

WELFORD ON AVON PRIMARY SCHOOL



Newsletter No. 04 – 29th September 2023

Dear Parents,

Another week has flown by!

A reminder that our school day now finishes at 3.25pm with gates opening at 3.20pm.

The school gates open at 8.45am ready for an 8.55am start.

Welford Bridge Roadworks from Monday 2nd October

Welford Bridge roadworks start on Monday 2nd October and you should presume the bridge will be closed to traffic. Parents will need to plan an alternative route to school and allow additional travel time, to arrive at school for the beginning and end of the school day. Make sure that whoever is collecting your child, is make aware of this disruption.

Parking

Our staff car park is operational again and should ease traffic congestion at the start and the end of the day. Please be considerate and respectful to others when parking.

Drop Off Zone

A new drop off zone will be put in place from Monday to allow parents to 'drop and go'. This zone will be between the two main school gates.

Children's Orchestra Alcester

Our Music teacher Tori Rushton, has set up a Children's Orchestra at the Greig Hall in Alcester from 3.45pm to 4.45pm on Wednesdays (no problem if you're late due to traffic).

The Orchestra will play different kinds of music, pop, classical, film and more. They have all sorts of instruments in the Orchestra and all sorts of levels. The age range is 7 – 12 years old.

If your child is interested, Tori is in school on Tuesday and Wednesday or you can Email : alcesterchildrensorchestra@gmail.com

Uniform

Uniform plays a valuable role in contributing to the ethos of the school and setting an appropriate tone for learning. We encourage all pupils to wear the full school uniform and follow rules regarding jewellery and hair and school shoes. We do ask that pupils wear our school colours but are not required to have our school logo. Your child should wear PE uniform to school on the designated PE days (school colours please and no sport logos) and bring their games kit and forest school kits according to the class timetables. Pupils should wear the correct school and PE uniform on the right days and remain smart, safe and comfortable.

School Playing Field

The school playing field remains open after school but we ask politely, that you supervise your children when they are in the park and respect our school grounds. As a reminder to all, the playing field is school (WCC LA) property and the school maintains its upkeep. While school clubs are running, we ask that your children only play in the play equipment area - cones will be in place.

After School Procedures

Your child will be asked during registration, where they are going at the end of the school day. It is important that your child knows this information so that staff can ensure they can be dismissed to the correct place or be collected. If your child is registered to attend a club and is not attending a session, please let the office know.

Walking Home

Please remember KS2 children will only be permitted to walk home or walk to your car if you provide a letter. We ask parents to carefully risk assess the walk and make sure that there is always someone at home to meet them. We strongly discourage your child walking alone when the evenings become darker.

Parents' Evening

We will be holding parents' evening in October this year to discuss how your child has settled in. Parents evening will take part on

Monday 23rd October 2023	Parents Evening 3.30pm-6pm (Remote)
Tuesday 24th October 2023	Parents Evening 3.30pm-6pm (Remote)

You can book using our online system from 9th October. These meetings will be remote and held through our Teams Platform. **We strongly encourage all parents to attend.**

Harvest Collection

As part of our Harvest Festival celebrations, we will be collecting tins, dried food and non-perishable goods for 'The Birmingham City Mission'. All donations should be sent in with your child by Friday 13th October. Many thanks in advance, helping with this important cause.

Day of Peace

The United Nation's International Day of Peace was on the 21st September. This week, each class has spent time reflecting on peace and expressing their opinions on how peace can be achieved. During the Key Stage One Assembly, the children discussed how they can promote peace and inclusion within the playground. All children have listened to and reflected on the following Peace Poem:

<https://www.un.org/en/observances/international-day-peace>

Mrs Cowley PHSE Lead

Assemblies

Our first assembly will take place on Thursday 5th October @ 9.00am and will be the Year 3 and Year 4 Harvest festival. We look forward to welcoming parents and families into school.

Learning Assemblies 9.00am	
Autumn Term 2023	
Thursday 5th October	Year 3 and Year 4 Harvest Learning Assembly
Thursday 12th October	Year 5 and Year 6 Kingswood Assembly
Thursday 19th October	Nursery and Reception Harvest Assembly
Thursday 26th October	Year 1 and Year 2 Harvest Assembly
Half Term	
Thursday 9th November	Reception Wright Assembly
Thursday 16th November	Year 1 / Year 4 Wright
Thursday 23rd November	Year 2 /Year 5 Wright
Thursday 30th November	Year 3 / Year 6 Wright
Friday 8th December	Breakfast with Father Christmas AM (TBC) Children's Christmas Fair- PM (TBC)

Christmas Performances	
Monday 11th December	Year 1 and Year 2 Christmas Assembly/Concert @ 9.15am
Tuesday 12th December	Year 3 and Year 4 Christmas Assembly/Concert @ 9.15am
Wednesday 13th December	Year 5 and Year 6 Christmas Assembly/Concert @ 2.00pm
Thursday 14th December	Reception Christmas Assembly 9.15am
Friday 15th December	Nursery Christmas Assembly/Concert @ 9.15am

Volunteers

If you are interested in volunteering at the school, please contact the school office for more information or speak to your child's class teacher. We are also looking for volunteers to help in the school library. We really need your help so any free time would be greatly appreciated.

Parent/Curriculum Information Sheet

You should have now received your parent/curriculum information sheet from your class teacher. It contains information about the learning pupils will undertake this term including key knowledge and skills. Talking at home to your child about their day to day learning, helping with reading and spelling tasks and encouraging, helping and completing homework are great ways to help consolidate new knowledge to make it more memorable and long lasting.

FOWS News

BOOK FAIR - Tuesday 10th - Friday 13th October

FOWS will be running the Autumn Book Fair after school from Tuesday 10th until Friday 13th October. This will hopefully be in the playground, but may be moved to the school hall if the weather isn't kind.

Please come along and support FOWS for this great event. The school receives a percentage back from all book sales, so it's a fantastic way to support the school. Card payments and cash will be accepted on the day.

FOWS AGM

Unfortunately, the FOWS AGM will need to be postponed for a few weeks. The new date is Tuesday 7th November at 7.00pm. If you are interested to joining our wonderful FOWS committee please get in touch with the office for details.

THE FOWS TEAM

Welford Wrigglers

Our next 'Welford Wrigglers' will take place next Wednesday 4th October from 9.15am-11.15am.



Our Year 6 coffee morning was a great success. Thank you to everyone who came along to support this important event and to the Year 6 parents for providing the cakes.

Picture News:

This week's story: In recent weeks, both India and Russia's space agencies have tried to send unmanned missions to the Moon. They were heading to the lunar South Pole, which is a less explored part of the Moon.

Reflection Understanding more about the universe beyond our planet can help us learn more about our planet, and help advances in technology.

Question: How important is space exploration?

British Value connected to this story: Individual Liberty- exploring space can be exciting and helps us learn more about the universe. We have a responsibility to consider the impact space exploration may have and manage any risks involved

Protected Characteristic- Race

UN Rights of a Child: Access to information

'Picture News at Home is attached to this newsletter' so that you can continue this conversation at home.

Wellness @ Welford Information

Warwickshire Family Information Services

In this week's Family Information Service newsletter there is information about fire safety, safer school streets, applying for your child's secondary school place and much more!

<https://us5.campaign-archive.com/?u=a24b439ef7022ae0d86f9ca6e&id=d514c3c273>

The Family Information Service (FIS) supports families across Warwickshire with information and signposting. You can get in touch with the team by emailing fis@warwickshire.gov.uk, calling 0800 408 1558 or finding support on www.warwickshire.gov.uk/childrenandfamilies. Head over to our Facebook to see where you can find the FIS team across the county this week.

Have a great weekend

Mrs Leeman and Staff

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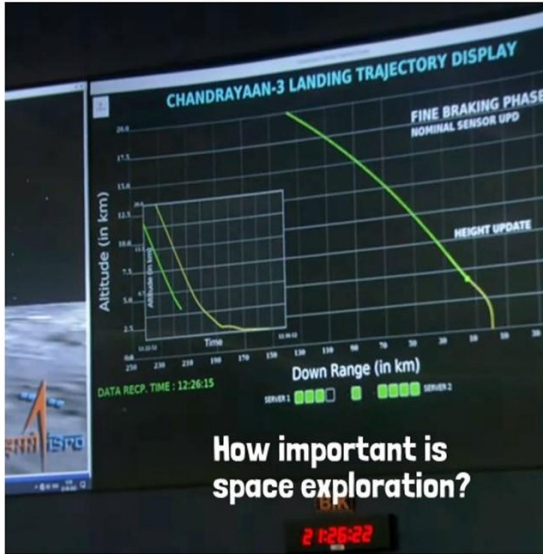


In the news this week

In recent weeks, both India and Russia's space agencies have tried to send unmanned missions to the Moon. They were heading to the lunar South Pole, which is a less explored part of the Moon. Whilst Russia's shuttle crashed into the Moon's surface after spinning out of control, India has become the first nation to land near the Moon's South Pole. The mission, named Chandrayaan-3, has been declared a success as the Vikram lander touched down at the end of August. The lunar South Pole is covered by shadow and largely unknown.

Things to talk about at home ...

- Share your thoughts on the recent competition for countries to reach the Moon's South Pole.
- Is space exploration something that interests you? What do you think we can learn from exploring space?



How important is space exploration?

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

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