



## **WELFORD ON AVON PRIMARY SCHOOL Newsletter No. 05 – 6<sup>th</sup> October 2023**

Dear Parents,

Welcome to this week's Newsletter. The school has been very quiet this week, with Year 5 and 6 away at Kingswood in Norfolk, on a school residential. I have been reliably informed, that they have had a wonderful time building long lasting memories with their friends. Thank you to all the staff who accompanied them and worked so hard day and night, to ensure the children had a positive experience. We hope that all staff and pupils have a restful weekend (they will be exhausted) and we look forward to hearing about their adventures when they return to school next week. Year 5 and 6 will be holding an assembly on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> October at 9am, to share their adventures.

### **Welford (Binton) Bridge Closed**

The Binton Bridge into Welford will remain closed next week. You will need to continue to take 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 made aware of this disruption.

### **Drop Off Zone**

The drop off zone has been in place over the last few days. The designated area is just in front of the KS1 entrance to the school. You are encouraged to use it to ease congestion at the start of the school day.

### **School Playing Field**

As the lighter evenings continue for the next few weeks, our school playing field will remain open after school. 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.

### **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 at home to meet them. We strongly discourage your child from walking alone when the evenings become darker.

### **Parents' Evenings**

We will be holding Parents' Evenings in October this year, to discuss how your child has settled in. Parents' Evenings will take place on :

<b>Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2023</b>	<b>Parents Evening 3.30pm-6pm (Remote)</b>
<b>Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> October 2023</b>	<b>Parents Evening 3.30pm-6pm (Remote)</b>

You can book using our online system from **Monday 9<sup>th</sup> October at 7.00am**.

These meetings will be remote and held through our Teams Platform.

We strongly encourage all parents to attend this important meeting. Teachers will be unable to see parents for Parents' Evenings outside the allocated days and times.

### Harvest Collection - More donations urgently needed!

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 13<sup>th</sup> October. Please help the school support this important cause.

### Assemblies

#### Year 3 and 4 Harvest Assembly

This week, we began our Harvest celebrations, with the Year 3 and 4 Harvest assembly. Year 3 enjoyed sharing their knowledge of Harvest celebrations from around the world, including the Madeira Flower Festival in Portugal, the Moon Festival in China and Pongal in India. Year 4 reflected on Harvest being a time to celebrate and be thankful for all that we have. The children shared the things they are grateful for and they also performed a poem about Harvest traditions. We were treated to some wonderful singing, as the children performed some of their favourite harvest songs too. Thank you to all the parents who attended. *Miss Field and Mrs Hobkirk*

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

**A reminder about our Christmas Concerts so you can save the date**

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

**Heart of England Forest Visit**

On Wednesday, Year 4 visited the Heart of England Forest for a day of outdoor learning. We spent the day completing activities linked to our current geography topic 'Countries of the World' including an orienteering photo trail where we had to find the countries hidden in different parts of the forest and making an outline of the United Kingdom using a piece of rope! The children did a fantastic job of working together as a team and we saw lots of great examples of collaboration. We're looking forward to our next visit in the spring.

*Miss Field -Year 4 Class Teacher*

**Forest School**

A lovely sunny but windy week out at Forest School. Nursery went on a sound hunt searching for and making sounds. Year 3 created their own names out of natural materials, whilst Year 2 built their own fairy or goblin tea party.

*Mr Deeley- Forest School Lead*

### **Reception Harvest Visit to the Church**

Reception walked to St. Peter's Church in Welford this week, to meet Revd Yvette and Revd Jay, to share learning about Harvest Festival. The children were wonderful on their first walk out in the village and I was very proud of their outstanding behaviour. We searched for signs of Harvest within the church, which had been beautifully decorated for the Festival. The children were able to share their knowledge of food for harvest and how important it is to share with those that don't have as much as others. We explored the church and the children were fascinated by the church organ and everyone was able to have a little turn at playing a few notes on the organ itself! Yvette also shared a Harvest song with us, so we sang one of our Harvest songs in return. We all felt very welcome and thoroughly enjoyed being able to explore the church and share our knowledge and learning. We are looking forward to visiting again when we are learning about the Christmas story and exploring the symbols of Christmas within the church.

*Mrs Cox – Reception Teacher*

### **Year 2 Welford Village Walk**

As part of our 'Where do we Live?' Geography topic, Year 2 have been learning about the countries of the United Kingdom and their capital cities. We have now started to focus on our position in England and being able to locate Welford on Avon on a map of the UK. On Wednesday, we enjoyed a walk around the village, where we identified key locations such as St. Peter's Church, the Maypole and other important aspects of village life like shops, restaurants and the petrol station. During our next Geography lesson, we will collate our observations to produce a human vs physical features, fact file of the village.

*Mrs Bird – Year 2 Teacher*

### **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 park at road junctions. The school buses are finding it hard to get into Headland Road, due to cars being parked right at the junction. 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.

## **FOWS News**

### **BOOK FAIR - Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup>- 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 has been set for Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November at 7.00pm. FOWS are always looking for new committee members, so if you are interested in joining our wonderful FOWS committee, please get in touch with the Office for details. It is an amazing way to get involved in school life, while making a real difference to our pupils' school experience, through the events held and the money raised.

### ***THE FOWS TEAM***

#### **Conkers**

Our annual 'Conkers' event will be held next Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October, straight after school. Your child will be able to purchase a conker and play a conkers game with their peers. There will be an overall winner in each year group, who will receive a prize, doughnuts will be available to buy. We look forward to welcoming parents and pupils to participate in this traditional event.

#### **Welford Wrigglers**

Our next 'Welford Wrigglers' will take place next Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> October from 9.15am -11.15am.

#### **Picture News:**

**This week's story:** The 2024 edition of the Guinness World Records, featuring more than 80% new and updated records and with a total of 2,638 records, has been released.

**Question:** Can anyone break a world record?

**Reflection:** Guinness World Records say that a world record is not simply a fact but a way to measure ourselves. Knowing 'the biggest, the smallest, the fastest, the most and the least', helps us understand our position in the world and how we fit into it.

**British Value connected to this story:** Mutual Respect and Tolerance - the Guinness Book of Records provides a fantastic opportunity to see the gifts, talents and interests other people living all over the world have. We understand and respect that not everyone is the same.

**Protected Characteristic - Religion and Belief** - A belief is something that affects our life choices and the way we live. Our gifts, talents and interests can influence our beliefs. We should never be treated unfairly because of our beliefs.

**UN Rights of a Child:** Best interests of the child

'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 the Fun Palace event at Stratford Library, Warwickshire Youth Council, new timetables for Warwickshire mobile libraries and much more!

<https://us5.campaign-archive.com/?u=a24b439ef7022ae0d86f9ca6e&id=7c78427988>

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](mailto:fis@warwickshire.gov.uk), calling 0800 408 1558 or finding support on [www.warwickshire.gov.uk/childrenandfamilies](http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/childrenandfamilies).

There is also a special edition of the FIS newsletter this week- follow the link below

<https://us5.campaign-archive.com/?u=a24b439ef7022ae0d86f9ca6e&id=760407700e>

This edition is full of help and advice for families who have been impacted by the increasing cost of living and who might struggle to make their incomes stretch to cover the basics.

You can visit the Cost of Living website to find information and support to manage increased household costs. Please follow the link below

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

**RISE**

Please follow the link below to Warwickshire RISE website.

<https://cwrise.com/for-parents>

They provide early support, information and guidance on many emerging mental health issues to children, young people, parents and carers. They can offer:

- consultations with a clinician
- training
- themed coffee mornings focusing on areas of requested support.

If you would like to know more please email rise

[risecommunityoffer@covwarkpt.nhs.uk](mailto:risecommunityoffer@covwarkpt.nhs.uk)

Have a great weekend

Mrs Leeman and Staff

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## In the news this week

The 2024 edition of the Guinness World Records has been released. This year, over 30,000 applicants submitted their achievements, but only 2,638 records were selected for the edition, which features more than 80% new and updated records. The annual collection of records has run since 1955, when it was first inspired by the question 'What's the fastest game bird in Europe?'. Its latest edition is themed around the Blue Planet, with a number of records celebrated, including those set by impressive marine creatures, adventurous sailors and record-breaking lakes, rivers and icescapes.

### Things to talk about at home ...

- Do you know any world records?
- If you were to attempt a world record, what do you think you would try to do and why?
- What do you think the benefits would be of setting or breaking a world record?

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

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