

## Message from Mr Randell

It has been a great start to the school year. The school was completely redecorated over the summer with new flooring throughout the ground floor. I am sure you all agree that it is looking so much better! A huge thank you to all the staff for 'putting' everything back together again! Our children have had a fantastic term and strive to live up to our values of **Kindness, Fairness, Respect** and **Ambition**. The new playground game of choice is Chaos Tag - a wonderfully inclusive game that the children never seem to tire of!

I have been really pleased to see how well children have settled in to the routine of the new school timings. Please continue to ensure punctuality in the morning, which really helps the children get off to the best start possible with their day of learning.

We were delighted to welcome parents in to school this term for our Harvest Show and Share Event last week. It was wonderful to have such a fantastic turnout. We hope you were able to attend Parents' Evening this week. If you were not able to, please remember we have an open door policy and you can make an appointment to meet your child's class teacher at any time during the year.

It's Half Term next week, followed by an INSET day with our children returning to school on **Tuesday 31st October**. We hope our families enjoy a wonderful break.

Best wishes,  
Mr Randell

## Diary Dates

Tuesday 31 <sup>st</sup> October	First day back of Term 2
9am, Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> November	Phonics Coffee Morning YR-Y2
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November	Y5 and Y6 visit to Wells Festival of Literature and Wells Cathedral
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> November	KS1 visit to Hemington Church for Remembrance
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> December	Y5 and Y6 visit to Writhlington to decorate Charity Shoe Box gifts
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Jumper Day/Christmas lunch/Nativity
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	KS2 trip to The Egg Theatre to see Wendy
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	Elf Run/Last Day of Term
20 <sup>th</sup> December to 1 <sup>st</sup> January	Christmas Holidays
2 <sup>nd</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> January	Inset Days
4 <sup>th</sup> January	First day back of Term 2

## School attendance

Health professionals and educational professionals agree that school attendance is vital to the life chances of children and young people. Being in school improves health, wellbeing and socialisation throughout the life course. The greatest benefits come from children and young people attending school regularly.

Ever wondered if your child is too ill for school? Check out this useful page:

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

If your child is just feeling a bit 'under the weather', please bring them in. The distraction of school and friends can work wonders!

## Staying Safe Online

With half term coming up and the weather getting wetter and darker it is likely that children may spend more time online. Therefore it seems the perfect time to remind parents that although children can be fascinated by Youtube, it was not originally created with children in mind, and is not strictly policed or regulated. National Online Safety have created an infographic with helpful guidance for parents on how to manage Youtube kids, which is a better alternative app for children than the generic youtube app.

You can find the infographic on our school website [here](#)

## THREADS THROUGH CREATION

### October family holiday activities at Wells Cathedral

Come and follow a family trail around this stunning, supersized textile exhibition before joining in with a creative crafting activity.

Monday 23rd October: Make a mini felted Earth to hang at home.

Tuesday 24th October: Explore spirals with circular weaving – or make a snazzy snake mobile.

Wednesday 25th October: Stitch a mini textile panel or create a colourful creature collage.

Book online at [wellscathedral.org.uk/holidays](http://wellscathedral.org.uk/holidays) or drop in on the day (subject to availability).

Sessions at 10am, 11:15am and 2pm.

£2.15 per child / £1.10 if eligible for free school meals.

Children must be accompanied by a responsible adult.



As ever, thank you to all our parents and wider community for your support with our events and activities this term.

