



WELLESBOURNE CE PRIMARY AND NURSERY SCHOOL

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

Online Meeting For Parents—'Smart' Phones



A lot of parents, including myself, worry about the impact of smart phones and the research shows how damaging they are to children's mental health (as well as adults). It is also incredibly difficult to monitor completely what they are seeing and reading online and there are times when children are exposed to material which is not suitable and highly inappropriate all too soon. As a school community, we feel there is **more** we can do to protect our children until they are ready to make better informed decisions when they leave primary school.

A quick survey of our staff team suggested that most children are only given a smart phone because other children also have them (peer pressure) or parents prefer the comfort of their children being able to contact them if they are walking home in Year 6 for which a 'dumb' phone would do.

We are hosting a meeting aimed at parents of Year 5 and below (though Year 6 parents are MOST welcome to attend to give their views) to share with you a courageous plan to make an agreement or pact as a school community to **not** have **smart** phones at all for our children until they are older. During the meeting, I will share with you the experiences we have had and how we intend to prepare the children for a world in which we live in. It will be a presentation but with a discussion as we go and we have different options we can explore. Hopefully we can work together to make our children's lives safer and improve their mental health. If you would like to attend on **June 13th**, click [HERE](#) to register and be able to share your views so we know how many people are coming and whether we need to do this meeting online if hundreds of families would like to come.

If you would like to find out more about this, please go to this website and have a look at the statistics here: <https://delaysmartphones.org.uk/>



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Well done to Year 6

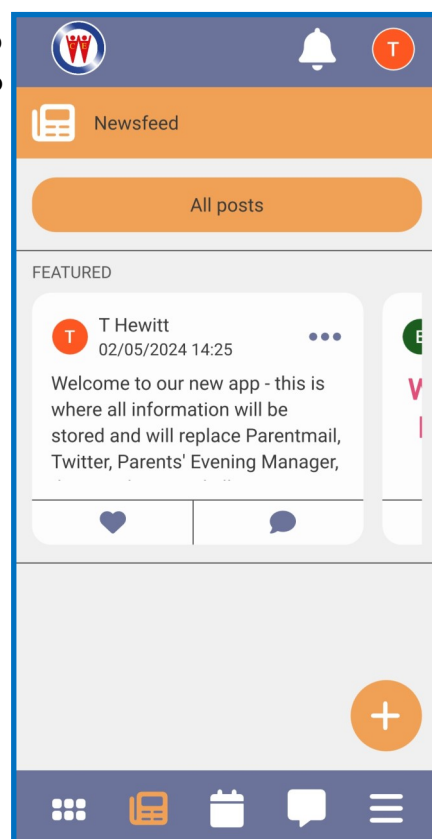
A huge well done to Year 6 for getting through their SATS week with such calmness and resilience. They have worked so hard and shown how mature they are. They still have a lot of learning to get through for the remainder of the term but they do have some fun things to look forward to. Thank you also to the staff for calmly guiding them through.

Exciting News—New 'All in One' App for Parents/Carers

Later this term we will be moving away from Parentmail and onto a new app that will have everything in one place for your convenience called 'Reach More Parents'. We aim to be up and running fully by September but will 'Soft Launch' later this summer while still having Parentmail up until the end of the Summer Term.

We will run an online meeting later this term (in June) to help guide you through the app but eventually you will be able to do all this in one place:

- News Feed (to replace newsletter/Twitter)
- Specific updates for your child's class
- Parents' evening booking
- School Calendar to check dates
- Message the office through the app
- Online Forms
- Inform us if a child is absent from school
- View your child's attendance
- Link all homework apps/tasks in one place
- Links to ParentPay
- Access resources for school
- Head bump/accident notifications



We have been searching for a different option for some time as parents have given us feedback that there are too many different apps or resources. In the past, we haven't been able to find something that would be fit for purpose to do all of the different elements well. We very much hope that this new app '**Reach More Parents**' will be a tool for achieving just that.

It is available from the Google Play Store and the Apple App Store to download. We are currently building what we need so it will develop over the next few months. The admin and teaching staff will be receiving training on how to use it too. Please be patient with us as it is very new—hopefully the future online sessions will help parents develop a good understanding on how to use the app well and get what we would like from it.



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Friends of Wellesbourne PTA Page



The countdown has begun for our Friends of Wellesbourne Summer Fete. We are excited about what we have in store for you this year including the Bouncy Castle, Stalls, Tombolas, BBQ, Go Karts and an Olympic themed sporting events. We are now looking for volunteers to help us run the fete so if you are available that day please follow the link

[Summer Fair Volunteers \(google.com\)](https://www.google.com)

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Target £12,000



£7,500

We have had a fantastic year so far and are continuing to climb towards our target. We cannot thank you enough for your ongoing support and look forward to the remaining events we have for you.

- May Half Term Nature competition deadline (more details to follow) - Monday 3rd June
- Non Uniform Bottle Donations—Friday 14th June
- Receptions End of Year Party—Thursday 4th July 4.30pm—5.12pm
- Non Uniform Rainbow Donations—Friday 21st June (More details to follow)
- Summer Fete—Saturday 29th June

School Uniform Shop!

Available from the outdoor classroom at the main site
Prices start from just 50p.
All proceeds go back to the school.
Donations can be made on Parentpay or via the [website](#).

Need to contact us? Email us on: Committee@friendsofwellesbourne.co.uk, Facebook [FriendsofWellesbourneSchool](#) or Instagram [FriendsofWellesbourne](#)



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**SUNDAY 19TH MAY 2024
10am - 12pm
Stratford-Upon-Avon RFC
Taster Session, Year 5 and 6**

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Term Dates and Dates for the Diary

Reception Pirate Workshop	Tuesday 21st May
Y6 Parent meeting for Jamboree	Tuesday 21st May @ 6pm (at Moreton Morrell School)
3J Class Assembly	Friday 24th May—9:10am
May Half term	Monday 27th to Friday 31st May
Year 4 Tables Check Window	Monday 3rd June to Friday 14th June
Year 3 Tamworth Castle trip	Wednesday 5th June
Meeting (for all year groups):	
'Should we stop our children having	Thursday 13th June—6pm
Mobile phones' (see article)	
RP Class Assembly	Friday 7th June 2:45pm
Year 1 Phonics Screen Week	Monday 10th to Friday 14th June
New Reception (Sept '24) Meeting	Tuesday 11th June 6pm
Class Photos	Tuesday 25th June
ISING POP recap (in school)	Tuesday 25th June
Year 6 Junior Jamboree	Friday 28th June (@Moreton Morrell School)
EYFS Sports Day	Tuesday 2nd July—9:15am—@Infant field
KS1 Sports Day	Tuesday 2nd July—am @Junior field
KS2 Sports Day	Wednesday 3rd July pm @Junior field
Year 2 to 3 transitional meeting	TBC
Year 5 Selly Manor Trip	Thursday 4th July
2023/24 INSET day #5	Friday 5th July 2024
Y6 Afternoon Production	Monday 8th July
Y6 Evening Production @ 6pm	Tuesday 9th July
Year 6 Secondary Transition Day	Wednesday 10th July
Whole school Transition Day	Wednesday 10th July
Reports out	Friday 12th July
Optional online parents' evening	Week beginning 15th July
Y6 Leaver's Day Out	Friday 12th July
Last day of Summer term	Friday 19th July (1:30pm finish)
Summer Holidays	Monday 22nd July to Friday 30th August
2024/25 INSET day #1	Monday 2nd September
2024/25 INSET day #2	Tuesday 3rd September
2024/25 INSET day #3	TBC
2024/25 INSET day #4	Monday January 6th 2025
2024/25 INSET day #5	TBC



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