

# WELFORD ON AVON PRIMARY SCHOOL



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**Dear Parents,**

I hope you are all safe and well. It has been another challenging week dealing with staff absences due to COVID. However, everyone has been very supportive and teaching and learning has remained uninterrupted. Thank you for your ongoing support during this very difficult time.

The Government restrictions may have lifted, but we still have rising cases in school and need to continue with our regulations. Our school restrictions and procedures remain firmly in place and will be reviewed at half term.

## **Remote Learning**

- Remote learning remains in place for pupils who need to isolate due to COVID but are fit to learn

## **TEAMS**

Teams is the platform used for delivering remote learning and communicating with parents and pupils during periods of isolation. It should not be used to contact class teachers about other concerns or issues. All other queries should come through the office by email or phone. Our teachers should not be receiving TEAM messages unless connected to home learning.

## **Forest School @Welford**

Another fantastic week in Forest School. Across the school we have looked at the magic carpet challenge, completed the inside out rope challenge blindfolded and built our very own squirrel obstacle courses! We have continued our theme of perseverance, with the children really trying their best to focus on the task in front of them.

**Mr Deeley- Forest School Lead**

## **Online Safety Committee**

On Wednesday, our online safety committee met together for the first time this year. Next Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> February is 'Safer Internet Day' and the theme is

**All fun and games? Exploring respect and relationships online.**

We discussed the meaning of relationships online and why it is important to be respectful. The committee will share this information with each class, who will complete work around this theme next week with their teachers. At our next meeting, we will discuss online safety at school.

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/safer-internet-day-2022>

**Mr Tibbitts**

## **Knowledge and Learning Assembly**

### **Reception Davenport**

Reception have been learning about the traditions associated with Chinese New Year, also known as Lunar New Year or Spring Festival, which is celebrated in many countries around the world. Reception Davenport explained how the date of this festival changes every year in line with the phases of the moon. Families get together to make dumplings in the shape of the phases of the moon and give presents of red envelopes, containing money and sweets to families and friends. Other traditions include cleaning your house before the big event and hanging lanterns over the doors to bring good luck. New Year dances also bring good fortune to all. This New Year, the Year of the Tiger (who is powerful and brave) started on 1<sup>st</sup> February and festivities last for 15 days. Davenport told us that everyone in their class was born either in the Year of the Rooster or the Year of the Monkey. Reception Davenport presented this knowledge filled assembly with confidence and did a wonderful job articulating their learning.

<b>Assemblies Spring 2022</b> <b>All assemblies will be on Teams</b>	
<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 be reviewed 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 place.

House Cup winners this week were Owen Congratulations



### **Current Affairs Class Assembly**

This week children have been discussing the Queen's Platinum Jubilee and a nationwide competition to find the perfect pudding that can be served at her celebration. Buckingham Palace have recently announced a full programme of events that will mark this milestone.

The question under discussion was

What type of events do you think deserves a celebration?

We think that celebrating something important can bring us a sense of joy and it is a great way to unite us all. Therefore, Welford Primary School will be holding a special day of celebration to mark the Platinum Jubilee including dancing from the decades, jubilee plate painting, tree planning and a street/playground party taking place on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May. More details to follow.

You will receive a copy of our 'Picture News at Home' today if you wish to continue this conversation at home.

### **Parents Evening**

You have been sent the details about booking your parents evening, bookings close on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> February. If you need any assistance, please call the School Office.

**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. One item on the agenda will be talking about the consultation procedures to review our relationships and sex

education (RSE) curriculum and policy, so we can be sure our RSE provision is appropriate for our pupils based on their:

Age

Physical and emotional maturity

Religious and cultural backgrounds

Special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND)

We need your help to do this. Please join the meeting if you would like to help.

### **Mental Health Awareness Week**

Children's Mental Health Week is taking place on **7-13 February 2022**. This year's theme is **Growing Together**.

We will be encouraging children (and adults) to consider how they have grown, and how they can help others to grow.

### **Welford Wrigglers Playgroup**

This new club is growing in popularity every week. Our next session will be on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> February from 9.15am -11.15am. Parents can access the school via our new school path on the school playing field. Please share this information with other families who may be interested in coming along. It is a great way for new parents and grandparents to meet up.

### **New Family Information Newsletter**

In this week's Family Information Service newsletter there is information on their recent Ofsted Inspection in which Warwickshire's Children Services have been rated Good. There is also information on careers in social work, for anyone wanting to make a difference to the lives of children and families, emotional support services and much more.

<https://us5.campaign-archive.com/?u=a24b439ef7022ae0d86f9ca6e&id=532e70d6d8>

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 COVID cases reported to school and warn and inform letters have been sent out to the relevant classes. Some children have now had COVID for a second time and within a short period. In addition, 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**