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Welcome back- start of the year!

What a great start to the year, it has been really wonderful seeing all the children and parents/ carers come back this week.

The start and end of the day seems to be working OK at present, although we are aware the vehicle and pedestrian gates have been damaged over the summer, causing some distraction. Hopefully, they are now fixed and working properly again- thank you for your patience. We will continue to review the arrangements with questions and suggestions provided by parents/carers- thank you!



Dates

09.09.22 Newsletter out
12.09.22 Foundation Stage children start normal hours

- 21.09.22 FS parent workshop about Maths
- 26.09.22 Global Week starts
- 30.09.22 Newsletter out
- 07.10.22 Harvest assembly
- 10.10.22 Open Day at Wellsprings for prespective families
- 17.10.22 Parent/Carer consultation week
- 21.10.22 Newsletter out
- 21.10.22 Last day of half term

Please visit our website for key dates across the year: <https://wellsprings.somerset.sch.uk/events>

Summer 2022

We have replaced the playground equipment on the corner of the KS2 playground over the summer. The children are really enjoying get their time on it!

As we mentioned before the break, Pentagon Play will undertake a refit of the rest of the playground, with zoned areas for netball/basketball and football, and we will replace the timtrail at the rear of the playground as it is now rotten. It should look amazing, with further plans for the KS1 playground later on in the year.

We hope the fenced areas around KS1, KS2 and the front patio will help to 'organise' these spaces and give each Key Phase a bit more definition. It certainly looks neater.



However, we now have an 'injury' to the bridge on the KS1 playground, which we hope to fix as soon as possible. We suspect some of the damage to this happened over the summer break, from local children visiting the school site. As

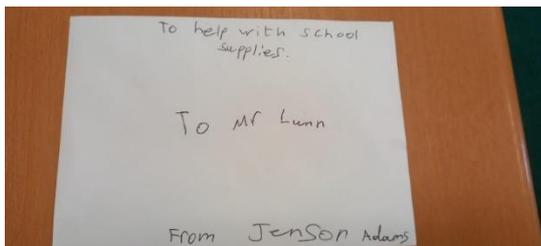
we mentioned on our Facebook page, we had a lot of vandalism to the school this summer. Additionally, our Forest School equipment was pretty much destroyed, two windows in TOG and at Wellsprings were broken along with a fence in the Foundation Stage.

It is very frustrating especially as we have invested heavily towards improving the school environment only for our good work to be undone.

We have provided the police with further information and hope they can continue to support the school, and local community in tackling anti-social behaviour.

We will be working with other local schools and providers to look at ways to reduce these incidents occurring. More information to come in the future!

On a related note, thank you to Jenson Adams for his contribution to help fix all the damage. We don't expect (or have asked) for contributions to fix all the damage by any means, but this spontaneous and generous gift by Jenson and family was very, very kind. Thank you for the gesture Jenson, it 'made our days' when we saw this!



Parent consultation week

We plan to give parents the option to have either a phonecall or a face-to-face consultation this Autumn term. We are aware many parents/carers like the flexibility of having a phonecall to teachers, especially if they have several meetings. Equally some may benefit from a one-to-one meeting with teachers- hopefully by providing 'options' we will get a good take-up of parents/carers attending the consultations.

Further information will be sent out by ParentMail.

Uniform

We sent out a reminder to parents/carers about school uniform. On the letter it did mention that jewellery should not be worn.

However, we have seen this week a rise in bracelets and necklaces being worn, and we would ask these to be left home please.

As we have always requested (like other primary schools), stud ear pieces are preferred to hoop ear rings. A copy of our *School Prospectus* will all parental guidance can be sourced at <https://wellsprings.somerset.sch.uk/key-information/policies/> This document has an explanation of the routines and expectations at Wellsprings School.

School calendar

We will be reinstating our class assemblies this year

which we are just finalising the dates for. We will send out a calendar soon with all the key dates (including the class assemblies) coming up this year.

Global Week

Parents/carers exciting news...we are busy planning a whole school Global Week beginning Monday 26th September. Children will have the opportunity to explore different cultures and countries. If you feel you have knowledge you would like to share with the children either through photos, resources or experiences please email or contact the school office and Mrs Fearn will make contact with you. Looking forward to hearing from you!

The Queen

We are obviously extremely sorry to hear about Queen Elizabeth II's passing yesterday. We did a short assembly this morning to reflect on this, and Rev Tiff kindly shared some words and a touching prayer with the children. We reminded the children of the wonderful memories the Queen had provided to all of us, not least during our most recent 'Platinum Jubilee' celebrations.



The next school newsletter is out on Friday 30th September 2022