

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.

School Clubs

School clubs have begun for the Summer term. Please note that all clubs now finish at 4.30pm.

Parking

Please be considerate of the residents of Headland Road and Headland Rise when parking, consider whether you are blocking access or making it difficult for drivers to see pupils and parents crossing the road. You should not park on the corner of the roads.

Table Top Sale

Don't forget the TABLE TOP SALE - Sunday 8th May, 10am to 1pm

Please don't forget the table top sale this Sunday, in addition to sellers stalls there will be BBQ butties for sale, hot drinks and a cake stall. Please come and support this FOWS event, all funds raised will go towards playground equipment. There's still time to book a table: <http://www.pta-events.co.uk/fows>

Non-Uniform Day, Friday 13th May

Please bring in any bottle (wine, oil, bath products) to class for a tombola, that takes place during the Maypole Evening on 24th May.

Reception Cake Sale

Thank you to all the Reception parents for the delicious cakes sent in for today's cake sale!

Mental Health Awareness Week 2022

Mental Health Awareness Week takes place this year, from 9th May to 15th May and schools across the UK will be marking the week with pupils.

The theme for 2022 is loneliness - the experience of feeling lonely, its effect on our mental health and how we can play a part in reducing loneliness in our communities. Primary schools can explore this theme in a number of ways – getting pupils thinking about their

friendships and support systems, about the importance of treating others with kindness, and what they can do if they ever feel lonely. Please see the attached poster.

Please see the below link reference to Mental Health Awareness Week.

<https://www.nhs.uk/mental-health/self-help/guides-tools-and-activities/five-steps-to-mental-wellbeing/>

Music Assembly

It was wonderful to hear our school hall full of music yesterday, as our young musicians who are learning to play instruments in school with Tori, performed for the first time.

We apologise for the late notice of the assembly and have set another date of Thursday 23rd June at 9am, for the musicians and choir to perform.

Forest School @Welford

We have had a lovely sunny week outside. Across the school we have been doing mud animals and insects and a mini beast hunt!

Once again, we have had incidents of damage to the Forest School area with canes being removed and saplings damaged outside of school time. Please could we remind all parents and children that they should not be in the Forest School area and that children need to be supervised when on the field. The field is owned and maintained by the school, we would not want to have to restrict access.

Climate Committee

The Climate Committee are well on the way to completing our eco-schools green flag application. You will find a copy of our action plan on the Climate Council page on the school website. Our May challenge includes devising a class eco code or slogan, which we will then hold a whole school vote to represent our ecological ethos. Children will also be trying to develop some fund-raising ideas to get funds for re-cycling and compost bins for each class (approximately £120). If you have any bright ideas or have a contact who could supply the bins at cost, we would of course love to hear from you.

Ms. Cox

Maypole Dancing

It is that time of year again and the ribbons are back out! The children have begun rehearsing for their Maypole dances in preparation for Maypole Evening on Tuesday 24th May (reserve Wednesday 25th May).

Assemblies

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

House Cup winners

Congratulations to Davenport House who won the House Cup this week



Relationship and Sex Education Summer Term

A reminder that 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 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.

Wellbeing @ Welford

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

Enjoy the Bank Holiday weekend,

Mrs Wretham and staff

Dates for the Diary

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