

# Welford on Avon Primary School News

Dear Parents,

Welcome to our weekly newsletter. Our newsletter is designed to keep you informed about all the exciting things that are happening at our school. It is an opportunity to share updates and achievements and upcoming events with you. Please take a moment to read through our newsletter and stay connected with our school events.

Tuesday 30th April will be class photos day. Children are asked to come in their school uniform and not their PE kits please.

Movie Night is tonight. Drop off at 5pm and pick up (prompt please) at 7pm.

·If your child is being collected by someone else, please let the staff know when you drop off, or provide a note. We will be unable to release children to other adults without parental permission. We appreciate your support with this matter.

·Under no circumstances must children have mobile phones at movie night. This is in line with our safeguarding and GDPR regulations and will ensure that everyone can fully enjoy the movie experience without distractions. Thank you for your understanding and support.

We hope your child has an enjoyable experience.

## Cake Sale

Thank you to all the Year 2 parents who provided cakes for the FOWS cake sale today.



## Using Mobile Phones on School Premise

As we prioritise the safety of all our pupils during drop off and pick up, we kindly ask that mobile phones are not used on the school premises. Your adherence to this request, will help a smooth and safe transition for all children and is in line with our GDPR regulations. As well as the GDPR concerns, your child needs your full attention at the beginning and the end of the school day. Many thanks.

## Save the Date

Maypole Evening – Tuesday 21st May @ 6.30pm

The whole school has started preparing for our Maypole Evening on Tuesday 21st May. We ask that all children attend this traditional event, which plays a huge part of our school identity. The dancing will start at 6.30pm and details have been sent out separate to this newsletter.

### Forest School

Another lovely week out at Forest School. Year 6 continued with their knot tying, focussing on the reef knot and square lashing. Year 4 and 5 went on a bug hunt around the area, whilst Year 1 created their very own squirrel obstacle courses for our resident squirrels. Nursery and Reception were challenged to build their own nests, after being inspired by the birds currently nesting in the birdbox outside Nursery! 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 (Binton) Bridge

If our information is correct, the Binton Bridge will remain open using a traffic light system until the 20th May when it will close for two weeks (which coincides with our Maypole evening).

### Shakespeare Birthday

Pierce and Ben from Year 6 represented the 1st Welford on Avon (Scouts) at the Shakespeare's Birthday Parade on Saturday. The mustering took place in Bancroft Gardens near to the Swan Fountain from 10:10am, where Parade Marshals were on duty to make sure participants are in the correct order. The parade left Waterside at 10:30am for Bridge Street, to take up position prior to the Flag Unfurling Ceremony at 11:00am. Following the Flag Ceremony, the Parade reformed to march via High Street, Chapel Street and Church Street and Old Town to Holy Trinity Church to place flowers at Shakespeare's Grave.

### 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.



### 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.

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.

### 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.

### School Playing Field

Our school field will not be available while after school clubs are running on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, in line with our safeguarding policy and the gate will be locked at 5.30pm on Thursday. The field will be unlocked after school on Fridays and 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 as regards the safety procedures of the school.

### Welford Wrigglers

Welford Wrigglers enjoyed a fun packed session 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 1st May from 9.15am until 11.15am the sessions are run in our sports hall.

Please note that there will be no toddler group on Wednesday 15th May as the hall will be in use for Year 6 SATS.



# Summer Term Assemblies

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**Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> April**

**Reception Higgs Assembly**

Reception shared a wealth of learning and knowledge at this week's assembly. They talked about their recent 'Paris' theme day and what they got up to. In addition, they demonstrated their extensive knowledge about dinosaurs (very complicated names) and recited the months of the year off by heart, thank you to the parents who attended. Your presence and support mean the world to the children and seeing you at the assemblies, enriches their experiences in countless ways.

Next week's assembly:

**Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May**

**Year 1 and Year 4 Higgs Assembly**

## The Rest of our assemblies are detailed below

Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 2 and Year 5 Higgs Assembly
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May	Year 3 and Year 6 Higgs Assembly
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> June	Nursery and Reception Summer Assembly
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 1 and Year 2 Summer Assembly
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 3 and Year 4 Summer Assembly
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 5 and Year 6 Summer Assembly
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> July	Whole School Swap
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> July	Choir, <u>Lamda</u> and Music Performance (more details to follow)
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 Leavers' Assembly PM

# Summer Term Dates

Friday 26th April 2024	Cake Sale - Year 2 to provide cakes
Friday 26th April 2024	Movie Night
Tuesday 30th April 2024	Class Photos
Monday 6th May 2024	Bank Holiday
Friday 10th May 2024	Cake Sale - Reception to provide cakes
Monday 13th May - Friday 16th May	KS2 SATS (Yr 6 )
Friday 17th May 2024	Non Uniform Tombola prizes for maypole evening
Tuesday 21st May 2024	Maypole Evening - 6pm Start
Wednesday 22nd May 2024	Reserve Maypole Evening
27th May 2024 - 31st May 2024	Half Term
Monday 3rd June 2024	Inset Day - School Closed
Tuesday 4th June 2024 - Friday 14th June 2024	Year 4 Multiplication check
Monday 10th June - Friday 14th June 2024	Year 1 Phonics Screening
Monday 10th June - Friday 14th June 2024	Bikeability (Yr6)
Monday 10th June 2024	Adventure of Welford Booklets sent home
Friday 14th June 2024	Cake Sale - Nursery to provide cakes
Monday 24th June 2024	Adventure of Welford Booklets back to school
Thursday 27th June 2024	Govenors Day
Friday 5th July 2024	Sport Day AM
Friday 5th July 2024	Summer Fair PM
Wednesday 10th July 2024	Whole School Swap Day
Friday 12th July 2024	School Reports issued
Friday 19th July 2024	Summer Term Ends

# Wellness @ Welford

## Warwickshire Family Information Services

<https://us5.campaign-archive.com/?u=a24b439ef7022ae0d86f9ca6e&id=9ddf885142>

In this week's Family Information Service newsletter there is information about Think Active's Wear and Share initiative, adult education sessions, water safety, free help with home heating for residents in Stratford-on-Avon 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

# Wellness @ Welford Continued

## Wellness @ Welford Information

### 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/>

# Picture News

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This week's story: Scottish runner, Jasmin Paris, has become the first female runner and one of only twenty to complete what is thought to be the world's toughest race; the Barkley Marathons in Tennessee, USA.

Question: Can you learn to persevere?

Reflection: Perseverance is continuing, even when things get difficult and it may seem much easier to give up. The greatest achievements have often come from those who have overcome huge challenges through their determination.

British Value connected to this story: Individual Liberty

We each have unique talents, interests and goals. We all have the right to choose the dreams we wish to pursue.

Protected Characteristics – Gender

Jasmin Paris was the first female to complete the Barkley Marathons. We are all capable of achieving amazing things. We should not be limited by our gender.

UN Rights of a Child:29: Aims of Education Children are all different and have their own unique interests and talents. Education should aim to nurture and develop talents of every individual child

Picture News at Home is attached to this newsletter so you can continue this conversation at home. Thank you to the pupils and families who contributed to last week's story. The pupils were presented with a 'Picture News Contributor' sticker.