friday 19th July	- Year 6 leaver's service at Garrison Church
Friday 19th July	- Year 6 leaver's disco
Tuesday 23rd July	- Last day of academic year

Summer Holidays: Wednesday 24th July — Friday 12th April

Monday 2nd September	- First day of 2024/25 academic year
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Please note that more information regarding these dates will be communicated in further correspondence. Some dates may be subject to change and new dates may be added throughout the term. In these instances, we will endeavour to give as much notice as possible.

School gate - safeguarding notice

The school gate will be opened by a member of school staff at 8:35am each morning and at 2:55pm each afternoon. Please do not come into the school grounds at drop-off and pick-up before these times.

At the end of each school day, there are children moving around the school site on their way back to their classrooms from assemblies. This is made much more difficult when parents have entered the school site early and are waiting in the playground. It can also pose a potential safeguarding risk.

If, for any reason, you need to come to school during the day, please ensure that you close all gates that you walk through. We regularly monitor the gates but need your cooperation to ensure the site is secure.

**Keeping
children safe
is everyone's
responsibility**



Poppy Playtime

Please be advised that there has been a sequel to Friday Night at Freddy's—a game and film. In this, there are explicit violent images which are distressing and inappropriate for children to view.

If you need support in ensuring that your child's devices are adequately safe, please contact the school. We are always happy to support you in this.



Booster sessions

We are currently running booster sessions for selected children across the school before the school day to ensure they are making the best possible progress. If invited, it's really important that children attend these as teachers will be working with them in small, targeted groups to address any gaps and misconceptions in their learning.

SATs support

There are plenty of websites that are available if your child would like some additional support to feel confident in their SATs. Our year 6 teachers will be compiling some resources which can be used in school and at home to offer support - these will be given out in due course.

Don't forget to look at the wellbeing resources, too!

FREE Online Courses for Parents this February

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Course	Dates	Time
Positive Parenting	Mondays 26 February – 25 March	6:30pm – 8pm
Raising Resilient Children	Tuesdays 27 February – 26 March	6:30pm – 8pm
Introduction to Paediatric First Aid	Tuesdays 27 February – 19 March	6:45pm – 9:15pm



These courses are aimed at Hampshire residents aged 19+. Attendance is expected at each session to ensure that you get the most out of your learning experience and to minimise disruption for other learners. Please advise the venue/tutor of any absence you may have.

Participants will be required to use Zoom. No account is required, not sure how to use Zoom? Check out these helpful videos: <https://support.zoom.us/hc/en-us/articles/206175806>



www.hants.gov.uk/library

Hampshire County Council are offering some great courses to support parents with a range of topics.

Positive Parenting can help if you find yourself frustrated or angry, or if your child is not responding well to you.

'Raising Resilient Children' can support you in helping your child learn to increase their independence and self-esteem.

'Introduction to Paediatric First Aid' can help you feel confident that you can keep your child safe.

Please do sign up! These are hosted at Aldershot library. Please give us any feedback that you have.

April's Attendance Update

R Badger	91.9%	4 Giraffe	94.4%
R Rabbit	94.6%	4 Ostrich	95.9%
1 Owl	96.1%	5 Meerkat	95.6%
1 Squirrel	93.9%	5 Tiger	95.2%
2 Camel	95.3%	6 Gorilla	96.4%
2 Zebra	95.3%	6 Lion	93.4%
3 Alligator	96.4%		
3 Crocodile	97.0%		

100%

Well done, Crocodile Class!

We are pleased to announce that our attendance for April was **95.3%** compared to the national level of **94.3%**.

Please remember that we are here to support you and will work with you to help your child get to school on time. Thank you.

PTA achievements so far this academic year – donation of iPads and Bee Bots

A huge thank you to the PTA for their fund raising efforts! Their recent events have allowed us to purchase 20 iPads and 12 Bee Bots for the school. We really appreciate all the support our amazing families give us and are so pleased when we can support the school with donations like this.



Grounds morning update

On Saturday (27th April), we held a grounds morning at Wellington. We were able to sort out several different areas of the school such as the garden, the animal corner and the Year R outside area. We have newly-refurbished hutches ready for the rabbits and guinea pigs to return (now that the weather is starting to improve) and a garden area ready for gardening club to begin!

Thank you to the parents, friends and staff members who gave up their time on Saturday to help out, we couldn't do it without you!



A plea for help!

If any of our parents or school community have any links or contacts with ICT suppliers or companies that may be able to help our schools with the provision of ICT equipment, please let us know!

Aldershot Lions have kindly donated a number of desktop computers and, as mentioned above, the PTA have used funds raised to purchase iPads — this is the sort of things we need!