

WELFORD ON AVON PRIMARY SCHOOL



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Dear Parents,

Welcome to another edition of our school Newsletter. It includes a lot of information which will keep you up to date about school life and events, so it is well worth a read.

While we continue to relax COVID restrictions, please be aware that COVID cases are still being reported to the school. It is very important that you all follow our procedures, which are outlined below.

Face Masks

There is no longer a requirement to wear a mask when coming on the school site. We will continue to operate our drop off and pick up procedures, including our one-way system.

COVID Testing and Isolation Rules

You are no longer required to test your child regularly to check for COVID. However, if your child develops symptoms of COVID, then you should complete either a LFT or a PCR (which are still available until the end of the month). If your child has COVID, they should isolate for up to five days, if they test negative on day 5 and 6 then they can return to the school settings.

If your child is a close household contact of a COVID case, they should test regularly for seven days. We ask that you continue to let the school know if someone in your household has COVID.

Please contact the School Office if you have any COVID queries please contact the School Office.

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, 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 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.

Forest School @Welford

While Mr Deeley recovers from his foot injury, he has been teaching some useful forest skills but within the safety of the classroom. He requires another week to make a full recovery so unfortunately, we will have no Forest School again next week.

Lunchtime Clubs

Year 5 have launched their lunchtime clubs (drawing, origami, loomband, finger knitting and sewing) with great success this week. The children have planned, resourced and delivered their sessions with enthusiasm, and have imparted their knowledge clearly. Their pupils have shown perseverance, tolerance and respect to their leaders and have all accomplished the outcomes planned for this week.

This is an amazing opportunity for year 5 to develop their leadership, organisational and communication skills, the ability to be resilient and reflect on each session and learn how to support others. They now have a better understanding of the process involved to run a club and how to make it successful. The pupils who participate in the club have enjoyed the variety on offer and the news skills they have learnt from their peers.

A quote from one of our leaders, "I can't wait to run my club again next week. It was so much fun!" I feel we have future teachers in the making within year 5. Well done everyone!

Miss Jabczynski

International Woman's Day

On Tuesday 8th March, Year 5 and 6 were lucky enough to have a live parliament session in celebration of International Women's day. The talk explained the role of the suffragettes, who were part of the 'Votes for Women' campaign that had long fought for the right of women to vote in the UK. We then explored different ways to have voices of all ages heard, such as petitions and understood the steps we can all take to voice our opinions. We are looking forward to our next session with UK Parliament.

<https://www.parliament.uk/>

Knowledge and Learning Assembly

Y5 Wright House

Year 5 pupils delighted us with their poetry writing, based on the poem 'Give and Take' by Roger McGough. They worked in pairs to create their own poems based on the damage we are doing to our Earth. These were powerful messages and ones which we can all learn from. The pupils also shared Japanese Tanka poems that they had written, explaining the structure based around the syllables for each line of 5,7,5,7,7. Despite the poems appearing straightforward, the pupils explained that the rigid structure actually made them hard to

write and took perseverance. In 'Enquiry', Year 5 have been studying the water cycle and expanding their knowledge of the different bodies of water on our planet. They shared definitions of these, such as reservoirs and oceans and explained the different stages of the water cycle and the reasons why water is so important on Earth. Finally, the pupils shared their latest focus in music where they are exploring the genre of pop/hip hop through the song 'Fresh Prince of Bel-Air' by Will Smith. We were even treated to a rendition of the first verse, which many of us were keen to join in with. Well done Year 5!

Y2 Wright House

Year 2 Wright pupils shared a wealth of learning that they have done so far this half term. First, we heard about their knowledge in Maths, where they are focusing on fractions and finding fractions of numbers. The pupils explained their understanding of what $\frac{1}{2}$ and $\frac{1}{4}$ means and then demonstrated this knowledge when finding $\frac{1}{2}$ and $\frac{1}{4}$ of 8, ensuring equal parts. In 'Enquiry', Year 2 have begun their history focus on significant events in the past, with a study of The Great Fire of London. The pupils demonstrated the knowledge they have already gained, looking at where the event took place and comparing London then and now. Similarities and differences were given in areas such as transport and landmarks. The chronology of the events of The Great Fire of London were explored through the creation of books, which the pupils shared with enthusiasm. Finally, Year 2 pupils presented their learning in DT, through their focus on mechanisms, where they will create moving monsters. We heard about their understanding of levers and pivots and pupils shared their designs for their own moving monsters. They are looking forward to developing their skills in measuring lengths of card and using split pins before making their monsters. We can't wait to see the finished products.

Super learning Year 2!

Congratulations to Higgs House who won the House Cup this week



Assemblies Spring 2022 All assemblies will be in school in the New Hall	
Thursday 17th March	Year 1 and Year 4 Higgs @ 9.10am
Thursday 24th March	Nursery Assembly @ 9.10am
Thursday 31st March	Reception Easter Assembly @ 9.10am
Tuesday 5th April	Key Stage 1 Easter Assembly @ 9.10am
Thursday 7th April	KS2 Easter Assembly @ 9.10am

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

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:

Since the Taliban seized power in Kabul, there have been big changes to the lives of those living in Afghanistan and the BBC has reported that more Afghan children are having to work to help support themselves and their families, instead of going to school. The Taliban also declared that girls would no longer attend secondary school.

The question under discussion was:

How might your life be different if you weren't able to go to school?

Pupils reflected that having access to school and education is something that many are lucky to have, as it allows us to grow into informed citizens who want to make the world a better place.

Pupils were reminded about the British value 'Rule of Law' and that in the UK, laws are in place to ensure education is inclusive and available to everyone.

The United Nations also state that every child has a right to an education.

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

Ukraine Crisis

You will have received some information from the school this week about ways which to help the people of Ukraine. With the media fully focused on the crisis, your children may naturally have worries and questions. Please find below some resources which may help if you child has questions which you may feel hard to answer.

<https://theweekjunior.co.uk/ukraine>

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

Comic Relief Day /Friday 18th March

Comic Relief takes place on **Friday 18th March**. School council have been busy planning Comic Relief Fundraising activities for this year's theme 'Funny is Power'. Across the school the children can come to school (in normal uniform) but with a funny hat or funny hairstyle. The children in each year group have then planned their own activities

Nursery	A range of activities based on the Love Monster story- see Nursery newsletter for further details.
Reception	Bring an old t-shirt to school - the children will be decorating these during an art activity. They will also be completing fun red nose and Love Monster themed activities.
Year 1	Come to school wearing Pyjamas (ensure that you are warm enough). They will also be taking part in a red nose run.
Year 2	Will be taking part in a nose and spoon race and a red nose scavenger hunt.
Year 3	Will be making their own red pom poms and then participating in a range of 'red nose' themed activities.
Year 4	Will be hosting a knock out laughing competition as well as decorating their classroom ahead of a sing a long.
Year 5	Come dressed in school PE kit. Children will be participating in a danceathon and sportathon during the course of the day.
Year 6	

All donations should be made via Parent Pay via the following link – [please click here](#)

Peace and Reflection Day – Friday 25th March

On Friday 25th March the school will be holding a Peace and Reflection Day. This is an opportunity to come together as a school community and devote our day to strengthening the ideals of peace. We will be inspired through art, drama and acts of kindness and reflection to think creatively and collectively about how the world can be a better peaceful place. Pupils are asked to wear colourful clothes, or if they wish they can wear yellow and blue, which are the colours of the Ukraine flag.

The day will focus around Ukraine and we will be asking for a suggested donations of £2.00 to provide urgently needed support. [Please click here to donate](#)

School Community Council

The agenda for the next meeting, which is scheduled for Friday 1st April at 10.00, will be shared with all parents ahead of it.

Welford Wrigglers Playgroup

Another great session on Wednesday, please continue to share our group on your social media so as to spread the word. Our next session will be on Wednesday 16th March from 9.15am -11.15am.

Wellbeing @ Welford

New Family Information Newsletter

In this week's Family Information Service newsletter there is some helpful information for residents concerned about the situation in Ukraine as well as other useful information for you and your family

<https://us5.campaign-archive.com/?u=a24b439ef7022ae0d86f9ca6e&id=aeb5ced062>

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>

And finally

As part of our PE dance curriculum, an Irish Dancing teacher will be delivering an Irish dancing session for every class (except Reception who are on a school trip) next Tuesday 15th March. Children should come in their red/black PE uniforms as usual. I am sure it will be a lot of fun and is perfect timing for St Patrick's Day on the 17th March.

Have a great weekend

Mrs Leeman and Staff