

WELFORD ON AVON PRIMARY SCHOOL



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Dear Parents,

Welcome back for our new school term, an unseasonably hot but lovely start. Pupils have settled in very quickly to their new year groups and their new teachers.

Queen Elizabeth II

It is hard to believe that it has been one year since the passing of Queen Elizabeth II. The school has remembered her today in our thoughts at our school assemblies.

Staffing: A reminder of our staffing for 2022-2023- Please see the attached document

School Direct trainees will be working alongside the class teacher and their mentors, as well as the University of Worcester, to complete their teacher training. The school continues to lead this programme and we have five trainees in total, working at Welford, as well as other local schools.

Uniform

Uniform plays a valuable role in contributing to the ethos of the school and setting an appropriate tone and we encourage all pupils to wear the full school uniform. We do ask that pupils wear our school colours but do not need to have our school logo. Your child should wear PE uniform to school on their designated PE and Games days (school colours). Pupils should wear the correct school and PE uniform on the correct days and remain smart, safe and comfortable. School shoes please and no sport logos on the PE uniform.

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 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.

Parent Induction Evening Monday 11th September

On Monday, we will be holding an Induction Meeting for all parents from Nursery to Year 6. This year the meetings will take place face to face. In addition, the meetings will be recorded for parents who are unable to attend. This is a very important meeting to access, as it will give you the opportunity to meet your child's new teacher, hear about their new working environment and some of the resources they will be using. Your child's teacher will talk about the programme of study and how we can work together to ensure the best outcomes.

You will have three times to choose from, so that you can join all your children's meetings, if you wish to attend in person. In our experience, children are most successful when we all work in

partnership with each other. As parents you are a big part of their educational journey and it is vital you understand how they learn and your role as parents.

You may bring your children to these meetings.

Year Group	Meeting Time 1	Meeting Time 2	Meeting Time 3
Nursery	3.40pm- 4.00pm	4.05pm- 4.25pm	4.30pm- 4.50pm
Reception	3.40pm- 4.00pm	4.05pm- 4.25pm	4.30pm- 4.50pm
Year 1	3.40pm- 4.00pm	4.05pm- 4.25pm	4.30pm- 4.50pm
Year 2	3.40pm- 4.00pm	4.05pm- 4.25pm	4.30pm- 4.50pm
Year 3	3.40pm- 4.00pm	4.05pm- 4.25pm	4.30pm- 4.50pm
Year 4	3.40pm- 4.00pm	4.05pm- 4.25pm	4.30pm- 4.50pm
Year 5	3.40pm- 4.00pm	4.05pm- 4.25pm	4.30pm- 4.50pm
Year 6	3.40pm- 4.00pm	4.05pm- 4.25pm	4.30pm- 4.50pm

STAR After School Club

Star club started again this week, for all pupils from Nursery to Year 6. Just to remind you, we have two after school sessions. The first session runs from 3.25pm until 4.30pm Monday to Friday and the second session runs from 4.30pm until 6pm Monday to Thursday. We continue to run our 'In Shape for Schools' for Year 1-6 every morning from 8am and Breakfast Club for Nursery and Reception. Bookings for Reception to Year 6 are made via iPAL, if you haven't used this before, contact the office. Nursery parents need to use the booking forms.

After School Clubs

After School Clubs start next week.

After School Procedures

Your child will be asked, just after registration, where they are going at the end of the school day. It is important that your child knows this information so that the staff can ensure they are in the right place at the end of the day. 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 risk assess the walk carefully and make sure that there is always

someone there to meet them. We strongly discourage your child walking alone when the evenings become darker.

Parents' Evening

We will be holding parents' evenings in October this year, to discuss how your child has settled in. Parents' evenings will take place 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 Monday 9th October.

These meetings will be remote and held through our Teams Platform

As with our induction evening, we strongly encourage all parents to attend.

Assemblies

Your copy of all the assemblies and Christmas concerts is attached to this Newsletter

Parking

Parents are reminded that you must not park on or opposite the zig zags at any time during the school day, including clubs. Please do not park across or block driveways or at road junctions. We run an unofficial one-way system so that all cars drive in from Barton Road and leave via the church and ask that parents drive at 10mph. Your cooperation will ensure greater safety for all coming to and leaving school.

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.

House Captains

Our new House and Vice captains will be voted in next week by pupils. In addition, our Year 6 children have applied for a wide range of jobs, ranging from helping in the library, bus buddies to sport captains. Thank you to our new wonderful Year 6 for helping out with these important roles. We will also be voting in our new school council next week.

Parent Information Sheet

You will receive your parent information sheet next week from your class teacher but all the information about your child's classroom routines will be shared at our induction meetings.

Mrs Leeman and Staff

TAKEHOME



What can we learn
from new adventures?

In the news this week

Almost ten years ago, the now 44-year-old Torbjørn Pedersen from Denmark left his job and family behind to begin a life-changing journey. His goal was to visit every country in the world without flying on a plane. He had just two main rules: to spend at least 24 hours in each country, and to not return home until he finished. In May this year, Pedersen successfully visited his 203rd and final country, the Maldives. After celebrating, he backtracked to Malaysia via Sri Lanka to board a container ship for the 33-day trip home. Now he has had time to rest and reflect, Pedersen plans to write a book about his adventure.

Things to talk about at home ...

- Share your thoughts on Pedersen's journey. What do you think could be some of the reasons he decided to take on the challenge?
- What things do you imagine Pedersen would have found most difficult about the ten-year challenge? What might he have enjoyed the most?
- Do you think you would enjoy that type of challenge?

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

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