

# Welford on Avon Primary School News

Dear Parents,

Happy St David's day! March has finally arrived, although we may have to wait for the Spring weather to follow. I hope you have had a good week. Here is this week's news.

## World Book Day Reminder

### Thursday 7th March

Thursday is World Book day. This event was launched in the UK in 1998 and is recognised by many of our UN Member States. The aim of the day is to promote a love of reading and as many of us enjoy bedtime reading, we are asking children to come to school dressed in their pyjamas. They may also choose to dress up as their favourite book character if preferred. We look forward to celebrating the day together.

### Red Nose Day Friday 15th March

We are asking the children to come to school dressed in red. It could be a little or a lot but no face paint or football shirts please. Details have been sent out already but are attached again to this newsletter. School Disco- Friday 15th March Details have been sent out by FOWS and the children are very excited, so get online and book your tickets.

### Cake Sale

A big thank you to the Year 3 parents and children who baked and donated cakes for our cake sale today. Our pupils really enjoy this treat.



### Forest School

A great week out at Forest School this week. Year 4 and 5 continued their theme of team building by attempting the Magic Carpet challenge. Year 3 built their own natural Stonehenge following on from their work in History on the Stone Age. Nursery used some natural tools to create holes within the area and Year 6 played 'Reverse Hide and Seek'.

Please make sure that your child brings their Forest School kit on the correct day so that they can enjoy this outdoor experience.

Mr Deeley    Forest School Lead

### Greek Day

Year 6 started their learning about ancient Greece with a theme day this week. The children enacted a drama about Theseus and the Minotaur, learning about Greek myths and the Greeks' role in the invention of theatre. They then made clay pots in the style of the Spartans before enjoying a feast of some Greek foods. A great start to our history unit!

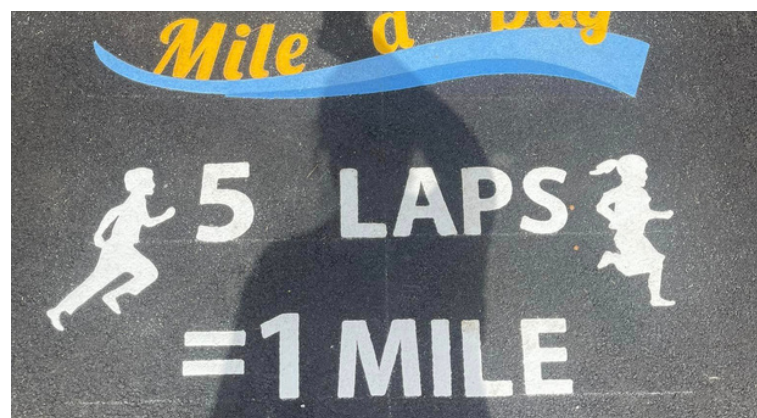
### School Council

The School Council has had a very exciting and productive week. On Tuesday, we met with Gill, a representative from Educaterers (the providers of our cooked dinners). The children provided lots of feedback on the dinner service. As a result of this meeting there are going to be several exciting improvements made in the dinner hall. Firstly, all children will be able to access the salad bar (to accompany any main meal). Secondly, we are going to be taking part in some special themed lunch days so please watch your inbox for further details. The upcoming themes include a 'Shakespeare Birthday lunch', an 'Easter Menu' and a 'Winnie the Pooh' Menu. And finally, the kitchens will be providing a greater number of the listed pudding each day to help to ensure that Key Stage 2 children are able to get their first choice of desert. We have a further piece of exciting news.... our new playground benches have arrived! We have taken delivery of the 4 picnic benches that school council ordered to allow for quiet activities in the playground. We would like to say a big thank you to Mr Sims for helping us by constructing the benches. The School Council will be advising their classes on appropriate use of the benches, this will include not climbing on them and only sitting on the seat areas- please ensure that your children abide by these safety and respect rules when dropping off and collecting from school. Mrs Cowely, School Council Lead.

### Year 2 trip to Warwick

On Wednesday, Year 2 went to Warwick on a class trip. We started off the day at the Market Hall Museum, where we were introduced to the Magic Story Box. We dressed up and used musical instruments to set the scene. We were going to go back in time to September 1694, when Lord Brooke was living in Warwick Castle. He had received several claims for compensation following the Great Fire of Warwick. Our task during the day was to find out more about each claimant and their compensation claim and then decide whether we thought compensation was needed and how much should be awarded.

We went on a walking tour of Warwick and discovered many locations that had been affected by the Great Fire. We learned about who lived at this location and how much they lost, our guide gave us photographs and props to help us to learn more about each claimant and their life. Some claimants lost nothing in the fire but were still asking for many hundreds of pounds in compensation! We had a fantastic day out and learned so much about the Great Fire of Warwick and how it affected the lives of many local people. We will now use this knowledge in our History lessons, to compare the fire of Warwick to the Great Fire of London. Mrs Bird Year 2 Class Teacher



### Leave of Absence Information

Please read the information below which is a reminder that holidays will not be authorised during term time and a leave of absence only agreed in exceptional circumstances.

‘Parents do not have any entitlement to take their children on holiday during term time. Any application for leave must establish that there are exceptional circumstances and the Headteacher must be satisfied that the circumstances warrant the granting of leave. Headteachers will determine how many school days a child may be absent from school if the leave is granted.’

### School Uniform Reminder

School uniform is an important part of the identity of our school and is linked to our ethos and values, particularly one of equality and contributes to the behaviours and attitudes we want to see across our school. We do not expect children to wear uniform with our school logo, that is a personal choice. However, we do ask that your children wear our school colours of red tops / white polo shirts and grey/black trousers/ skirts and wear comfortable and practical school shoes. Children should not wear nail varnish and if they have long hair, it should be tied back. Pupils are only permitted to wear small stud earrings and smart watches are not permitted in school.

### Do you have a skill or knowledge to share?

To further develop the experiences for pupils and our links with our school community, we would like to find out if you or an adult member of your family, has a skill or knowledge in a particular area, which you would be able to share at school. Examples might include, sewing, design, author, performer etc. If you feel you could share your skill/knowledge, please contact the school office.

### Parents' Evening

Thank you to everyone who attended our first Parents Evening session on Monday. The second will take place on Monday 4th March -3.40pm – 6.00pm Meetings will be held online on Teams. Please make sure that you have the right date and time and are ready to join the meeting on Teams.

### School Open Evening

Monday 18th March – 3.30pm- 5.30pm

You will have an opportunity to visit your child's classroom on Monday 18th March from 3.30pm until 5.30pm to have a look at their books and classroom environment.



# Spring Term Knowledge Assemblies

## Reception Owen Assembly

Reception presented a wonderful knowledge assembly yesterday. They talked about transport in the past and even demonstrated how to use a Sedan chair. Linked to the concept of transport, they shared their class book all about a chicken making a long journey home and what she encountered along the way. To conclude they sang a number song about 10, which they managed to sing forwards and backwards! Well done to all of the Reception Owen house children and thank you to the parents who attended the assembly.

Our next assembly is:

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March @ 9.10am**

**Year 1 and Year 4 Owen Assembly**

**Please see the rest of the Spring assemblies below**

## **Spring Term Knowledge Assemblies**

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March @ 9.10am**

**Year 2 and Year 5 Owen Assembly**

**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**

# Dates For Your Diary

4th March 2024	Adventures of Welford booklets sent out
7th March 2024	World Book Day
8th March 2024	British Science Week
12th March 2024 - 15th March 2024	Book Fair
15th March 2024	Red Nose Day
15th March 2024	School Disco
18th March 2024	Shakespeare Explore Workshop Yr1 - Yr6
18th March 2024	Adventures of Welford booklets returned
19th March 2024	Mobile Planetarium KS2
21st March 2024	Mobile Planetarium KS1
26th April 2024	Year 2 Cake Sale
26th April 2024	Movie Night Details to follow
10th May 2024	Reception Cake Sale
13th May 2024 - 16th May 2024	KS2 SATS
15th March 2024	Red Nose Day
17th May 2024	Non School Uniform Day - Maypole Tombola
21st May 2024	Maypole Dancing
5th July 2024	Sports Day AM
5th July 2024	Summer Fair After School TBC

FOR MORE VISIT: [www.welfordonavonschool.co.uk](http://www.welfordonavonschool.co.uk)

# Monthly Updates

## Food Vouchers

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 we be dealt with in the strictest confidence.

## Parking

Please be respectful to residents on Headland Road by not parking or dropping off across their driveways. 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.

## 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 Wrigglers

Our next session will take place on Wednesday 28th February starting at 9.15am and finishing at 11.15pm

## 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. We have attached the most recent schedule about the closure for your information.

## School Playing Field

Our school field will not be available while after school football clubs are running on Monday and Tuesday, in line with our safeguarding policy and the gate will continue to be locked at 4pm on Wednesday and Thursdays The field 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 maintains its upkeep. Thank you for your cooperation with this matter as regards the safety procedures of the school.

# Wellness @ Welbford Information

<https://us5.campaign-archive.com/?u=a24b439ef7022ae0d86f9ca6e&id=3236d9995f>

In this week's Family Information Service newsletter there is information about the Spring HAF programme, saving money on your Council Tax bill, new fire safety advice videos and much more!

## What is the Family Information Service?

The Family Information Service (FIS) supports families across Warwickshire with information and signposting to help with a wide range of family issues. 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 their Facebook page to see where you can find the FIS team across the county this week.

## HELP PAYING FOR YOUR CHILDCARE CHILDCARE SUPPORT IS EXPANDING APPLY NOW FOR APRIL

All the information you need about the child care offers that are available to all parents. Changes are coming into place so please follow the link to find out if you are eligible for more help

<https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk/>

### Discovery Webinars

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/warwickshire-county-council-31960567793>

These webinars are aimed at professionals and families within Warwickshire to inform them on the role of the Family Information Service and includes a guided tour through the FIS and SEND Local Offer webpages. This session will highlight the broad range of information and support that can be found on these two websites. Included in this webinar will be information on the Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) programme. Please follow the link above to book

### Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) Programme

<https://searchout.warwickshire.gov.uk/holidays-activities-food-haf>

The Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) Programme is funded by the Department for Education (DfE) to provide young people who are in full-time education (Reception to Year 11) and eligible for benefits-related free school meals, with access to enriching activities and meals for free, during the three main school holidays: Winter, Spring and Summer. Follow the link above for more information.

COMING SOON - Spring HAF: Monday 25 March - Friday 5 April 2024 (maximum of 4 sessions)

# Wellness @ Welford Continued

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:

o consultations with a clinician

o training

o 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.’

Warwickshire SEND Information, Advice and Support Service (SENDIASS) is a free, confidential and impartial service providing information, advice and support for parents/carers, children and young people aged 0-25 who have or may have Special Educational Needs and Disabilities. Contact Warwickshire SENDIASS

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



# Picture News

*This week's story: In countries across Europe, tractors have been blocking city streets and motorways, as farmers protest against certain European Union rules.*

**Question:** *How can you make your voice is heard?*

**Reflection:** *There will be times when we feel that a situation is unfair and to ensure our voice is heard, we need to act*

**British Value connected to this story:** *Democracy*

*As part of democracy, we have the right to protest. It is one of the ways a group of people can show when they strongly agree, or disagree with something and have their voices heard.*

**Protected Characteristics – Religion and Belief**

*Our beliefs affect our everyday lives and how we choose to live. If we feel strongly about something and the effect it is having on our lives, we can use our voices. We should never be treated unfairly because of our beliefs.*

**UN Rights of a Child:** *13. Sharing Thoughts Freely*

*We have the right to share freely with others what we learn, think and feel. We can do this by talking, writing, drawing or any other way unless it harms other people.*

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

## Safer Internet Day

**Before half term we celebrated Safer Internet Day on the Tuesday. Here is a reminder of the resources you can access.**

<https://www.saferinternetday.org/home>

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/parental-controls/>

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/talking-child-online-safety/>

**Vital information to read, before making any decision about allowing your child to have their first phone.**

<https://www.vodafone.co.uk/help-and-information/nspcc-phone-safety-toolkit>

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