

WELFORD ON AVON PRIMARY SCHOOL



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Dear Parents,

Welford Winter Festival

What a wonderful day we have all had, our festive activities have been a roaring success, with pupils and staff having a blast today. Thank you to FOWS for putting on such an amazing breakfast and making it so enjoyable for all involved. They have worked relentlessly over the last few weeks, to ensure this morning was a great success. Everyone was so excited to see Father Christmas, he commented on their impeccable manners and great attitude, reassuring each pupil that they are on the good list.

Adam shared Christmas stories with each class and Mr Deeley challenged pupils with his Winter Trail, to find clues hidden around the school. An incredible day, full of fun and building memories for our pupils to cherish for many years to come.

Tombola Donations

Thank you for all your tombola donations today, the tombola raffle will be available at every Christmas concert next week. Good luck!

Welford Christmas Post Box

Our Christmas Post Box was delayed in the post (ha ha) but we have managed this week with two Christmas postal sacks, which have actually proved a very successful alternative! The 'Welford School Christmas Postal Service' will remain open until the last day of term. Pupils can post their Christmas cards (please remember to write the full name and class) and our trusty Year 6s will be collecting, sorting and delivering the cards to their class destinations.

Tombola Donations Request

FOWS will be providing refreshments for our Christmas concerts which start on Monday 11th December. They will also be running a tombola stall at every show.

Let's Spread Peace - Creating a Welford on Avon Peace Chain

While our minds are focused on the build-up to Christmas festivities and spending time with close family and friends, we are conscious that our world has seen conflict and unrest this year and sometimes this news can feel daunting. With this in mind we have decided to design a Peace Corner at school, which will remain until the school term finishes.

We feel that spreading peace is important for us to be good citizens. Our area of reflection is an opportunity to sit and reflect and also to write short notes/ prayers/ thoughts/symbols on paper links. We will loop the links together to create a Peace Chain, to strengthen our ideals of peace, symbolising a commitment to peace around the world.

It may only be a small gesture but by linking our peaceful thoughts, just think of the potential impact on our school, community and the wider world, to build a better more peaceful world. After all peace starts with good intentions from good people towards everyone, without prejudice or discrimination. We will be sending some links home, should you wish to complete one as a family to add to our chain.

Christmas Food Bank Collection Monday 11th December – Monday 18th December

Details about the collection for the food bank have been sent home as a hard copy as well as Email. Your donations are greatly appreciated and are very much needed in the community.

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 any 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.

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 possible delays.

School Playing Field

As the long winter evenings have taken hold we will 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 are looking forward to welcoming you to our 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 over the term. Your child should accompany you to 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.

Christmas Concerts

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

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- 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.

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 on 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.

Welford Wrigglers Information

Change of time: Wednesday 13th December

Wrigglers will start at 10.00am as the hall is required for a dress rehearsal at 9.00am.

Welford Wrigglers Christmas Party

Welford Wrigglers Christmas Party will take place on Wednesday 20th December. Lots of fun and games and a special visitor will be popping in as well, with a gift for all who attend!

Picture News:

This week's story:

The Fagradalsfjall volcano is thought to be the cause of a series of recent earthquakes and Iceland has declared a state of emergency, as inhabitants from the nearby town of Grindavik are evacuated.

Question: What is it like to live through an uncertain time?

Reflection: Predicting a volcanic eruption, which can cause huge devastation to its surrounding area is hard. Like many unpredictable situations that can make life difficult, a lot of resilience and planning ahead can help to ensure safety and a positive outcome.

British Value connected to this story: Rule of Law

Sometimes rules, such as not allowing people to stay in their homes, may be introduced in response to an event. They are put in place to help protect people and keep them safe.

Protected Characteristic - Race

UN Rights of a Child: Recovery and Reintegration- natural disasters can cause harm to people, their possessions, homes and lives. We have the right to get help if we have been hurt so we can can back our health and dignity

'Picture News at Home' is attached to this Newsletter so that you can continue this conversation at home.

Have a great weekend

Mrs Leeman and Staff

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What is it like to live through an uncertain time?



In the news this week

Scientists monitoring a volcano in Iceland have said an eruption could happen. The Fagradalsfjall volcano previously erupted two years ago, in 2021 - the first time in over 800 years. It is now thought that the volcano is the cause of a series of earthquakes, which started this October. An underground river of magma led to the evacuation of 4,000 people from the town of Grindavik and Iceland has declared a state of emergency. People who live there have since been allowed to return just to collect belongings, with the likelihood of eruptions remaining high.

Things to talk about at home ...

- > Share any prior knowledge you have about volcanoes.
- > How do you imagine the people of Grindavik feel about having to leave their homes, not knowing when they will be able to go back?

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

Share your thoughts and read the opinions of others

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