



## WELLESBOURNE CE PRIMARY AND NURSERY SCHOOL

**Newsletter #5 Friday 17th November**

*The fruit of the spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law'*



### Remembrance Day Service



It was lovely to see all the children in their different uniforms at the Memorial Service on Sunday. We laid our school wreath with the others from the village community and it was a very moving occasion.

Thank you to all who sent in money for the children to buy poppies in school. In total, the village appeal has raised more than £10,000 which is outstanding. I hope you were able to see the wonderful 'Poppy Cascade' while it was on display at St. Peter's. It was simply amazing!

### Children in Need

Well done to the School Council at both buildings who have been raising money for **Children in Need** today. There was a cake sale in the Juniors and the Infants had a 'Guess the name of the Teddy'! Altogether we have managed to raise over £200. Well done everyone!



### Y5 Dodgeball

Last week, a group of Year 5 children went to the Greig Centre in Alcester to play dodgeball against five other schools. They took part to show off their teamwork, honesty and respect - however, to score well in this we had to impress the other teams as they were the ones giving us the points (and the stickers!) They were excellent representatives of the school and had great fun! We are incredibly proud of the children and their amazing efforts at this event.



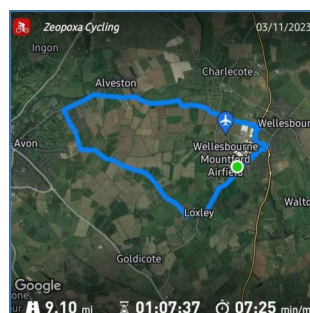
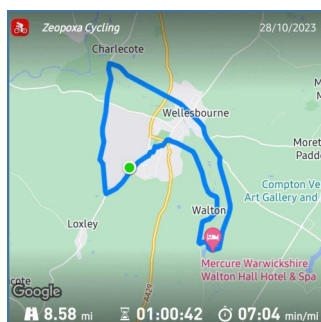
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### Well Done Myles

A huge well done to Myles in Year 4 who has been working towards doing a sponsored bike ride to raise money for the charity Animal Rescue. Over half term, he managed to get out (avoiding the horrible weather) and complete his challenge. One of the key values that we want to encourage in the school is for our children to do things for others and 'serve the community'. It is lovely to hear the increasing examples of pupils raising money for charities by using their initiative and doing completely selfless acts like this.

During his bike ride, Myles did an amazing amount of miles and even managed to get sponsorship from some of our staff—including me! We love hearing about these efforts—please let us know if you wish to share any examples of our children completing challenges for others or raising money for charity.



### Road Safety

This week in school we will be raising awareness of road safety, to promote everyone's right to make safe and healthy journeys on safe roads. The theme of this year's national campaign is 'lets talk about speed'. We will be raising awareness of the dangers of excess or inappropriate speed and helping children understand why safe speed is vital for safe and healthy journeys.

Alongside this, we will also be thinking about how we can be safe and seen during our journeys to and from school in the darker mornings and evenings. We will be running a competition to design a 'Be Bright, Be Seen' outfit. This will be judged by our Junior Rad Safety Officers and prizes awarded in assembly on Friday 1st December. We look forwards to sharing these with you. Thank you for your continues support in being a safe and active school.



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### **Menu Change and Free School Meals**

Our new menu which came into effect last week will run until Easter next year, We will resend this out after Christmas as well with the relevant dates displayed across the top to avoid any confusion. If you cannot locate the menu that has been emailed out to you and require a new one please contact the office.

Child dinners cost £2.50 each from year 3 upwards, unless your child is entitled to benefit related free school meals. Children in reception up to Y2 are entitled to universal free school meals, please note these are different.

Children who are eligible for free school meals will get pupil premium funding to school which can assist them in a number of ways as well access to free school activities and food. If your child is aged 4-7 years old and entitled to universal free school meals, you are still welcome to apply.

If you think your child maybe entitled to benefit related free school meals please contact Warwickshire free school meals at [freemeals@warwickshire.gov.uk](mailto:freemeals@warwickshire.gov.uk) or on 01926 359189 to enquire, further information can be found at <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/fsm>.

### **Wellie Donations**

We are asking for any donations of wellies that may no longer fit your child. We understand that this time of year can be very difficult financially especially with the living crisis still playing a large part in people's lives. Therefore if you are able to help another family by donating children's outgrown winter wear such as coats and wellies we ask that you please do.

A box will be available in the office to collect any donations.

### **Lost Property**

We are still getting a number of children asking if coats, jumpers, bottles have been handed in as they have lost them. But when asked if they are named we are being told no.

We do urge parents to please name **all** of their children's uniform if they have not done so already, to make the process of locating and returning lost property that much easier. It is very difficult to return lost property to it's rightful owner when we do not know who that is as it is not named.

### **Community 'Wall of Heroes'**

As a Church of England school supporting our community is an important factor for us, we like to help where we can. Therefore we are now asking parents to share their children's stories with us so we can highlight their achievements on our community wall in school. If you child has taken part in any community events whether it is bagging groceries with Beavers or reading to older citizens, we want to hear about it.

Send in any stories along with photographs if possible, that you are happy with being advertised internally to [admin3073@welearn365.com](mailto:admin3073@welearn365.com) and we will do the rest.



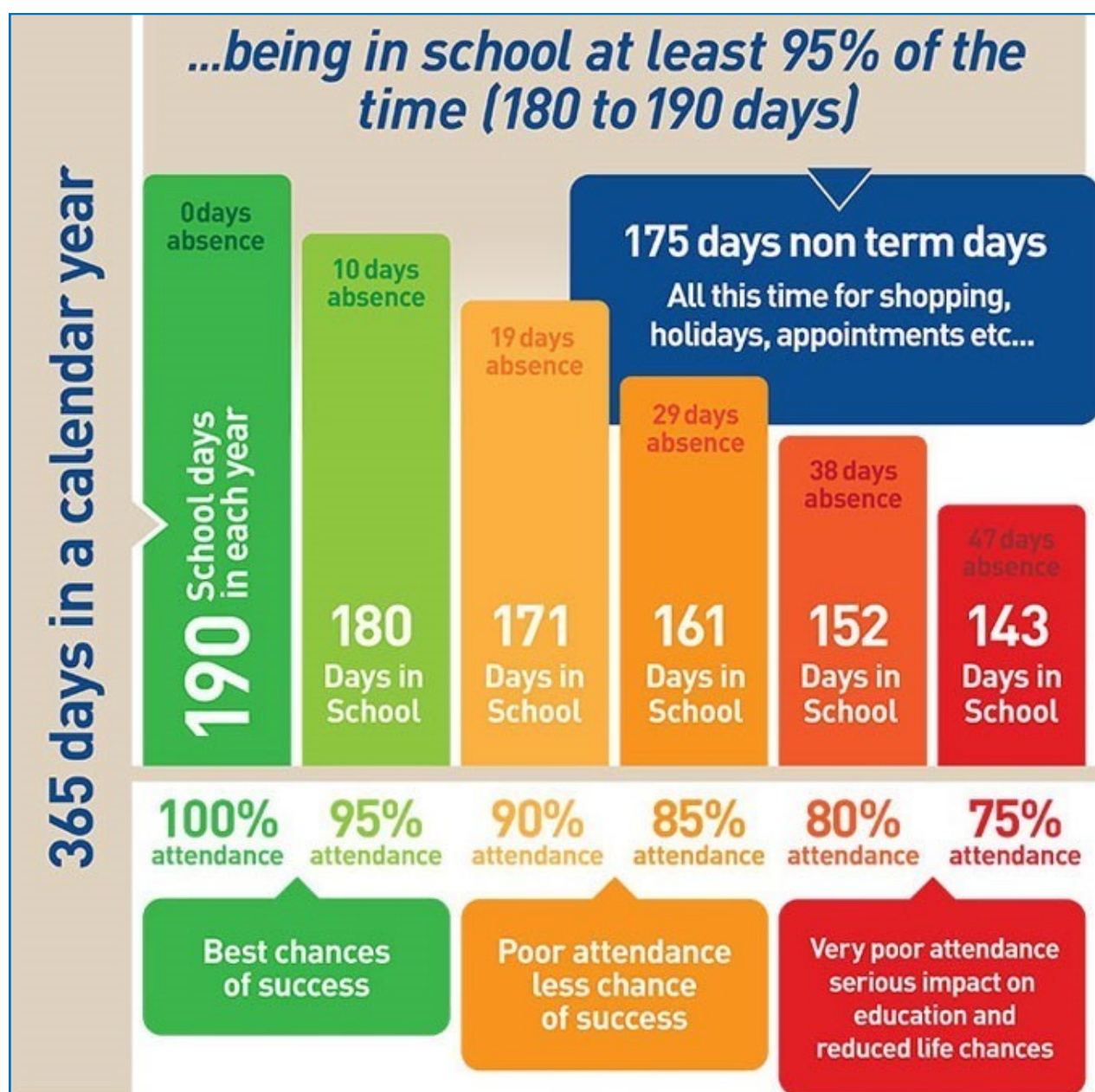
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## Attendance

Our approach to supporting attendance is based on recognising where and how we can support children and families but also keeping families up to date on their child's attendance with information.

We will share their attendance at parents' evenings but we will also inform families when their child's attendance falls below a certain level at the end of each half term. The diagram below explains attendance in 'day missed' as well as percentages which is really much more helpful for parents and carers. The school website [HERE](#) has more information and some little tips to help support that attendance as, quite simply, the higher your child's attendance, the better their future life chances are. Therefore, it is important to discuss the importance of being in school as much as possible at home in order to support your child.



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## Friends of Wellesbourne PTA Page

### THE FIGURES ARE IN!!!

Thank you to all who supported our Upside Down Day and Bag2School events.

We collectively raise £650 - a fantastic start to this years' fundraising efforts and a step closer to reaching our £12,500 target.



### SAVE THE DATE: Upcoming Fundraising Events



### Sleigh Bells are Ringing... It's the Christmas Fair Saturday 9th December. 2pm-4pm

STALLS ~ TOMBOLA ~ GAMES ~ MINCE PIES ~ MULLED WINE ~ CRAFTS ~  
ELF WORKSHOP.

### NOT TO BE MISSED !!

#### Christmas Raffle Tickets

**On Sales Now. [Click HERE to buy!](#)**

Top Prizes include:

**Laser Tag Party (worth £150) ~ Family Ticket to  
Hatton Country World ~ JNB Bounce Family Ticket ~  
2 Tickets to Warwick Castle ~ And much , much more.**

£1 per ticket. Winners announced at the Christmas Fair on 9th December.

#### Class Tea Towels!

Personalised tea towels, that includes your child's self portrait.

The perfect Christmas gift and a lovely keepsake.

**Order by Wednesday 22nd November.**

**[Click here to get yours!](#)**

**Don't Forget!** We've some great condition, second hand uniform for sale, with all proceeds going back to the school. Prices start at just 50p. Simply email us at [uniformsales@friendsofwellesbourne.co.uk](mailto:uniformsales@friendsofwellesbourne.co.uk)

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## **Term Dates and Dates for the Diary**

|                                   |                                                    |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|
| EYFS Gruffalo Trip                | Wednesday 20th December                            |
| Non Uniform Day - Bottles         | Friday 24th November                               |
| Trunk Theatre Visiting Y2         | Tuesday 28th November                              |
| Non Uniform Day– Chocolate        | Friday 1st December                                |
| Christmas Fayre/Market            | Saturday 9th December @2pm                         |
| KS1 Nativity matinee performance  | Monday 11th December @2pm                          |
| Pantomime in School               | Tuesday 12th December                              |
| KS1 Nativity evening performance  | Tuesday 12th December@5:45pm                       |
| Christmas Jumper Day              | Friday 15th December                               |
| Y2 performance at Mackie House    | <b>Monday 18th December TBC</b>                    |
| Children's Christmas Parties (PM) | Tuesday 19th December &<br>Wednesday 20th December |
| Children's Christmas Lunch        | Thursday 21st December                             |
| Last day of Autumn Term           | Friday 22nd December (1:30pm finish)               |
| <b>2023/24 INSET day #4</b>       | <b>Monday 8th January 2024</b>                     |
| Return to school                  | Tuesday 9th January 2024                           |
| Young Voices Concert (Y4-6)       | Thursday 11th January 2024                         |
| <b>February Half term</b>         | <b>Monday 12th to Friday 16th February</b>         |
| Last day of Spring Term           | March 22nd                                         |
| <b>Easter Holidays</b>            | <b>Monday 25th March to Friday 5th April</b>       |
| First day of Summer Term          | Monday 8th April                                   |
| Y6 residential                    | Wednesday 10th to Friday 12th April                |
| <b>May Half term</b>              | <b>Monday 27th to Friday 31st May</b>              |
| <b>2023/24 INSET day #5</b>       | <b>Friday 5th July 2024</b>                        |
| Last day of Summer term           | Friday 19th July (1:30pm finish)                   |
| <b>Summer Holidays</b>            | <b>Monday 22nd July to Friday 30th August</b>      |
| <b>2024/25 INSET day #1</b>       | <b>Monday 2nd September</b>                        |
| <b>2024/25 INSET day #2</b>       | <b>TBC—likely to be Tues 3rd September</b>         |



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