

# WELFORD ON AVON PRIMARY SCHOOL



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Dear Parents,

Happy New Year and welcome back to the new term. I hope you had a lovely break with your family and friends over the festive period. We have another busy term ahead of us, so please make sure you read our weekly newsletters for information about what is going on in school. It is the best way to communicate and share.

## **Rights Respecting Schools Award for Welford School**

We are proud to announce that we have been awarded the **Bronze Rights Respecting School Award**. This award focuses on putting the children's rights at the heart of school life and we will begin working towards the Silver Award in January 2024.

The UK Committee for UNICEF (UNICEF UK) works with schools in the UK to create safe and inspiring places to learn, where children are respected, their talents are nurtured and they are able to thrive. Our Rights Respecting Schools Award embeds these values in daily school life and gives children the best chance to lead happy, healthy lives and to be responsible, active citizens.

The Award recognises a school's achievement in putting the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child into practice within the school and beyond.

*Mrs Wretham -Deputy Head*

## **Food Vouchers in January**

January can be a particularly tricky month following all the expense of Christmas. We want to remind families that if you require help, you can contact the school to ask about food vouchers. Please get in touch if you need help. All enquiries will be dealt with in the strictest confidence.

## **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 cold weather. We also encourage pupils to bring hats and gloves, so that they remain warm during break and lunchtime.

## **Welford (Binton) Bridge**

The Binton Bridge has been closed again and will remain closed for the next few weeks. Please make sure you continue to make the necessary adjustments to your journey to and from school to deal with the possible delays.

### **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.

### **School Playing Field**

During the long winter evenings we will continue 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.

### **Forest School**

Forest school has already started this week. Please make sure that your child brings their Forest School kit on the correct day, so that they can enjoy this outdoor experience.

A lovely but rather cold week out at Forest School. Reception and Year 1 went on a scavenger hunt looking for the features of winter in the area. Year 3 focussed on their communication skills using blindfolds and Year 5 had their postponed fire session, where they toasted marshmallows, popped popcorn, discussed fire safety and the fire triangle.

*Mr Deeley Forest School Lead*

### **Clubs**

Most clubs start next week with the exception of our outdoor clubs which start week beginning the 22<sup>nd</sup> January. Our Spring Term clubs will run until the last week of term. Please make sure you refer to your club sheet for dates that the clubs take place and their finish time. While the dark evenings continue we ask that all children are collected from after school clubs and should not walk home.

### **Welford Wrigglers**

The first Wrigglers session of 2024 took place on Wednesday. Our next session will take place on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> January starting at 9.15am.

### **Parents' Evening: Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February and Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March -3.40pm – 6.00pm**

### **School Open Evening- Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March – 3.30pm- 5.30pm**

We will be running parents evening on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February from 3.40pm – 6.00pm and Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March from 3.40pm - 6.00pm. The meetings will be virtual but you will have an opportunity to visit your child's classroom on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March from 3.30pm until 5.30pm to have a look at their books and classroom environment.

**Picture News:**

**This week's story:** Teddy Cottle from Oxfordshire has launched a petition calling for Apple to change the glasses emoji, also known as the 'nerd' emoji, as he says it gives the wrong impression of glasses-wearers.

**Question:** Have 'emojis' become an important part of communication?

**Reflection:** Emojis can be a very good way to express online how we are feeling. As well as emotions, emojis may also reflect our appearance and many people believe that this should provide a fair representation of our differences.

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

We are all different. Learning about each other can help us understand and respect one another. Emojis should represent our diverse world and be inclusive.

**Protected Characteristic-** We all feel we should be represented through emojis no matter who we are, where we are or what we believe.

**UN Rights of a Child: No discrimination**

No matter who we are, where we live what language we speak, what our religion is, what we look like, if we are a boy or a girl, if we have a disability, if we are rich or poor, we should never be treated unfairly.

**Picture News at Home is attached to this newsletter so you can continue this conversation at home.**

### Spring Term Knowledge Assemblies

Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> January @ 9.10am	Reception Davenport
Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> February @ 9.10am	Year 2 and Year 5 Davenport
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> February @ 9.10am	Year 1 and Year 4 Davenport
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> February @ 9.10am	Year 3 and Year 6 Davenport
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> February @ 9.10am	Reception Owen Assembly
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> March @ 9.10am	Year 1 and Year 4 Owen Assembly
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> March @ 9.10am	Year 2 and Year 5 Owen Assembly
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> March	Mobile Planetarium in school all day (KS2 in big hall)
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> March @ 2.45pm	Nursery and Reception Spring Celebration Assembly
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> March 2024 @ 2.45pm	Year 1 and Year 2 Spring Celebration Assembly
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March @ 9.10am	KS2 Spring Celebration Assembly

## **Wellness @ Welford Information**

**Mrs Leeman and Staff**

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**Warwickshire Family Information Services**

<https://us5.campaign-archive.com/?u=a24b439ef7022ae0d86f9ca6e&id=f3ba350ad7>

**In this week's Family Information Service newsletter there is information about emergency duty foster caring, applications for Reception and Junior school places, preparing for school 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.'

# TAKEHOME



Are emojis an important part of communication?



## In the news this week

10-year-old Teddy Cottle from Oxfordshire has launched a petition calling for Apple to change the glasses emoji, also known as the 'nerd' emoji, as he says it gives the wrong impression of glasses-wearers. Teddy decided to write a letter to Apple requesting the design be changed, asking his classmates and French teacher, Lisa Baillie, to sign it. She suggested instead that it should become a petition and it was launched on [petitiononline.co.uk](http://petitiononline.co.uk).

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

- > What do you know about emojis? Do you ever use them?
- > Talk to someone else at home. Do they use emojis?
- > If you could design a new emoji, what would it look like?

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

Share your thoughts and read the opinions of others

[www.picture-news.co.uk/discuss](http://www.picture-news.co.uk/discuss)

