

WELFORD ON AVON PRIMARY SCHOOL



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Dear Parents,

We have already reached the half way mark of the Autumn Term! We have had a very busy first half term and we are looking forward to a well-earned rest next week.

Farewell Mrs Mulliner

Today we say a fond farewell to Mrs Mulliner, who has worked at our school for almost nine years. She has been a dedicated staff member and we are all going to miss her, we wish her every success in her new venture.

Teaching Assistants After Half Term

After half term, Mrs Grant will be covering Year 5 until our new Teaching Assistant, who was appointed this week, starts in January. Mrs Williams will continue to support in Year 3 and she will be working alongside our new teaching assistant Mrs Tuci, who will start on Monday 20th November.

Welford (Binton) Bridge

The Binton Bridge will have a two-way traffic light system in place again next week but is expected to close when we return from half term. Please make sure you continue to make the necessary adjustments to your journey to and from school, to deal with the possible delays.

Drop Off Zone

The drop off zone is working well and slightly easing congestion in the mornings. The designated area is in front of the KS1 entrance to the school.

School Playing Field

After half term, we only have a short time before darkness falls around 4.30pm. At this point we will start to lock the school field after school, in line with our health and safety and safeguarding policies. It will be unlocked at the weekends for the time being. Up until that point, 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 after school clubs are running, we ask that your children only play in the play equipment area. Thank you for your cooperation with this matter.

Parents' Evenings and Upcoming Open Afternoon

Thank you to everyone who attended Parents' Evenings this week. As a reminder we have an open afternoon on :

Monday 11th December from 3.30pm until 5.30pm.

This is an opportunity for you and your child to visit the classroom and share their learning. You will be able to look at their books and any other work they have completed, as well as the opportunity to speak with their class teacher. There is no need to make an appointment, just call in at any point during these times.

Year 3 Theme Day

Year 3 have had a great 'day in Europe' today. Jaxson's Mum very kindly came in to teach the children some Polish words, including 'hello', 'please', 'thank-you', 'yes' and 'no'. She was very impressed with the children's pronunciation. We travelled from Poland to Denmark, where the class experienced a traditional Danish breakfast of bread topped from the selection of butter, jam or cheese. From the empty plates, the children all enjoyed this breakfast, that was accompanied with a hot chocolate drink. From Denmark, we paid a flying visit to Italy, where we learned some Roman numerals. The rest of our day was spent in France, where we worked co-operatively in groups to build models of the famous French landmark, the Eiffel Tower.

Mrs Hobkirk Year 3 Class Teacher

Year 1 and Year 2 Harvest Assembly

We had our final Harvest assembly today with Year 1 and Year 2. They shared some wonderful stories about how Harvest Festivals are celebrated in other countries and well as sharing some wonderful paintings and singing some harvest songs. The whole school really enjoyed the chance to sing 'Big Red Combine Harvester' together, one last time for this academic year.

Our House assemblies start after half term:

Thursday 9th November

Reception Wright Assembly

And for the rest of the term the assemblies are as follows:

Learning Assemblies 9.00am		Autumn Term 2023
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/Christmas Tales AM (TBC) Children's Christmas Fair- PM (TBC)	

Christmas Concerts (Please save the date)

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

Forest School

A rather damp week out at Forest school! This week across the school, we celebrated Halloween and bonfire night with the children creating some fantastic ephemeral art pieces. We had leaf pumpkins, stick skeletons, mini model bonfires and even natural fireworks.

Mr Deeley - Forest School Lead

The School Council Needs You!

In order to raise funds, the School Council are organising a 'Preloved Christmas Clothing Sale'. This will take place after school on Friday 24th November. We need donations of clean preloved Christmas / winter themed jumpers, T-shirts, tops, trousers, hats, gloves, scarves, boppers/ head bands. We will be accepting donations into school from Monday 6th November to Friday 17th November. We hope that this event will support everyone with having something to wear on the traditional Christmas jumper day, on the last day of school.

Mrs Cowley School Council Lead

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 the 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 AGM

The FOWS AGM will take place Tuesday 7th November at 7.00pm in school. FOWS are always looking for new committee members so if you are interested to joining our wonderful FOWS committee, please get in touch with the office for details. Further details about our wonderful organisation have been sent out today.

THE FOWS TEAM

Welford Wrigglers

Our next 'Welford Wrigglers' will take place next Wednesday 8th November from 9.15am-11.15am.

Picture News:

This week's story: Wales has reduced its maximum speed limit in residential areas from 30mph to 20mph, becoming the first nation in the UK to introduce these measures.

Question: Should speed limits be lowered in your local area?

Reflection: Introducing speed limits is one of several ways we can ensure that all road users can stay safer, including drivers, pedestrians and cyclists

British Value connected to this story: Rule of Law

Speed limits are put in place to reduce road accidents and keep people safer. These limits are law and if a vehicle exceeds them there can be consequences.

Protected Characteristic- Age UK Law states to start learning to drive a car on the road you must be at least 17 years old. This helps keep everyone safer. However, we can all use roads as pedestrians, cyclists etc no matter what age we are

UN Rights of a Child: Discrimination: Life, Survival and Development

'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

<https://us5.campaign-archive.com/?u=a24b439ef7022ae0d86f9ca6e&id=07301e38d1>

In this week's Family Information Service newsletter there is information about Halloween activities in Warwickshire, the October edition of the SEND newsletter, extra support for school applications and much more!

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.

If you would like to know more about FIS and where to find information and support on the FIS and SEND Local Offer webpages, book a place on an online FIS discovery session. 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.

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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

Welcome to the Recovery and Wellbeing Academy

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

'The Academy offers a wide range of courses and workshops designed to empower your mental health and wellbeing provided by a number of Partner organisations working together. Courses are delivered face to face and online via Zoom. All Academy courses and workshops are completely FREE OF CHARGE and open to anyone over the age of 18 living in Coventry and Warwickshire who wants to better manage or understand their mental health and wellbeing. Friends, family, staff, and carers are encouraged to attend as we strongly believe in learning together to get the most out of the courses on offer.'

Have a great weekend

Mrs Leeman and Staff

TAKEHOME

23 - 29 October



In the news this week

Wales has reduced its maximum speed limit in residential areas, close to homes and schools, from 30mph to 20mph, becoming the first nation in the UK to introduce these measures. Ministers in Wales have said the 20mph limit would make roads safer, with the aim also being to increase the number of people choosing to walk or cycle. Changing the speed limit, along with the need to raise awareness and amend road signs, has cost the government in Wales just over £32m. However, ministers believe the cost will be outweighed by reduced impact on emergency services and the NHS.

Things to talk about at home ...

- > Think about the area outside of your school. Do you feel it is safe? What is in place to make it safe? Do you know what the speed limit is?
- > What about where you live? What are the roads like there, and do you think that drivers travel at a safe speed?

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

Share your thoughts and read the opinions of others

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