

Welford on Avon Primary School News

Dear Parents,

Welcome to this week's newsletter.

British Science Week 2023

This week, Science has been buzzing around all the classes! The theme for this year's British Science Week was 'Time' and children took part in lots of activities, including thinking about different ways to measure time, such as water clocks, investigating pendulums and becoming polar ice scientists. The children have also been looking at the diversity of scientists and their careers and improving their questioning skills/scientific vocabulary using Explorify. KS1 and KS2 are excited by the visit of the mobile planetarium next week! Mrs Pote – Science Lead

Red Nose Day Friday 15th March

Thank you to everyone who contributed to our Comic Relief fundraising day. If you haven't managed to donate, you still can do so via ParentPay. We will let you know our final total next week.

School Disco- Friday 15th March

Reception and Key Stage 1- 5.00pm-6.00pm

Key Stage 2- 6.15pm -7.15pm



Forest School

A wonderful week out at Forest School this week. Year 6 attempted the Spider's Web challenge, whilst Year 4 recapped all their geographical knowledge, by creating their own natural volcanoes in the area. Year 1 and 2 celebrated Red Nose Day, by creating a natural face with funny or odd noses. Year 5 had their last session of the term, so toasted marshmallows, popped popcorn on a fire and discussed how to keep ourselves safe around a fire. 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

Welford Wrigglers

Our next session will take place on Wednesday 20th March starting at 9.15am and finishing at 11.15pm. There will be no sessions over the Easter break, so the next session will be on Wednesday 10th April from 9.15am until 11.15am.

Fire Safety Talk for Year 1 and Year 5

Year 1

On Thursday, Year 1 had a visit from a Warwickshire Fire Service. We learned all about the different jobs carried out by the firefighters and the clothing that they wear to protect themselves. We learned about safe and unsafe fires, as well as the importance of adult supervision. Our rhyme is: 'Matches and lighters never touch They can hurt you very much' Next, we watched a clip all about Freckle and Dexter, which taught us all about the Fire Plan: check doors; crawl beneath the smoke; get out; dial 999. Finally, we practised how to stop, drop and roll, to put out a fire on our clothing. It was a very informative and fun session.

Mrs Cowley Year 1 Teacher

Year 5

Warwickshire Fire Service came into school to speak with Year 5. We discussed the importance of having an emergency plan in schools and what procedures the staff and children have to do, in case of a fire. This was then extended to discuss the benefit of having an emergency plan at home and how having a clear escape route is key. The children were then challenged to spot the potential dangers in an image of a living room and a bedroom. These included aerosol cans near cookers, unattended candles and smoke alarms not placed on the ceiling. Finally, the children were given a safety check to complete at home.

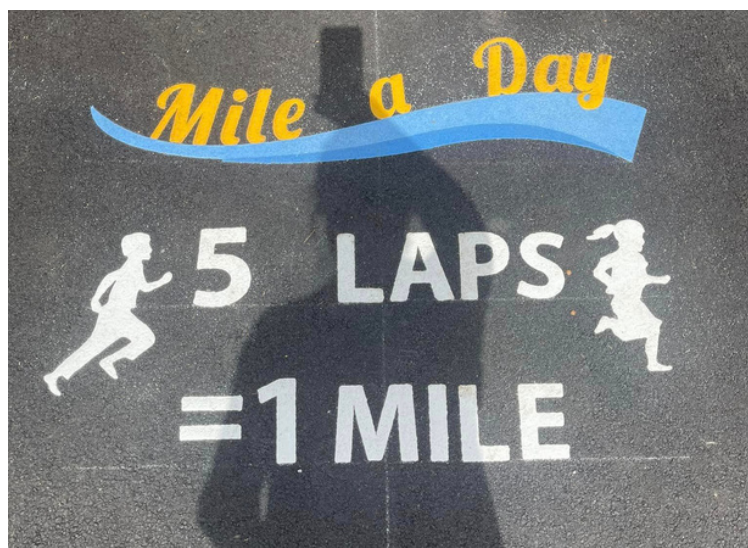
Mr Mann Year 5 Class Teacher

Farewell to Miss Burn and Miss Baird

Miss Burn has decided to pack her rucksack and go travelling and will be leaving Welford Primary School at the end of term. She will be sorely missed, having become a very important member of our Reception, School and Star Club staff but we wish her well with this exciting adventure that she has planned. We hope she sends us a few postcards from her destinations.

Miss Baird will also be leaving us at the end of next week to take up a new post. Her new role is her dream job, as it will involve organising and running Netball leagues. Miss Baird started out as an apprentice at Welford four years ago and during her time as a teaching assistant, her enthusiasm and commitment has been unwavering. Miss Baird has contributed a great deal to the school and in particular our extended school curriculum. She was been central to setting up our very popular girls football club and the continued success she has had with her netball club. She will be greatly missed by staff, parents and pupils but I know she will be equally successful in her new role.

Good luck!



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.

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.

Experience Easter Visit

Years 2,3 and 4 were all welcomed to an Experience Easter event at St Peter's church this week which was hosted by Revd. Jay and Revd. Yvette. A selection of activities were organised by the church for the pupils to experience to gain an understanding of Easter as a Christian celebration. These included: Hopes and Dreams (Palm Sunday) Servant King (Jesus washes the disciples feet)

Remember me (The Last Supper)

Alone (Garden of Gethsemane)

The Cross - Symbol of Hope (Good Friday)

We would like to extend a huge thank you to St Peter's church for organising this visit and supporting the school.

Spring Term Knowledge Assemblies

Year 2 and Year 5 Owen Assembly

Another amazing assembly this week, this time it was Year 2 and Year 5 Owen children, who presented. It was packed with lots of information about their most recent learning. Thank you to everyone who attended. Next week we have our Spring Celebration Assemblies:

Wednesday 20th March @ 2.45pm	Nursery and Reception Spring Celebration Assembly
Thursday 21st March 2024 @ 2.45pm	Year 1 and Year 2 Spring Celebration Assembly
Friday 22nd 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

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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 will 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 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 maintains its upkeep. Thank you for your cooperation with this matter as regards the safety procedures of the school.

Please note that the field will be locked tonight (Friday) as we have an event in school.

Wellness @ Welford

Warwickshire Family Information Services

<https://us5.campaign-archive.com/?u=a24b439ef7022ae0d86f9ca6e&id=c783e22300>

In this week's Family Information Service newsletter there is information about a Direct Payment survey, the new film highlighting school experiences of young people with SEND, help with paying home energy bills 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, calling 0800 408 1558 or finding support on 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.

Wellness @ Welford Continued

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:
oconsultations with a clinician

otraining

othemed coffee mornings focusing on areas of requested support.

If you would like to know more please email rise

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.’

Picture News

Picture News:

Several of our classes took part in a fun, interactive, and thought-provoking 30-minute live Picture News Session this week. This teacher-led online assembly explored the current Picture News pack. Our pupils found the session very informative!

This week's story: Ministers have confirmed plans to ban the use of mobile phones in English schools and have released guidance for Headteachers.

Question: Should mobile phones be banned in all classrooms?

Reflection: Mobile phones have revolutionised how we communicate and interact with others and the wider world. It is important to be mindful of how and when they are used.

British Value connected to this story: Rule of Law

Sometimes bans can be put in place, which means something is officially or legally prohibited. Rules and laws are there to help protect us and keep us safe.

Protected Characteristics – Religion and Belief

Our religion or belief can affect how and when we choose to use digital technologies. We should never be treated unfairly because of our religion or belief.

UN Rights of a Child: 41. Best Law for Children Applies

Different countries have different rules and laws. If the laws of a country protect us better than the UN Rights of a child, then those laws should be used.

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

Have a great weekend! Happy St Patrick's Day for Sunday! School closes for the Easter Break on Friday 22nd March at the normal finish time of 3.25pm.

Mrs Leeman and Staff

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