



Dear Parents,

NEWSLETTER 24

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Welcome back to a new term at Welford Primary School. We hope you had an enjoyable and relaxing break. As we step into the Summer term, we are filled with excitement for the learning experiences that lie ahead. It is lovely to see our pupils and staff return with renewed enthusiasm, ready for the term ahead and as always, our dedicated staff are here to support and guide each child along their educational path, ensuring they thrive academically, socially and emotionally.

From Sports Day to school trips, from Summer concerts to theme days, there is something for every child to engage with and enjoy.

Communication between school and home is key to your child's success, so please reach out if you have any questions or ideas that you would like to share. Thank you for your continued support and partnership in your child's education. Here's to a fantastic Summer term ahead.

Refurbishment of the Boys Toilets

Fantastic news! Over the break, we have been hard at work transforming the KS2 boys' toilets into a space that truly reflects our commitment to providing the best environment for our pupils. The refurbishment project has resulted in a vibrant and inviting area for our boys to use. With bright and cheerful colours, well designed features, the toilets are not just aesthetically pleasing but also promote a positive and hygienic experience for all. The upgraded boys' toilets are a testament to our ongoing dedication to enhancing every aspect of our school environment.

This was partly funded by a very generous contribution by our FOWS committee, meaning we were able to turn our vision into a reality. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to FOWS for their support and commitment to enhancing our school facilities.

Year 3 Fossils School Trip

On Thursday, Year 3 had a wonderful opportunity to visit Cross Hands Quarry, to consolidate and enhance their knowledge and understanding of rocks and fossils. The quarry was once a Jurassic seascape covered by a shallow sea, which is now rich in fossils from 170 million years ago. We recapped our knowledge of how fossils are formed and then practised identifying fossils, including sea urchins, ammonites, gastropods and brachiopods. Following this, we went fossil hunting to try and find examples of the fossils we had been identifying. So many fossils were found, including a family of brachiopod and a wood fossil. The children all thoroughly enjoyed this experience and were excited to be able to take home their fossil finds. The final part of the trip was a visit to a Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI), which perfectly demonstrated the underlying structure of the

area and the effects of geological forces. We discovered that a cave like structure had been formed by water repeatedly freezing and then melting, which caused the rocks to break. The whole day was incredibly informative and the children upheld our Welford values very well.

Mrs Hopkirk Year 3 Class Teacher

Summer Term Assemblies

Information about our summer term assemblies is attached to this Newsletter. More details on other Summer term events will be sent out next week.

FOWS MOVIE NIGHT is from 5pm until 7pm on Friday 26th April. This will be a fun night for your child to enjoy and FOWS are very busy preparing. FOWS will be sending out further details about how to book tickets.

Forest School

Forest School is already underway this week. Over the course of the term pupils will continue to have opportunities to explore the wonders of nature, develop new skills and foster a deep appreciation for the environment. We believe that connecting with nature is essential for pupils' wellbeing and development and we are delighted to offer this unique opportunity as part of our curriculum.

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

Mr Deeley Forest School Lead

School Trip Parent Volunteers

Our school experiences and trips would not be able to take place if it wasn't for the commitment of our parent volunteers and we extend our sincere gratitude to all who help. While we truly value your willingness to assist, it is important to clarify a key aspect of our school trip procedures. Volunteers will be allocated to supervise groups that may not include their own child, except in exceptional circumstances. This approach ensures fair and equal supervision for all our pupils, contributing to a safe and enjoyable experience for everyone. We appreciate your understanding and cooperation in this matter, which ultimately enhances the overall trip for all.

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.

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.

Welford (Binton) Bridge

The Binton Bridge is open but has a traffic light system over the next few weeks. The most recent schedule about the closure has been emailed.

School Playing Field

As a reminder to all, the playing field is school (WCC LA) property and the school maintains its upkeep.

Adventures at Welford Booklet- Summer Term

Have you remembered to return your child's Adventure Booklet? If not please return by the start of next week.

Welford Wrigglers

Welford Wrigglers resumed this week. This is a great opportunity for parents and grandparents and their little ones to come together for fun, learning and socialisation, right here at our primary school. The club is run by members of our school team and is free to attend. From arts and crafts to music and movement, each session is packed with exciting opportunities for exploration and discovery.

Our next session is on Wednesday 17th April from 9.15am until 11.15am the sessions are run in our sports hall.

Mrs Leeman and Staff

FRIENDS OF WELFORD SCHOOL (FOWS) NEWS

Over the last five years alone, FOWS has raised over £50,000 for Welford on Avon Primary School - an incredible amount! Through the funds kindly raised by parents supporting these events, we have paid for, or contributed towards some superb resources, including:

- A new library
- Balance bikes
- Brand new IT equipment
- A new keyboard
- Key Stage 2 classrooms air conditioning unit (they are all south facing and used to get very hot)
- The new Reception class playground area.
- And of course, the KS2 boys toilets.

We are currently planning the last few fundraisers for the school year: Movie night, Maypole tombola, The summer fair and WOA!FEST (hopefully, please see below)

WOA! FEST

The annual school summer camp out and the highlight of FOWS calendar! This event normally features amazing bands, performances, tug of war, sports, crafts and face painting. As well as a great bar and BBQ. It's a brilliant event where special memories are made. It also generates the most revenue for FOWS and our school. We currently need a Lead Volunteer / or 2 people to oversee it this year. We have lots of volunteers and contacts in place, we just need an organised person to pull it altogether. If you are interested please email: fowswelford@outlook.com by 15th April. Otherwise unfortunately WOA!FEST will be cancelled for 2024.

Picture News:

This week's story: The Royal Family's right to privacy has made news headlines worldwide over the past few weeks.

Question: Should everyone be allowed to lead a private life?

Reflection: We all have a right to live as we wish, controlling what we choose to share with others. This is true whoever we are.

British Value connected to this story: Rule of Law

The Government must put laws in place to protect children's right to privacy. We understand that these laws are to ensure our safety and wellbeing.

Protected Characteristics – Age

We are entitled to privacy, no matter how old we are. Adults should support children to understand and exercise their right to privacy. Nobody should be treated unfairly because of their age.

UN Rights of a Child: 16. Protection of Privacy

Children and young people have the right to a private life, just like grown-ups.

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



In the news this week

The Royal Family's right to privacy has made news headlines worldwide over the past few weeks. Catherine, the Princess of Wales, recently released a video explaining her health issues and continued treatment, following an operation and diagnosis. King Charles III also announced he is receiving treatment for a different illness, making them a large focus of media attention. Interest in the personal lives of the Royal Family and other celebrities is very high, with many news outlets choosing to write stories about them. Following both announcements, the Royal Family has released statements requesting privacy.

Things to talk about at home ...

- > Share any knowledge you have about the Royal Family. Ask others at home what they know; can they remember different members of the Royal Family?
- > What do you imagine life would be like as a member of the Royal Family? What do you think you would find hard? What do you feel you might find easier?

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

Share your thoughts and read the opinions of others

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Wellness @ Welford Information

Warwickshire Family Information Services

<https://us5.campaign-archive.com/?u=a24b439ef7022ae0d86f9ca6e&id=99e4727e5b>

In this week's Family Information Service newsletter there is information about a Department of Education consultation, preparing for local elections, Warwickshire's new youth councillors 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.

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

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/>