

# **WELFORD ON AVON PRIMARY SCHOOL**

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**Dear Parents,**

Welcome to our weekly newsletter. We have been very busy in school this week with PE, games, Forest School and most of our clubs back up and running. The times for clubs vary, so please refer to the list for finishing times. Please note that Homework Club actually finishes at 4.15pm and not 4.30pm as originally stated.

## **PE/Forest School and Games**

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

## **Clubs**

If you require financial assistance to attend any of our clubs please make an appointment to have a confidential conversation.

## **Year 3 and Year 6 Knowledge Assembly**

### **Year 3 Owen**

Year 3 Owen pupils amazed us with their strategies for retaining key facts. They explained how they have been focusing on their 8 times table and have used times table facts they know already to help, such as 8x2 which they can reverse to 2x8. They also shared a catchy rhyme about spiders, as a way to remember the facts. In Science, the pupils have been learning about 'our bodies and how to keep ourselves healthy'. The pupils explained their learning about what to eat and which foods to eat less of, sharing the amount of sugar to be found in fizzy drinks and squash. Finally, the pupils explained how they are beginning to explore the Stone Age in their 'Enquiry'. We learnt that it is only in the last 2,000 years that history has been written down and that anything before is known as prehistory, with artefacts being used to inform us of this time. Well done Year 3 on a fascinating journey through your learning!

### **Year 6 Owen**

Pupils in Year 6 Owen shared their knowledge about the inventions and achievements of Alfred Nobel and his legacy of the Nobel Peace Prize. They researched his work around explosives and in particular the discovery of nitroglycerin, which was found to be highly volatile and caused significant deaths. The pupils then went on to share their learning in

English in their poetry unit, where they recited the poem 'Guarding Secrets' and used this to inspire their own poems, using a range of poetic devices, such as repetition and descriptive language. In Science the pupils have been learning about healthy living, discovering the work of the scientist John Boydor, who investigated the effect of extra food and milk. As a calm end to the Assembly, the pupils demonstrated the 'Sun Salutation' that they have begun to learn in their new Yoga session for PE. Super learning Year 6!

<b>Assemblies Spring 2022 First Half Term</b>	
<b>All assemblies will be on Teams</b>	
<b>Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> January</b>	Year 2 and Year 5 Higgs
<b>Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> January</b>	Year 1 and Year 4 Owen
<b>Thursday 3<sup>th</sup> February</b>	Reception Davenport
<b>Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> February</b>	Year 3 and Year 6 Davenport
<b>Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> February</b>	Year 1 and Year 4 Wright
<b>Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March</b>	Reception Owen
<b>Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Year 2 and Year 5 Wright
<b>Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Year 1 and Year 4 Higgs
<b>Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Nursery Assembly
<b>Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> March</b>	Reception Easter Assembly
<b>Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> April</b>	KS1 and KS2 Easter Assembly

All assemblies will remain remote for this term, but we will review this 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**

This week pupils have been talking about the James Webb Space Telescope, which was sent into space on Christmas Day. This telescope will allow astronomers to discuss the beginning

of the universe and hunt for signs of life supporting planets in our own galaxy. Their discussions have been around the following question.

Do you think it is important for us to know the history of our universe?

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.

### **Reminder about Uniform**

Uniform plays a valuable role in contributing to the ethos of the school and setting an appropriate tone and we encourage all pupils to wear the full school uniform. Your child should wear PE uniform to school on the designated PE and Games days (school colours). Pupils should wear the correct school uniform on the correct days and remain smart, safe and comfortable. School shoes please and no logos on the PE uniform.

### **After School Procedures**

Your child will be asked just after registration where they are going at the end of the school day. Some children are still unsure about what they are doing and this causes confusion for the school and anxiety for your child. Please make sure that you tell your child every morning, the afterschool arrangements.

### **Walking Home**

Please remember KS2 children will only be permitted to walk home or walk to your car if you provide a letter. We ask parents to risk assess the walk carefully and make sure that there is always someone there to meet them. We strongly discourage your child walking alone when the evenings become darker.

### **Parents Evening**

We will be holding Parents' Evenings in February. This is an opportunity to discuss how you child's learning. A letter about the booking arrangements will be sent out in due course.

<b>Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> February 2022</b>	<b>Parents Evening 3.30pm-6pm (Remote)</b>
<b>Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2022</b>	<b>Parents Evening 3.30pm-6pm (Remote)</b>

The meetings will be remote and held through our Teams Platform

**We strongly encourage all parents to attend.**

### **School Community Council**

We are still looking for any parents / grandparents or family members of children attached to the school, who are interested in becoming part of our school community 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**

Welford Wrigglers restarted on Wednesday and it was lovely to see everyone back after the Christmas break. Our next session will be on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> January from 9.15am -11.15am. Parents can access the school via our new path on the school playing field.

### **New Family Information Newsletter**

In this week's Family Information Service newsletter there is information on how to return to teaching, an exciting new Warwickshire Health Visiting website to support expectant and new parents, activities from ILEAP and much more!

<https://us5.campaign-archive.com/?u=a24b439ef7022ae0d86f9ca6e&id=c0ac9b7f89>

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](mailto: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 Rapid Response Tests:**

Follow this link to order Rapid Response Tests of LFTs

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

[Remote Learning is available for pupils who need to isolate due to COVID but are still well enough to learn.](#)

And finally

We have had a few cases of COVID reported to school this week and warn and inform letters have been sent out to the relevant classes. We are working hard to keep the case numbers low and we advise parents to follow the recommendations below so that we can continue to deliver face to face learning as well as attend external events.

- 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.
- If your child is attending events or you are hosting events e.g. birthday parties you should advise all attendees to carry out a rapid response test on the day of the event to reduce the risk of spreading the virus.

Take care and stay safe - **Mrs Leeman and Staff**