

WELFORD ON AVON PRIMARY SCHOOL



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Dear Parents,

Hope you are all well and have had a good week. Please find information below, about what we have been up to this week.

Year 5 Bake Sale

Thank you to the Year 5 parents who contributed to our Bake sale today and to everyone who purchased a cake. A lovely Friday treat!

Welford Winter Festival

FOWS are busy preparing for the Welford Winter Festival, which will take place on Friday 8th December. The day will consist of activities, including Breakfast with Father Christmas, Christmas Tales, Christmas scavenger hunt and our traditional Christmas Fair. There will also be Winter themed activities in class. FOWS have sent out all the information.

This year we are combining all our magical events into one school day and we kindly ask for a voluntary contribution of £12 per child, via ParentPay. Any proceeds raised over and above the costs to run these events, will go back to FOWs to raise valuable funds for the school. Thank you in advance for your support.

Please contribute and consent to your child receiving a baked treat and drink here:

<https://www.parentpay.com/>

WEAR IT PINK DAY TOTAL

‘THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT, WE MAKE A HUGE DIFFERENCE’

Staff and parents raised £283.50 for the Breast Cancer Now Charity through our ‘WEAR IT PINK DAY’

Thank you so much for your kind donation.

Junior History Society

The theme of our Junior History Society meeting this half term was, ‘Why should the Ancient Egyptians be remembered?’. During the session, we investigated Ancient Egyptian artefacts and used the artefacts to discover more about the ways in which the Ancient Egyptians lived. The children made a prediction about the purpose of each artefact, before we discovered their true purposes. We then debated the significance of each of the artefacts.

The children were given a range of inventions and had to decide in their groups whether the inventions were made by the Ancient Egyptians, or during another historical period. We had such fun considering each invention and trying to work out their origin. Our favourite discoveries were the Ancient Egyptians inventing the toothbrush and bowling!

We also enjoyed listening to research that children had done themselves about the Ancient Egyptians. Each child was also given a papyrus bookmark as a Junior History souvenir. We are looking forward to welcoming new members to our next meeting in the Spring term, when we will be considering the reasons behind the decline of the Ancient Egyptians.

Mrs Bird Junior History Society Lead

Year 1 Victorian Toy Day

Year 1 had a fantastic day developing their historical skills and knowledge when Mr Murphey came to visit us. We spent some time in the morning pretending we were in a Victorian classroom, practicing our reading, writing, arithmetic and religion. We also learned all about the punishments that were used in Victorian schools including the cane, finger stocks and holding chalk boards on your head if you were late arriving at school. We played parlour games, including 'charades' and 'squeak piggy squeak'. We spent time exploring everyday household objects and toys from the past. We played a listening game that allowed us to identify some of the jobs that children might have done such as chimney sweep, selling bunches of lavender, selling roasted chestnuts or going down the mines. We had a full afternoon handling and playing with toys and games from the past.

Mrs Cowley

Annual Teddy Collection

Year 1 have begun collecting teddy donations ready for the Christmas fair. Please deliver your donations to the year 1 classroom (if you are able to put the teddies through the washing machine before bringing them in that would be greatly appreciated).

Thank you,

Mrs Cowley

Coats, hats and gloves

A reminder to make sure that your child brings a coat to school every day, to ensure they are ready for every change in the weather. As the weather becomes colder, they will also need to have a hat and gloves so that they remain warm during break and lunchtime.

Teaching Assistants

We welcome Mrs M Taylor to our staff, who will start working in Year 5 on Monday, she popped into school today to meet the children. Mrs Grant will now start to work across KS2. Mrs Matthews will continue to support in Year 3 and she will be working alongside our new teaching assistant Mrs Tuci, who has just started.

Welford (Binton) Bridge

The Binton Bridge remains closed. 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

As the long winter evenings have now taken hold we will start to lock the school field after school, in line with our Health and Safety and safeguarding policies. The gate will be locked at 4pm every weekday and be unlocked at the weekends for the time being. As a reminder to all, the playing field is school (WCC LA) property and the school is responsible for its upkeep. Thank you for your cooperation with this matter.

Monday 11th December from 3.30pm until 5.30pm- Open Afternoon

We will be holding an open afternoon on Monday 11th December, from 3.30pm -5.30pm. This is an opportunity to pop into your child's classroom and have a look at the classroom environment and the work they have been doing. Your child should accompany you, so they you can make it a shared and more valuable experience.

Food Vouchers

We all know how difficult it can be at the moment to make ends meet, so we want to remind families that if you require help, you can contact the school to ask about food vouchers. All enquiries we be dealt with in the strictest confidence.

Year 2 and Year 5 Wright Knowledge Assembly

Year 2 and Year 5 Wright house presented an amazing assembly today, full of information about what they have been learning this term. Thank you to everyone who attended.

Our last house assembly of 2023 is:

Thursday 30th November

Year 3/ Year 6 Wright

Monday 11th December

Year 1 and Year 2 Christmas Concert @ 9.15am

Year 1 and Year 2 Christmas Concert @ 2.00pm

Tuesday 12th December

Year 3 and Year 4 Christmas Concert @ 9.15am

Year 3 and Year 4 Christmas Concert @ 2.00pm

Wednesday 13th December

Year 5 and Year 6 Christmas Concert @ 2.00pm

Thursday 14th December	Reception Christmas Concert
Thursday 14th December	Year 5 and Year 6 Christmas Concert @ 2.00pm
Friday 15th December	Nursery Christmas Concert @ 9.15am

Christmas Concerts

We have added new dates to our Christmas performances, so more family members can attend. We have not issued tickets but ask that no more than two members of your family attend the Year 1 to Year 6 performances, so that we have sufficient seating space. We should be able to accommodate attendance at Nursery and Reception as they are single class performances but if you intend to bring more than four people, please let the office know.

Forest School

In this week at Forest School, Nursery completed a number hunt, whilst Reception went on a nature walk, finding all the features of Autumn. In Year 1 the children have been using blindfolds to work on their giving and listening to instructions, whilst Year 2 made miniature dens. Year 5 were challenged to build hedgehog houses and Year 6 played reverse hide and seek.

Mr Deeley- Forest School Lead

Year 2 visit to St Peter's Church

On Thursday, Year 2 went to visit St Peter's Church in Welford, we were welcomed by Reverend Grundy, who talked to the children about how Christians prepare for Christmas. The children then made an Advent wreath with the candles on the wreath representing hope, faith, peace and love. The children learnt about the period of Advent and when the candles are lit. We also discussed the importance of the white candle in the middle of the wreath and the significance of it being lit on Christmas Day.

The children all had a fabulous time and have gained lots of new knowledge about some of the ways in which Christians prepare for Christmas.

Mrs Bird Year 2 Teacher

School Council's Preloved Christmas Clothing Sale

Thank you to everyone who attended our School Council's 'Preloved Christmas Clothing Sale' today. We hope you enjoy wearing your Christmas attire.

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 (particularly in KS2 and our Library)

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.

Welford Wrigglers

Our next 'Welford Wrigglers' will take place next Wednesday 29th November from 9.15am-11.15am.

Picture News:

This week's story: Community centres, libraries, businesses, and churches across the UK have been set up as free warm spaces to help provide warmth and companionship during the winter months.

Question: How can we show compassion to others?

Reflection: Warm spaces have several benefits for communities. As well as helping provide warmth during the cold winter months, they can provide opportunities to meet new people and try different activities in a safe and free environment.

British Value connected to this story: Mutual Respect and Tolerance

Life is not the same for everyone. By showing compassion, we ensure our behaviours, actions and words affect others in a positive way.

Protected Characteristic- Age Winter can affect different generations in different ways. No matter our age, we should be treated fairly

UN Rights of a Child: Food Clothing, a Safe Home: We have the right to food, clothing and a safe place to live and develop in the best way. The Government should help families and children who cannot afford this.

'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=bfb15ea782>

In this week's Family Information Service newsletter there is information about the Social Supermarket in Atherstone, craft events at Warwickshire Country Parks, free electric blanket testing 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.

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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



How can we show
compassion to others?

In the news this week

Community centres, libraries, businesses, and churches across the UK have been set up as free warm spaces to help provide warmth and companionship during the winter months. With cold weather continuing, charities and campaign groups are concerned that households face higher energy bills than last year. More than 12,000 warm banks were used by millions of Britons last winter in response to rising energy prices that worsened the UK's cost of living crisis. The scheme was set up by local councils, charities, and partner organisations.

Things to talk about at home ...

- > As well as warmth, what other benefits do you think warm spaces will provide for communities?
- > Can you think of any other ways that we can support each other during difficult times?

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

Share your thoughts and read the opinions of others

www.picture-news.co.uk/discuss

