

WELFORD ON AVON PRIMARY SCHOOL



Newsletter No. 14

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Dear Parents,

Welcome back everyone. I hope you have had a lovely break and are ready for the term ahead. While we still have COVID restrictions in place all around, we have a lot to look forward to during 2022. We are able to restart swimming lessons for Year 4 during the Spring term with Year 3 attending swimming sessions in the Summer term. Year 6 will be travelling to Norfolk for their residential trip in May, after completing their SATS and Year 5 are going on a two-day residential trip to Kingswood in Staffordshire in June. We are looking into school trips for the rest of the year groups, linking to their curriculum subjects, to enhance their learning.

In addition, we will be celebrating:

- the Queen's Platinum Jubilee
- the Commonwealth Games
- UEFA Women's Euro 2022

and are planning our regular school events

- Maypole Evening
- Sports Day
- Summer Fayre
- World Book Day
- Shakespeare Week

PE / Forest School and Games will start next week beginning Monday 10th January

Children may wear PE kits to school for indoor athletics on Tuesdays, but must bring outdoor kits including trainers for games on their allocated games day.

Clubs

Most clubs will start next week with netball and football starting in a few weeks when the evenings get lighter. We have a wide range of fun clubs running again this term. If you require financial assistance to attend any of our clubs, please make an appointment to have a confidential conversation.

Assemblies Spring 2022 First Half Term

All assemblies will be on Teams

Thursday 13 th January	Year 3 and Year 6 Owen
Thursday 20 th January	Year 2 and Year 5 Higgs
Thursday 27 th January	Year 1 and Year 4 Owen
Thursday 3 th February	Reception Davenport
Thursday 10 th February	Year 3 and Year 6 Davenport
Thursday 17 th February	Year 1 and Year 4 Wright
Thursday 3 rd March	Reception Owen
Thursday 10 th March	Year 2 and Year 5 Wright
Thursday 17 th March	Year 1 and Year 4 Higgs
Thursday 24 th March	Nursery Assembly
Thursday 31 st March	Reception Easter Assembly
Thursday 7 th April	KS1 and KS2 Easter Assembly
Friday 8 th April	End of Term Whole School Assembly

All assemblies will remain remote for this term but we will review regularly in line with COVID updates. You can join the assemblies by accessing the Welford Maypole tile on Teams where you can click on the link for the assembly. The assembly will have the name of the assembly and the time and date so you know you are in the right assembly.

Current Affairs Class Assembly

Children had their first key stage assemblies of 2022 today and were discussing the benefits of learning outdoors. They discussed that learning outside has great benefits, providing additional space and access to nature and is particularly good for mental wellbeing. As well

as our school classroom, the wider world can be a great place to learn. There is a lot to learn from different places and experiences outside.

If you would like to continue this discussion at home, please do so by looking at the additional information attached with this newsletter to guide your conversations.

School Community Council

Prior to COVID, we had been running a very successful Parent Council and we would like to restart it. We have changed the name to 'School Community Council' to enrich the school community links. This council is a forum in which members of the school community can come together to share ideas and put forward their views to the Headteacher and the Governing Body of the school.

As a result, it is hoped that this will get wider involvement from our school community in the active decision making of the school, fostering a culture of ownership and participation.

We are looking for any parents / grandparents or family members of children attached to the school interested in becoming part of this group. Please contact the school office for more information. Our first meeting will take place via Teams on Friday 11 February at 11am.

Welford Wrigglers Playgroup

The first session of 2022 will be on Wednesday 12th January from 9.15am-11.15am. Please share this fantastic new group with any parents who may be interested in attending. Parents can access the school via our new school path on the school playing field.

School Direct (Arden Forest Programme)

Our new trainees start at Welford next week

Year 1 - Miss Gregory

Year 2 - Miss Adams

Year 3 - Mrs Fox

Year 5 - Miss Hall

Wellness @ Welford

New Family Information Newsletter

<https://us5.campaign-archive.com/?u=a24b439ef7022ae0d86f9ca6e&id=2b105c9fe7>

In this week's Family Information Service newsletter there is information on a free health programme for the new year, exciting vacancies within the Family Information Service team at Warwickshire County Council (WCC), a reminder about the deadline for school admissions and much more.

The Family Information Service (FIS) is continuing to support families across Warwickshire in 2022 and beyond. As always, you can get in touch with the team for any advice and support by emailing fis@warwickshire.gov.uk or calling 01926 742274.

Free Parenting Programmes available free to Warwickshire families

<https://api.warwickshire.gov.uk/documents/WCCC-829341009-253>

Link for parents to book onto workshops and programmes:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/warwickshire-children-and-families-17595309993>

Ordering Tests:

There is currently a shortage of tests but keep checking the website below or visit your local pharmacy to collect a box.

Follow this link to order Rapid Response Tests of LFTs

<https://www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests>

And finally

We strongly advise that you test as a household on Sunday and Wednesday in line with staff testing. This will help control the spread of Coronavirus in our school. If you have any symptoms of illness we advise that you carry out a LFT and follow government guidelines. Please re read the information sent out on Tuesday to ensure that you are aware of the new guidelines regarding isolation and testing.

Take care and stay safe

Mrs Leeman and Staff