



# Wellfield Middle School

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Dear Parent/Carer,

## Important changes to timings of newsletters

Please note that from now on newsletters will appear on the first Friday back after any holiday break and then every other Friday until the end of that term or half term. I hope this will make things slightly easier for you as parents/carers in that you will know exactly when to ask your child about the newsletter which we know can sometimes get hidden in a bag. Newsletters carry lots of information which you need to know so I hope the new system will help. I will often repeat key dates to help with better communication. The next newsletter, therefore, will appear on Friday 11 December and that will be the last one before Christmas.

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## Parents Forum

I am really grateful to the Parents' Forum for their help and support regarding a number of issues. We have new members this year and there is good representation across the year groups within school. This is an important group of people and they really do help the school in terms of consultation and advice on various matters. So far we have discussed communication between school and home, school uniform, school security, make-up, toilet facilities and travel to school.

Communication is very important to us and we want to continue to explore ways of getting this even better for you as parents/carers. It is from discussion with the Parents' Forum that the idea of a more regular newsletter has risen. We will, as a school, continue to work with this group on a number of issues that affect your children and the life of the school. If you want to contact the Parents' Forum you can do so via the school office.

## Dates for the Diary



<b>Tues 8 Dec</b>	School Disco 6-30 to 8pm Entry £2
<b>Wed 9 Dec</b>	KS2 ice rink visit am (packed lunch needed)
<b>Fri 11 Dec</b>	KS3 ice rink visit am (packed lunch needed)
<b>Wed 16 Dec</b>	School carol service at Earsdon Parish Church – 6pm start. All parents and friends very welcome
<b>Thurs 17 Dec</b>	School Pantomime 5-15 and 7pm. Information about tickets to be sent week beginning Dec 7
<b>Fri 18 Dec</b>	Non uniform day – proceeds to cancer research Full school Christmas assembly for pupils and staff only. School closes for Christmas at 3-30
<b>Mon Jan 4</b>	Staff Training Day school closed to pupils
<b>Tues Jan 5</b>	School opens for pupils.

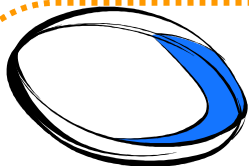
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### Parent Governors

We are looking to appoint 2 new parent governors and a separate letter is being sent to you about this. If you are interested you need to ask for a nomination form and information sheet from our school office. The deadline for return of forms is Friday 11 December.

### Love in a Box

Many thanks to all of the children and parents for your kind support with Operation Christmas Child. We managed to collect 61 shoeboxes all together. Our shoeboxes are now on their way to the Ukraine.



### Rugby

Key Stage 3 boys Rugby have been training and playing regularly and have had two narrow defeats in the last couple of weeks. The boys are playing very organised passionate full 15-a-side Rugby Union. A close and very competitive game against Valley Garden's 15-7 loss, and possibly the best 25 minutes of the season in the second half against Newminster Middle using the excellent facilities at Morpeth Rugby 30-23 loss. As we start to look to next year we want to encourage more year 7 boys to come along and give it a go.

### Reading Challenge

There is a Reading Challenge being held in the Library. Please return completed entries by the end of term.



### Cycle Training

We are in the process of organising advanced training for pupils who have level 1 already. If your child doesn't have level 1 training & would like to start, please return the attached slip to the school office. Level 1 training takes place on the school yard during school time and will probably be done in the new year. It is organised by fully qualified North Tyneside officers.



### Children in Need

Many thanks to everybody who supported this event in school. Together we raised over £700. A tremendous achievement and well done.

### Bliss Football

Bliss Football will be finishing at 4pm due to dark nights. The last session before Christmas will be 3rd December.

### Winter Soup Workshop

After the success of the soup workshops we are offering a further session. It will be on Wednesday 2nd December 6pm - 7.30pm. Places are limited and must be booked in advance. To book a place please ring the school office.

### Y7 France trip

A reminder that I am away in France with Y7 pupils next week. Any urgent matters should be addressed to Mrs Kemp. Deputy Headteacher, during that time.

I would like my child to complete Level 1 cycle Training.

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Name of Child

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Child's Form

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Signature

**S.W. Collinson, Headteacher**