

# **WELFORD ON AVON PRIMARY SCHOOL**



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Dear Parents,

Another very busy week at Welford School.

## **Welford Winter Festival**

### **Date for your diary**

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December will be our 'Welford Winter Festival'. The day will consist of activities, including Breakfast with Father Christmas, Christmas Tales and our Christmas Fair. There will also be Winter themed activities in class, more details to follow next week. The whole timetable of events will be run within the school day, with all proceeds raised through voluntary donations going to FOWS.

**Outdoor Clubs – Football, Netball and Rugby have now all finished for the Autumn term.**

### **WEAR IT PINK DAY TOTAL**

'THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT, WE MADE 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.

### **Year 4 Trip Chedworth Roman Villa**

On Monday, Year 4 went to visit Chedworth Roman Villa where we were able to see the remains of one of the grandest Roman villa in Britain! We saw some incredible mosaics and we learnt how the Roman central heating system worked. We also saw an example of a Roman bath house and we learnt about some of the Roman routines and rituals. We even saw some Roman toilets! It was a fantastic start to our new history topic and we're looking forward to learning more about the Romans in Britain this half term.

### **Nursery Rhyme Week**

This week is 'National Nursery Rhyme Week', which promotes the importance of nursery rhymes in early childhood development and education. Nursery rhymes are a fantastic resource for teaching children skills and concepts that are essential for their everyday learning. The importance of learning nursery rhymes cannot be emphasised enough. They improve language and communication, reading skills, enhance writing, mathematical concepts, encourage imagination, boost confidence, physical skills and social and emotional development. These are but a few of the benefits that can be gained at such an early stage in your child's development.

*Mrs Sims Nursery Class Teacher*

### **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 changing 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.

### **Children in Need Day Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November – Non-Uniform Day**

Thank you to everyone who took part and donated to our Children in Need appeal today. As well as wearing spots and stripes, our pupils took part in a 'Paired Read for Children in Need' joining up with other classes to read stories and share books. If you haven't had a chance to donate to this great cause, you can still do so via our ParentPay App.



### **Teaching Assistants**

Mrs Grant will be covering Year 5 until our new teaching assistant, Mrs Taylor, starts on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> November and we are very excited to welcome her to Welford school and Year 5. Once Mrs Taylor starts, Mrs Grant will be working across KS2. Mrs Williams will continue to support in Year 3 and she will be working alongside our new teaching assistant Mrs Tucci, who will start on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> November.

### **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. It will 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.

### **Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December from 3.30pm until 5.30pm - Open Afternoon**

We will be holding an Open Evening on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> 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 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.

### **Forest School**

To celebrate Children in Need this week, the children have been challenged to create their own Pudsey Bear or Blush Bear out of the natural materials in the area. We have discussed the importance of charities and more specifically the important work that Children in Need do.

*Mr Deeley- Forest School Lead*

### **Maths Week 13<sup>th</sup> November -18<sup>th</sup> November**

As the name suggests, Maths Week is a week long celebration of all things maths! Believe it or not, some perceive maths as being a bit elitist (that is, being only for extremely clever people)! ,Maths Week, sets out to encourage children to pursue Maths by promoting a more positive and inclusive approach. Children across the school have been taking part in lots of reasoning activities in their Maths lessons and have been developing their problem-solving skills. Activities have included investigating numbers and generating related number facts, exploring shapes and completing daily Maths puzzles. Year 5 and Year 6 also took part in the 'Primary Maths Challenge' to stretch and challenge their knowledge.

Mrs Bird

### **Anti- Bullying Week /Make A Noise About Bullying! 13<sup>th</sup> November -18<sup>th</sup> November**

This week is anti-bullying week. We held a whole school assembly on Monday to introduce this year's theme, 'Make a Noise about Bullying'. We wore our odd socks to celebrate our differences and the value of our uniqueness. Every day in class, the children learned how to take a stand against bullying and where to go for help, if they ever feel that they, or anyone else, is being bullied.

Please follow the link below which has more information for parents and carers

<https://anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/tools-information/advice-and-support>

### **Year 4 Bully 4 U**

Loudmouth Education delivered the Bully 4 U workshop today, for our Year 4 class. The aim of the workshop is to help children spot and prevent bullying and to explore strategies to protect their mental wellbeing. The drama and discussion workshops help children identify a range of bullying types e.g. cyberbullying, to understand the impact it can have, the importance of mental wellbeing and how and where to get help. Year 4 really enjoyed their session.

### **The School Council Needs You!**

School Council's Preloved Christmas Clothing Sale will take place after school on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November. We still need donations of clean, preloved Christmas and winter themed Jumpers, T-shirts, tops, trousers, hats, gloves, scarves, boppers and head bands. 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.



### **School Council Meeting**

This week the School Councillors have been working hard to promote their Christmas Clothing sale. For this event to go ahead, they really do need everyone to help with donations! They have been busy putting posters up around school, to remind everyone to sort out their old Christmas clothes.

*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 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 22<sup>nd</sup> November from 9.15am-11.15am.

### **Year 1 and Year 4 Wright Knowledge Assembly**

Year 1 and Year 4 Wright house shared their knowledge around a wide range of areas this week at their house assembly. Both groups performed amazing poetry, as well as sharing information about seasons of the years and the digestive system. It was great to see their enthusiasm about what they are learning in school. Well done to those who took part and to all who attended.

### **Celebrity Dog!**

We have a celebrity dog at the school! Keep your eyes peeled for Meg in the new series of The Crown. She is Prince Williams Dog in the show but at school she is Henry (year 6) & George (year1) dog! Picture to help you spot Meg!

### **Walking Home After School Clubs**

Under no circumstances are children to walk home alone from after school clubs, it is too dark.



Our next house assembly is:

**Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> November**

**Year 2/Year 5 Wright**

The remaining assembly:

**Learning Assemblies 9.00am**

**Autumn Term 2023**

**Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> November**

**Year 3/ Year 6 Wright**

### **Picture News:**

#### **This week's story:**

A new robot called Digit, designed to be human-like and that is capable of lifting and moving items, is being tested in warehouses of the online retailer, Amazon.

**Question:** Are there some jobs robots could never do?

**Reflection:** Developing technologies are enabling robots to do more and more complex tasks. This may change job roles with humans working alongside robots more.

**British Value connected to this story:** Mutual Respect and Tolerance

Robots feature in some people's lives more than others. Life is not the same for everyone and we can show respect for the beliefs others have and the choices they make.

#### **Protected Characteristic- Religion and Belief**

**UN Rights of a Child: Discrimination:** We have the right to be protected from doing work that is dangerous or bad for our education. There are some jobs that robots can do instead of humans

'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=581fb0be8c>

In this week's Family Information Service newsletter there is information about Anti-Bullying Week, a supported internships event, the Warwickshire Youth Conference 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](mailto:fis@warwickshire.gov.uk), calling 0800

408 1558 or finding support on [www.warwickshire.gov.uk/childrenandfamilies](http://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](mailto: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**

## Christmas Performances

<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



# What's happening in the news this week?



Let's have a look at this week's poster!

13th - 19th November 2023