

# WELFORD ON AVON PRIMARY SCHOOL



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**Dear Parents,**

Welcome to our weekly Newsletter. The Government have made announcements about the restrictions lifting next week. Our school restrictions and procedures remain firmly in place and will be reviewed at half term to decide what adaptations can be made. In the meantime, here is a reminder of our school procedures:

- the continuation of our way system at the start and the end of the school day
- continue to have a staggered start in the mornings from 8.40am with all pupils expected to be in class at 8.55am
- we ask that parents continue to wear a facemask when dropping off or picking up.
- Year 1-6 pupils dropped at the red school gates and can walk to their classroom where their teachers will meet them.
- The school day finishes at 3.15pm and the gates will open at 3.10pm. Please follow the one-way system.
- Classes are not required to be in bubbles and lunches and playtimes will be together. Currently we only have two-year groups on the playground together to limit numbers.
- Rooms will continue to be ventilated regardless of the weather outside. Children should wear layers so if the classroom is becoming a little chilly or too hot, so they can adjust quickly to the environment. We now have air purifiers for three classrooms and will look into getting one for each class.

Our case numbers at school have continued to rise this week and it is vital that these procedures stay in place.

## **Forest School This Week**

Our pupils are having great fun at their Forest School sessions, they love learning outside.

'In Forest School we have had a great, but cold week outside! Across the classes we have been focusing on our team work, perseverance and communicating skills, with activities such as the tower challenge, scavenger hunts and using blindfolds to move each other safely around the Forest School area. The children have worked excellently, listening to each others ideas and instructions.'

Mr Deeley- Forest School Lead

<b>Assemblies Spring 2022 First Half Term</b> <b>All assemblies will be on Teams</b>	
<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 as 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, then you can click on the link. The assembly will have the name of the assembly and the time and date so you know you are in the right place.

### **Y2 Higgs**

Y2 Higgs pupils were excited to share their learning in assembly today. They began by discussing their learning in Art and Design, where they have been looking at comic superheroes and their physical features. We heard how the pupils worked in pairs, taking turns to strike a superhero pose for their partner to draw as a stick figure, then using pipe cleaners to create models of them. In Enquiry the pupils are enjoying their new topic of 'Let's Go to the Arctic!' They shared their new learning on the countries in the Arctic Circle and the definition of this. The pupils explained their understanding of the different climates and the two seasons in the Arctic and what this means for the landscape. Finally, pupils discussed the new text they are studying in English, 'The Dragon Machine' by Helen Ward. They explained that last week dragon tails and claws had appeared in their classroom and this had inspired them to write letters to Mrs Leeman, to tell her about the problem. Super learning Year 2!

### **Y5 Higgs**

During the Learning Assembly this week, Year 5 Higgs pupils shared their learning in Enquiry, on Anglo-Saxons and Vikings. The pupils shared a timeline of Britain and related this new topic to their prior knowledge of the Romans. They went on to explain their knowledge of settlers in Britain and read fact files that they have written on the Anglo-Saxons. The pupils explained how this linked with their English text of 'Odd and the Frost Giants' by Neil Gaiman, which explores Norse gods and have written kenning poems in old English style. Finally, Year 5 pupils shared their new PE unit of Fitness, where they are developing their skill of stamina, agility, co-ordination and strength. Well done Year 5!

House Cup winners this week were Higgs. Congratulations



### **Current Affairs Class Assembly**

This week's pupils' current affair discussions have been about the Chinese National Football Team, who have been banned from getting tattoos and advised to remove ones they have, under a new directive from the Chinese Government. Pupils have been looking at two recent examples of well-known people who have tattoos, the international Chinese footballer Zhang Linpeng and New Zealand broadcaster Oriini Kaipara. Oriini has become the first person with a traditional Maori chin tattoo, to present a prime time news programme. Her tattoo, or 'Ta moko' is used to represent the wearers national heritage and social status. It is a rite of passage for Maori woman, marking the transition between girl and adulthood and symbolises the personal process.

Discussions have been around the following question.

Is it ever fair to judge others on their appearance?

Through discussion pupils have understood that we all have a unique appearance and it is important that we understand and respect that not everyone is the same.

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 appropriate 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 are still dark after clubs.

### **Parents' Evening**

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

**Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> February 2022**

**Parents Evening 3.30pm-6pm (Remote)**

**Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2022**

**Parents Evening 3.30pm-6pm (Remote)**

The meetings will be remote and held through our Teams Platform

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

### **School Community Council**

Our first meeting will take place via Teams on Friday 11 February at 11am.

### **Year 3 Cake Sale**

Year 3 pupils and parents created some amazing cakes today, which went down a treat. Thank you for all your contributions towards this event.

### **Football & Netball Next Week**

Football and Netball shall start back again next week.

### **Healthy Snack for Break Time**

We would encourage all children that need to have a snack to bring in a healthy option, preferably fruit. Chocolates, biscuits, crisps are not permitted and certainly nothing containing nuts.

### **Welford Wrigglers Playgroup**

We would like to remind you that children requiring a snack at break time need to bring in a healthy piece or tub of fruit.

### **New Family Information Newsletter**

In this week's Family Information Service newsletter there is information on a council grant for voluntary and community organisations, staying healthy with Fitter Futures Warwickshire and much more!

<https://us5.campaign-archive.com/?u=a24b439ef7022ae0d86f9ca6e&id=e32582d2c8>

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 continue to have a rise in COVID cases reported to school this week and warn and inform letters have been sent out to the relevant classes. We have several members of staff off with COVID or post COVID symptoms. We continue to work 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.

Have a lovely weekend,

Take care and stay safe.

**Mrs Leeman and Staff**