

WELFORD ON AVON PRIMARY SCHOOL



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Dear Parents,

I hope you are all well. We have come to the end of another very busy term and I am glad to say that school did on the whole, resemble a 'normal' school environment. You should be very proud of your children, they have worked incredibly hard this term and have earned a well deserved rest.

Open Evening

It was such a pleasure to see so many of you in school on Tuesday evening. I hope you enjoyed looking at your children's work and having a walk around the school. It was a very successful evening and one we hope to run again in the future.

Mrs Dyson and Star Club

Mrs Dyson will be finishing her role as Star Club Manager today. We are very sad to lose such a dedicated member of staff and wish her well in all her future ventures.

We are very pleased to announce that after a successful recruitment process, we have employed Miss Joely Wilkins to take up the position of Star Club Manager from the start of the summer term. Miss Wilkins has worked at Welford for several years as a teaching assistant, as well as an assistant at Star Club several days a week, so she is very familiar with our school, pupils and our wrap around provision.

Ms Chalk

Ms Sarah Chalk will be leaving Welford School today, to take up a new teaching assistant post at another school in Stratford. Ms Chalk has been with us since 2018 and has assisted many classes across the school over the years, as well as being a great support delivering education remotely, during the pandemic. We are really going to miss her. We wish her well in her new post.

Easter Egg Competition

The winner of the Easter Egg competition are;

- **Nursery – Sophie**
- **Reception – Dawson**
- **Year 1 – Emily**
- **Year 2 - Melody**
- **Year 3 - Otis**
- **Year 4 - Ben**
- **Year 5 – Imogen**
- **Year 6 - Jacob**

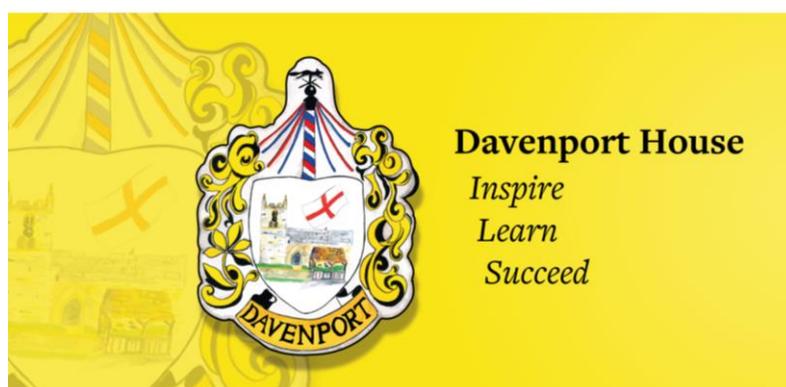
Forest School @Welford

To finish off this terms Forest School sessions, each class discussed fire safety and the science behind how popcorn forms. In addition, all children were given the opportunity to toast marshmallows and ate some of the freshly popped popcorn.

Mr Deeley

House Cup winners

Congratulations to Davenport House who won the House Cup this week



Easter Knowledge and Learning Assemblies

KS1 Easter Assembly

On Tuesday it was great to see our school hall full as Year 1 and 2 shared their Easter and Spring celebrations with their parents in their Easter Assembly. We heard all about what Easter and Spring means to Year 1 pupils, such as watching flowers bloom and hunting for eggs. They shared wonderful paintings of Spring flowers and made us all feel happy singing 'Spring In My Toes' where Mrs Cox led with enthusiastic actions! Year 1 and Year 2 retold the Easter story with great detail and we enjoyed all the pupils sing 'Celebrate' beautifully. Finally, Year 2 led an Easter prayer of reflection. Well done Year 1 and Year 2!

KS2 Easter Assembly

Thursday saw another packed hall of parents and pupils as Key Stage 2 share their Easter and Spring celebrations. They began with 'Risen' which was sung beautifully by all. Year 6 shared a poem about the Easter story with clear presentation and funky Easter bunny and stunning sunflower pictures they created. Year 5 performed a poem entitled 'Easter Cross' and had us all tapping along to the song 'Wonderful Thing' with their co-ordinated actions. We heard all about the symbols of Easter from Year 4, such as hot cross buns, palm leaves and chocolate eggs and Year 3 explained the Easter traditions in France followed by a fantastic song in French all about the Easter bells. As is tradition in our Easter assembly, the pupils finished with all our favourite song, 'Easter Jubilation' which had us all dancing in the aisles. Well done KS

We were quite overwhelmed with the turnout for our Easter Assemblies. All our pupils did a wonderful job sharing the Christian story of Easter, explaining all its symbols and traditions from around the world. To top it all, we had some fantastic singing. Thank you to everyone for your support, it is so good to have you back.

Our summer term assemblies will take on a slightly different approach. Each class will be hosting a coffee morning complete with entertainment from the pupils, consisting of songs, dance and music, as well as sharing learning. Parents and families can watch while enjoying a cuppa and a slice of cake.

Please make a note of the date and make sure you are free.

Assemblies – Coffee Mornings	
Thursday 19 th May 2022	Year 5
Thursday 26 th May 2022	Year 6
Thursday 9 th June 2022	Year 4
Thursday 16 th June 2022	Year 2
Tuesday 28 th June 2022	Reception
Thursday 30 th June 2022	Year 1
Tuesday 5 th July 2022	Nursery
Thursday 7 th July 2022	Year 3

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

Current Affairs Class Assembly

This week's story:

A £16 billion proposal to build a solar power station in space is being explored by the Government. Children found out about the format of the solar farm and that it would be assembled by robots in orbit!

The question under discussion was:

Do all inventions have a positive impact on the world?

Virtual Assembly: Found here: www.picture-news.co.uk/discuss

Pupils were reminded about the British value 'Individual Liberty' and that some people choose to build, create and invent things that can make our world better.

Please read 'Picture News at Home' if you wish to continue the discussion. For more information on Picture News follow the links below

Facebook: www.facebook.com/picturenewsprimary

Twitter: <https://twitter.com/HelpPicture>

The links below are great resources for your child to access at home, to develop their knowledge of current affairs. Using current affairs helps develop your child's confidence, motivation and self-esteem.

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

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

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

School Community Council

Apologies that we had to postpone our meeting last week but a new date will be arranged after the Easter holidays.

Relationship and Sex Education Summer Term

We will be running a focus group to discuss the Relationships and Sex Education curriculum that we plan to teach during the second half of the summer term. We have made small adaptations to the curriculum since last summer and want to consult with parents about these changes. There will be an opportunity to receive more information about the programme and resources we use and have a chance to ask any questions.

The meeting will take place on:

Tuesday 11th May @ 2.00pm

A copy of our Relationships and Sex Education policy will be sent out to parents at the start of the Summer term and a copy will be placed on the website. This will include an overview of the lessons that will be delivered to each year group. A separate letter has been sent out with additional information, if you would like to sign up for this meeting.

Welford Wrigglers Playgroup

Welford Wrigglers had their last get together on Wednesday before we break for the holidays. The group will resume on Wednesday 27th April at 9.15am.

Wellbeing @ Welford

Family Information Newsletter

In this week's Family Information Service newsletter find out about support with childcare costs, Warwickshire's youth conference, Break Away Camps, Homes for Ukraine webinar and much more!

<https://us5.campaign-archive.com/?u=a24b439ef7022ae0d86f9ca6e&id=f802816611>

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>

COVID Update: April 2022

Public Health Headlines for Schools and Early Year settings

Symptomatic and asymptomatic testing (PCR and LFT) will cease for the majority of the population, with the exception of a number of settings.

- People with respiratory symptoms (including COVID-19 symptoms) should stay at home, avoid contact with others and return to normal activities when well enough and don't have a temperature.
- For schools and early years settings this means that children who are unwell and have a high temperature should stay at home and avoid contact with other people. They can go back to school, college or childcare when they no longer have a high temperature, and they are well enough to attend.
- For adults testing positive for COVID-19 (some people will still have LFT kits available), they should stay at home **for 5 days** (remembering day 0 is day of onset of symptoms/day of test if no symptoms) and avoid contact with others. They should then return to normal activities only if well enough and don't have a temperature.

- For children testing positive for COVID-19 (under 18 years old), **they should stay at home for 3 days** and avoid contact with others. They should then return to school and normal activities only if well enough and don't have a temperature.

The mainstay of COVID-19 advice for the general public will remain as:

- wear a mask/face covering in enclosed spaces
- keep indoor spaces ventilated
- stay away from others if you have any symptoms of a respiratory illness, including COVID
- vaccination remains the best way to protect us all from severe disease and hospitalisation due to COVID infection

If we have high numbers of staff/children unwell with respiratory symptoms but we are not clear if it is or isn't COVID-19, we will keep parents informed as we would usually have done during the pandemic.

Remote learning is available for children who are off school due to COVID but are fit to learn.

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.

Please contact the school office if you have any COVID queries

And finally

What a super term we have had. It has been action packed with lots of activities going on in school, as well as a lot of high-quality learning.

Highlights this term have included:

- Knowledge and Learning assemblies (back in the hall)
- Red Nose Day
- Peace and Reflection Day
- Reception trip to the Think Tank
- Year 1 and Year 2 school trip to 'All Things Wild'
- Year 3 trip to Ryton Pools Country Park
- Year 4 visited the British Motor Museum in Gaydon
- Mental Health Awareness Week
- Shakespeare week
- World Book Day Celebrations
- Class Cake sales
- Reception Lunar New Year celebrations
- New Wall Art in the hall
- British Values and World Religion Display Boards
- Picture News Stories
- Drama Clubs
- Football Clubs
- Art Clubs

- Netball Club
- Homework Club
- Maths Challenge Club
- Year 5 leading Lunchtime Clubs
- Star of the Week, Values and Rewards Assemblies
- Music Lessons in school

Can't wait for the summer term!

We reopen on Monday 25th April at 8.55pm.

Have a great holiday

Mrs Leeman and Staff

Dates for the Diary

Wednesday 27th April 2022

Class Photos

Friday 6 th May 2022	Reception Cake Sale
Monday 9 th May 2022	Year 6 SATS Week
Friday 13 th May 2022	Non-Uniform Day Donations of tombola prizes for Maypole Evening
Monday 16 th May – Friday 20 th May 2022	Year 6 Residential
Tuesday 24 th May 2022	Maypole Evening 6pm
Wednesday 25 th May 2022	Maypole Reserve Evening
Friday 27 th May 2022	Platinum Street Party
Wednesday 8 th June- Friday 10 th June 2022	Year 5 Residential
Friday 17 th June 2022	Sports Hero's Dress Up Day
Friday 24 th June 2022	Sports Day & Summer Fair
Saturday 9 th July 2022	WOA Fest
Wednesday 13 th July 2022	Year 6 Play
Wednesday 20 th July 2022	Leaver Assembly 6.30pm
Thursday 21 st July 2022	Term Ends @ 1.30pm