

WELFORD ON AVON PRIMARY SCHOOL



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Dear Parents,

I hope you had a lovely half term and a good rest. We have a busy few weeks ahead and we are looking forward to seeing parents at our 'Knowledge and Learning' assemblies and sharing our learning face to face after a very long break. We have several opportunities for parents to come into school, so please keep reading the newsletter for more information.

Face Masks

From Monday 7th March, there will no longer be a requirement to wear a mask when coming on the school site. We will continue to operate our existing drop off and pick up procedures including our one-way system.

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 so you can 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 the art work that has been created, using our governors' 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 into school after such a long absence.

Year 2 Cake Sale

Thanks to everyone who contributed cakes for the sale today, these events are always very popular, the amount raised is still to be confirmed.

Forest School @Welford

Unfortunately, we have been unable to run Forest School this week as Mr Deeley has injured his foot and is on crutches, we wish him a speedy recovery. Please continue to send your child in with their Forest School clothes next week.

Knowledge and Learning Assembly

Reception Owen

Reception Owen children were amazing this week, delivering their assembly confidently to a full school hall. They showed no nerves at all, teaching us how to sign the days of the week using British

Sign Language, as well as sharing their world Book Day costumes and the books that had inspired them. Well done to Reception Owen and thank you to all the parents who attended.

Assemblies Spring 2022 All assemblies will be in school in the New Hall	
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

Parents are invited back into assemblies.

- 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.
- There is no requirement to wear a mask but please do not attend if you are feeling unwell

World Book Day

World Book Day was a roaring success. Everyone went to such an effort with their costumes and looked great, a wonderful way to promote a love of reading. Photographs from the day have been uploaded on the class Teams pages.

Reading to your children is a very important and 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

This week's story:

Australia has lost about 30% of its koala population over the past three years, according to The Australian.

The question under discussion was:

Whose responsibility is it to help endangered animals?

Koala Foundation, with the worst figures seen in New South Wales, where numbers have dropped by 41%.

Pupils were reminded about the British Value 'Democracy' as we all have a voice and a right to express our opinions. Some people choose to use their voices to help protect animals facing extinction.

Please read 'Picture News at Home' if you wish to continue the discussion.

Did you know?

The name "koala" is derived from the Dharug (Aboriginal Australian people) word "gula" or "gulamany" meaning "no drink". It is believed that this is because koalas get almost all of their moisture from the leaves they eat and rarely drink.

Ukraine Crisis

With the escalating events in the Ukraine forming a big part of our media this week, it has necessary to discuss the news in an age appropriate way with our pupils. We have talked about Ukraine, where it is and a little about its past history with Russia. We have talked about how the Ukrainian people may be feeling as the attacks have intensified this week. We have found out about the bordering countries, including Moldova, Slovakia, Hungary and Poland, who are ready to welcome the arrival of refugees. We have also discussed how the UK and the wider world are helping through sanctions and the support of charities such as UNICEF and Sunflower of Peace.

Hopefully these conversations will have helped alleviate worries and concerns by giving our pupils factual information, as well as the chance to think about how they can help. A letter was sent out yesterday about a collection organised by St Peter's Church, which you may wish to get involved with. The school would also like to raise funds for a charity that can help directly. More details will be sent next week about what the school plans to do.

To help with any discussions at home please follow the link below:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround>

School Community Council

The agenda will be shared with all parents ahead of our next meeting on Friday 1st April @ 10.00am.

Welford Wrigglers Playgroup

Another great session on Wednesday. Please continue to share our group on your social media to spread the word. Our next session will be on Wednesday 10th 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 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 link with your child and talk them 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 National Offer Day, community supermarkets, Act for Autism workshops and much more!

<https://us5.campaign-archive.com/?u=a24b439ef7022ae0d86f9ca6e&id=ed73e5a7a3>

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 weekend

Mrs Leeman and Staff