

WELFORD ON AVON PRIMARY SCHOOL



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Dear Parents,

Welcome to our last Newsletter before the half term break. It has been a tricky few weeks with high levels of COVID cases among pupils, families and staff which thankfully currently have declined. If we continue to see this trend and the end to restrictions for schools, we hope to start to see more parents in school for assemblies and other events. Our one-way system, pupils drop off in the morning and mask wearing procedures, will stay in place after half term.

Parents' Evening

Thank you to everyone who attended Parents' Evening this week. I hope you found the conversations about your child useful and informative.

Family Drop in Evening

Tuesday 5th April 3.15pm-5.00pm

We would like to invite families into school on Tuesday 5th April. You can drop in anytime between 3.15pm and 5.00pm, with no need for an appointment. This will be an opportunity for your child to show you their classroom and share their books, for you to see the progress they have made since the beginning of the year. If you wish, you can have a walk around the school and see the new displays and art work that have been created, using our Governor's fund. It is such a long time since we have had parents in school and we are really looking forward to having the opportunity to welcome you, after such a long absence.

Forest School @Welford

A fun but windy week at Forest School this week. Across the school we have continued our focus on perseverance and team building activities. Year 2 went on a mini beast hunt looking at different habitats, whilst Year 3 made miniature dens as part of their Stone Age topic.

Mr Deeley- Forest School Lead

Knowledge and Learning Assembly

Year 1 Wright

Year 1 have been exploring using adjectives in their writing, to help describe settings and characters. They read their stories to show the impact of their chosen adjectives. In Geography they have been studying North and South America, learning about the flags, capital cities and points of interest, such as The White House, where the President lives in

the capital city of Washington DC and the spectacular sight of Christ the Redeemer, in Rio de Janeiro Brazil. We saw their amazing art work inspired by the artist Richard Riley.

Year 4 Wright

Year 4 have been writing stories from different character's points of view and also creating persuasive Roman letters written as a Roman soldier requesting to remain in Britain. They have also been learning how to create beautiful flowers using a compass and they explained the skills they have been developing in their swimming lessons at the Leisure Centre. In Geography, every pupil read a quick excerpt from their personal research project on a country of their choice.

Assemblies Spring 2022	
Thursday 3rd March	Reception Owen
Thursday 10th March	Year 2 and Year 5 Wright
Thursday 17th March	Year 1 and Year 4 Higgs
Thursday 24th March	Nursery Assembly
Thursday 31st March	Reception Easter Assembly
Thursday 7th April	KS1 and KS2 Easter Assembly Times to be confirmed

Great News!

We would like to invite parents back into assemblies next half term.

- Assemblies will start at 9.10am
- Please drop your child off at the start of the day following the usual procedures
- Walk to Gate 1 and enter through the school field gate using the new path to the green gates at the back of the field.
- A member of staff will open the gates and you should make your way to the side door of the hall.
- Please take a seat immediately and wait for pupils to arrive.
- Once the assembly is finished you should leave the hall through the side door, turn right and exit the school through the green playing field gates. We ask that you wear a mask while you are in the school building during the readjustment to the new

rules. House Cup winners this week were Wright Congratulations



World Book Day

World Book Day is on Thursday 4th March. It is 25 years since the first World Book Day and to celebrate, we are asking pupils (and staff) to dress up as their favourite book character. During the school day they will be completing lots of fun activities in class linked to the joy of books. Dressing up day does not need to be expensive and there are lots of great dress up ideas on the internet. Here is a link to some simple ideas

<https://www.worldbookday.com/dressing-up-ideas/>

World Book Day is a fun day to celebrate the joy that reading can bring to our lives. At school we teach the mechanics of reading (decoding) and how to gather and explain information when reading a text (inference and induction). In addition, we have class novels and stories that we share with the children to promote the love of reading.

Reading to your children is a very important and an often forgotten part of the process of learning to read. When the words are read aloud, books become alive and your child's imagination will be ignited. They are able to build vocabulary and knowledge and discuss stories, as it is a shared experience.

Safeguarding-

Please make sure that your children do not run ahead of you on your walk to and from the school, but stay close by your side at all times.

Current Affairs Class Assembly

Story- Indonesia is planning to move its capital from Jakarta to the island of Borneo in the hope the burden of congestion, regular flooding and sinking can be reduced.

The question under discussion was:

Considering how society has changed over the years what do you think a city of the future needs?

As about a quarter of the world's population live in cities, it was discussed how important it was that cities are places where we can all thrive.

Pupils also connected the assembly to the British value 'Individual Liberty', as there are many different factors people consider when choosing where to live. You will receive a copy of our 'Picture News at Home' today, if you wish to continue this conversation at home.

School Community Council

Last week's meeting was very successful, with discussions around the role of Governors, building projects for schools and how to raise additional funds. We discussed the consultation procedures for our 'Relationships and Sex Education' programme of study, as well as equality and diversity. We have put together an agenda for the next meeting on Friday April 1st at 10.00am, which will be shared with all parents ahead of this.

Welford Wrigglers Playgroup

Our next session will be on Wednesday 3rd March from 9.15am -11.15am.

Online Safety

We should all continue to talk to children about how to stay safe online. There are many issues that young people face when using the internet. They need to know about how to handle pop ups and challenges. The link we have used is provided below and it would be very helpful if you could share this with your child and talk through it. As parents you should continue to have open and positive conversations with your child, about the online world, so that they feel safe and confident to talk to you. You should also be very vigilant about what they are accessing and ensuring that it is age appropriate.

When speaking to your child you may wish to include information about:

- Being aware of age restrictions and why they are in place
- Using privacy settings
- Blocking and reporting users or posts that are worrying or upsetting to the website/app involved
- If you are worried or upset by something you see or experience online, then talk to a trusted adult.

We strongly encourage parents to discuss online safety at home and talk to your child about what you do at home.

Useful advice is available on the following sites

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/>

<https://www.childnet.com/>

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/>

<https://parentzone.org.uk/home>

<https://www.internetmatters.org/>

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>

Wellbeing @ Welford

New Family Information Newsletter

In this week's 'Family Information Service' newsletter, find out about an immersive theatre experience for children, a handy '50 Things to Do' app for the family, a safer streets project and much more.

<https://us5.campaign-archive.com/?u=a24b439ef7022ae0d86f9ca6e&id=69ef2e2e55>

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>

Have a great half term and see everyone back in school on Monday 28th February @ 8.55am.

Take care and stay safe.

Mrs Leeman and Staff