



Dear Parents,

NEWSLETTER 22

8<sup>th</sup> March 2024

Happy International Women's Day!

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

We have had an action-packed week with three school trips and a theme day, as well as a whole school celebration of World Book Day.

### **World Book Day Reminder, Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March**

Thank you to everyone who took part in our World Book Day celebration. Most staff and pupils looked very cosy in their PJs, while some pupils opted for a famous book character. Everyone looked splendid! Throughout the day there were many reading linked activities, including the school bell ringing at intervals, to alert everyone to stop what they were doing and read. In addition, classes joined up for a shared reading activity. Reading ambassadors were appointed in every year group, this new position is given to pupils who show a high commitment to reading and model it everyday to those around them. Our newly formed group's first job is to help Mrs Wretham choose new books for the library using the scholastic vouchers raised through the Autumn Book Fair.

A leaflet about reading, has already been sent out by Email this morning.

### **Red Nose Day Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March**

Hot off the heels of World Book day, next Friday is Comic Relief Day or Red Nose Day. Children can come to school dressed in red. It could be a little or a lot but no face paint or football shirts please. Donations can be made via ParentPay.

### **School Disco- Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March**

All details about this event and were emailed last week and again earlier today.

### **Year 2 Theme Day**

#### **The Stuarts**

Today, Year 2 took part in a Knowledge Building Day about the Stuarts. We started the day by learning about the Stuart monarchs and the lengths of time that they ruled for. We then focused on Charles II as he was the monarch during the Great Fire of London in 1666.

We investigated the features of Stuart houses and had fun learning about the introduction of the Window Tax in 1696. We found out about why the Window Tax was introduced and how it affected people who lived in houses with lots of windows!

Finally, we enjoyed learning about the English Civil War. We used drama to represent the Cavaliers and the Roundheads and learnt more about who each group was supporting and why. We looked at the coat of arms of both Charles I and Oliver Cromwell and had great fun designing a coat of arms to represent each of us and our interests!

We had a great day learning about the Stuarts and the period of history that links to our Great Fire of London topic.

*Mrs Bird Year 2 Class Teacher*

### **Safer Internet Day**

Before half term we celebrated Safer Internet Day on 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 a decision about allowing your child to have their first phone.

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

### **Forest School**

A great week out at Forest School. To celebrate World Book Day, Year 1 and 2 created their own stick men from the story Stickman. Year 3 and 4 used hieroglyphics to build symbols out of natural materials. Year 6 were given Native American symbols to create sentences for others to translate.

*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*

### **Year 6 Mini Medics Course**

Well done to our Year 6 pupils who completed a Mini Medic course last Friday. All pupils received a certificate and a Mini Medic workbook.

### **Year 4 Heart of England Forest Trip**

On Wednesday, Year 4 enjoyed another visit to the Heart of England Forest. This time, we immersed ourselves in outdoor activities linked to our Anglo-Saxons history topic. We spent the morning learning about the meaning of migration and put this into practise with some forest-based games. In the afternoon, we explored Anglo-Saxon crafts, including weaving, clay pot making and even building our own villages using natural resources. The children demonstrated fantastic collaboration and teamworking skills and had a superb time learning in this outdoor setting.

*Miss Field Year 4 Class Teacher*

### **Year 1 Kenilworth Castle Trip**

On Wednesday, we enjoyed a fabulous trip to Kenilworth Castle. We learned all about how the castle has changed over time, starting as a wooden Motte and Bailey castle before the stone keep was added, with further developments during Tudor times. We discovered about all the different people who would have lived inside the castle in medieval times and the jobs that they would do. The children particularly enjoyed launching an imaginary attack on the castle, although this didn't end well, as we were trapped between the 2 portcullis gates, meaning we were subjected to all sorts of disgusting items being poured onto us! Mrs Taylor and I would like to thank our volunteers who helped us with this lovely trip.

*Mrs Cowley Year 1 Teacher*

### **Live Picture News Session Attended by Key Stage 2 Pupils**

On Tuesday, pupils in Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 joined a live session with the Picture News Team and Jack from Pop'n'Olly, around understanding the protective characteristics. They looked at each of the 9 protected characteristics in turn, learning what they are and where they can identify them in the world around them.

### **Year 1 and Year 4 Owen Assembly**

It was Year 1 and Year 4 Owen children's turn this week to hold their Knowledge Assembly. Both groups shared a wide range of knowledge, across all the subjects with incredible enthusiasm. Thank you to everyone who attended.

Our next assembly is:

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

**Year 2 and Year 5 Owen Assembly**

Please see the rest of the Spring assemblies below

### Spring Term Knowledge Assemblies

<b>Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March @ 2.45pm</b>	Nursery and Reception Spring Celebration Assembly
<b>Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2024 @ 2.45pm</b>	Year 1 and Year 2 Spring Celebration Assembly
<b>Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March @ 9.10am</b>	KS2 Spring Celebration Assembly

### 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 round neck sweatshirts/ 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.

A reminder that as part of our PE school uniform requirements, children should wear shorts, tops and tracksuits with our school logo, or plain school colours. They should not have branded items or the name of other clubs they attend out of 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 our unpredictable weather. We also encourage pupils to bring hats and gloves so that they remain warm during break and lunchtime.

### 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.'

### 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 will be dealt with in the strictest confidence.

### **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, a designer, author performer etc. If you feel you could share your skill/knowledge, please contact the school office.

### **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. The most recent schedule about the closure has been emailed.

### **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 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**

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 to be locked at 4.30pm on Wednesday and Thursday. 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 is responsible for its upkeep. Thank you for your co-operation with this matter, as regards the safety procedures of the school.

### **Welford Wrigglers**

Our next session will take place on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> starting at 9.15am and finishing at 11.15pm

### **Parents' Evening:**

**Thank you to everyone who attended our second Parents' Evening session on Monday.**

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

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.

**Have a great weekend and enjoy your celebrations around Mother's Day**

Mrs Leeman and Staff

### **Picture News:**

**This week's story:** Across the UK and Ireland, the charity, World Book Day, will be holding its annual celebration on Thursday 7th March and this year's campaign, 'Read Your Way'.

**Question:** How do you think World Book Day should be celebrated?

**Reflection:** World Book day is a chance to celebrate books and reading. Dressing up as our favourite character, is one way of promoting and celebrating it.

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

Reading can help us learn more about our world. It can help us understand and respect other people's faith, beliefs and culture and that life is not the same for everyone

### **Protected Characteristics – Age**

World Book Day aims to change lives through a love of reading and books. Young people often celebrate in school but anyone of any age can celebrate. We should never be treated unfairly because of our age.

**UN Rights of a Child:** 31. Rest, Play Culture, Arts

We have the right to rest, relax, play and take part in cultural and creative activities. World Book day can provide us with an opportunity to do this.

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

### **Wellness @ Welford Information**

#### **Warwickshire Family Information Services**

<https://us5.campaign-archive.com/?u=a24b439ef7022ae0d86f9ca6e&id=01be6d0c81>

In this week's Family Information Service newsletter there is information about the Supported Internships event, Household Support Fund, free ScootAbility training 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.

#### **Special Edition family Information Newsletter**

<https://us5.campaign-archive.com/?u=a24b439ef7022ae0d86f9ca6e&id=5b811065cb>

This month's special edition focuses on holiday activities in preparation for the Easter break. Find information about activities in Warwickshire and the holiday activities and food (HAF) programme for those who are eligible for benefits-tested free school meals.

### **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)

### **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

### **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.'



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/>



# TAKEHOME



How do you think World Book Day should be celebrated?

## In the news this week

Across the UK and Ireland, the charity, World Book Day, will be holding its annual celebration on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March. The day is a chance to celebrate and encourage reading in schools and homes. Children are more likely to enjoy reading when they have greater control over what they read and when there is an emphasis on fun, the charity believes. Many schools choose to recognise the day by encouraging children to dress up as their favourite book characters, bringing in their favourite books and holding other reading activities in school.

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

- Does your school recognise World Book Day? What do you do? Do you enjoy the activities?
- What other ways do you think we can encourage people to read? Do you enjoy reading? Do you think it's important for people to read more?

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)



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