

WELFORD ON AVON PRIMARY SCHOOL



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Dear Parents,

While we all like lovely weather, the heat has been a little extreme at times this week. With temperatures next Monday and Tuesday forecast to soar to the high 30s, we have put in steps so that the children remain safe and cool in school. The Met Office has extended an amber extreme heat warning for Sunday 17 July, Monday 18 July and Tuesday 19 July, as temperatures build this weekend and early next week. We have sent information to all parents about how to look after your children during a heatwave. Please have a read through as it may help manage the extreme temperatures at home over the next week.

A few parents have asked about school closure next week but steps have been put in place so school will remain open. We will be following clear Government guidance on looking after our pupils during the heatwave, including

- the use of ventilation (donations of extra fans would be greatly appreciated)
- use of air-conditioned rooms and halls during the school day, when classrooms get too hot
- keeping children hydrated (water bottles are an essential next week)
- avoiding vigorous physical activity (no outdoor PE and air-conditioned spaces will be used for playtimes)
- encouraging children to wear loose, light coloured clothing and sunhats with wide brims (PE kits, trainers and hats)
- to use sunscreen (apply sunscreen before coming to school)
- providing them with plenty of water (pupils will have access to water throughout the school day)

Daily Mile Track

We are delighted that our Daily Mile Track has been completed on our playground. The track runs around the perimeter of the school playground and pupils need to walk or run, as well as a little hopping and skipping, five times to complete one mile. A huge thankyou to FOWS for providing the funding for this project, which can be enjoyed by all pupils throughout the school, the whole year round.

YOUR CHILD'S ANNUAL SCHOOL REPORT HAS BEEN SENT OUT TODAY. PLEASE COMPLETE THE COMMENTS SLIP AND RETURN TO SCHOOL BY THURSDAY 21ST JULY.

Transition Meetings

Thank you to everyone who has attended a transition meeting this week. We hope you found this meeting informative regarding progress and attainment this year, as well as meeting your child's new class teacher. The Year 6 transition meeting will take place on Friday 15th July.

Forest School @Welford

For our final week of Forest School all children have been given the opportunity to toast a marshmallow and pop some popcorn. We have talked about fire safety, the fire triangle and the science behind how popcorn pops.

It has been a wonderful first year of Forest School seeing all the children thrive out in the natural environment, develop their team working skills and see their creative side.

SCHOOL ECO WARRIORS

We made a difference on today!

Thank you to everyone who walked to school today or parked away from Headland Road. The School Eco Warriors are very grateful.

We did significantly limit cars and traffic on Headland Road for drop off and collection, making a significant impact on our carbon footprint and clean air levels for the day.

Recycled Book Stall

The eco council re-cycled book stall took place after school today. We manage to give a large selection of books a new life, as well as raising funds for our school compost bins.

Current Affairs Class Assembly

This week's story: An island of wet wipes has 'changed the course of the Thames' river in London. The large island has prompted campaigners to fight for them to be banned.

The question under discussion was: Should wet wipes be banned?

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

Pupils were reminded about the British Value 'Rule of Law' and that sometimes items can be banned if it is the right thing to do for the greater good. It is important to remember that rules and laws are there to protect us.

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/>

Pupils also discussed a special story this week around the resignation of our Prime Minister and the question was

‘Are there times when giving up is the right thing to do?’

Welford Wrigglers Playgroup

Their final meeting of the term will be on Wednesday 20th July from 9.15am to 11.15am

After School Clubs for September

The after-school club list for September was sent out last week. We have a broad range of clubs for pupils to choose from. New for 2022 will be our long-awaited girls’ football club and a brand-new Fencing Club and a wonderful opportunity to join our Young Voices choir. If you want your child to join a club, please send an Email to: welfordwraparound@welearn365.com

Young Voices Choir After School Club

Next term our choir will be focusing on rehearsing for the ‘Young Voices Concert’.

‘An unforgettable journey for your child.’

Children taking part in YV have the opportunity to perform alongside other choirs from around the area, to a full capacity audience at The Resorts World Arena Birmingham. The children will rehearse songs every week at our after-school club and can practise at home as well. The songs are amazing and your child will have a lot of fun preparing. Online resources are available so that children can practise at home, to support the rehearsals they are doing in school. Songs are selected from a wide range of music styles to give the children the widest learning experience possible.

They will travel to Birmingham in January (date to be confirmed) and spend the day in full rehearsal with the other schools taking part. Then in the evening, a performance will take place which all parents, family and friends can attend. It is an amazing event and highly recommended.

The concert is the culmination of a lot of hard work from the choir teachers and children and most importantly a really fun day.

Children will need to sign up for the after-school club if they wish to take part in the final concert in Birmingham. The event will be open for children from Year 3 to Year 6 but numbers are limited so book your place soon to avoid disappointment.

Move up Day Thursday 14th July

I hope your child enjoyed moving to their new class yesterday and meeting their new teaching team for September.

Wellbeing @ Welford

Family Information Newsletter

In this week's Family Information Service newsletter find out about how to save money on school uniform, a new grand piano at Nuneaton library, a money advice market event to help with the cost of living crisis and much more!

<https://us5.campaign-archive.com/?u=a24b439ef7022ae0d86f9ca6e&id=948ccdc2d>

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://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/children-families>

<https://api.warwickshire.gov.uk/documents/WCCC-829341009-253>

Link for parents to book onto workshops and programmes:

Finally

Open Evening (Cancelled due to extreme weather conditions)

Monday 18th July 3.30pm-5.30pm

Due to the extreme heat forecast for Monday, unfortunately we will need to cancel our open evening on Monday. Books will be sent home on Tuesday so you can have this sharing experience at home instead and celebrate the amazing learning your child has completed. Books do not need to be returned to school.

Have a lovely weekend and stay safe in the heatwave.

Mrs Leeman and Staff

Dates for the Diary

Saturday 9 th July 2022	WOA!FEST
Tuesday 12 th July 2022 (NOTE CHANGE OF DATE)	Year 6 Play – 6.30pm
Monday 18 th July 2022	Open Evening
Tuesday 19 th July 2022	Welford's Got Talent
Wednesday 20 th July 2022	Leavers' Assembly 6.30pm
Thursday 21 st July 2022	Term Ends @ 1.30pm Ice Cream Van shall be visiting at the end of the day.