

# Welford on Avon Primary School News

Dear Parents,

Welcome to our weekly Newsletter. Please take a moment to read it through and stay connected with our school events.

## School Council

We met on Tuesday this week. Having researched prices for playground bins, we have realised we need to do some more fundraising. Children will be collecting ideas during their Class Council meetings for Summer term fund raisers. The School Councillors are also creating some posters to remind everyone about how to look after our playground benches.

Mrs Cowley School Council Lead

## 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 compliance with 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.

## Maypole Evening – Tuesday 21st May

@6.30pm Preparations are continuing for our Maypole Evening on Tuesday 21st May. We ask that all children attend this traditional event, which is a huge part of our school identity. The dancing will start at 6.30pm and details have been sent out separately.

## School Drop- off and Collection

Please ensure you supervise your child before the school gates are open, to ensure they do not pull or swing on the gates. When collecting pupils, please ensure they walk calmly around the school site and do not climb on the school walls or fences. While we understand the joy of catching up with fellow parents and children being able to socialise, it is imperative that after collecting your child you vacate the premises promptly. This will allow the school to continue to operate a safe environment.

## Forest School

Another wonderful week out in the Forest School area. Year 1 created their very own forest gnome characters out in the area, whilst Reception had a fairy tea party. Year 6 went on a mini beast hunt, whilst Year 2 built a bug house. Year 3 were challenged to build nests and after their success last week in their bug hunt, Year 5 created bug hotels around the area.

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

## Cake Sale-

We will be having another cake sale next Friday 10th May with Reception providing the cakes.

### 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).

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

### 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. Our next session is on Wednesday 8th May from 9.15am until 11.15am and the sessions are run in our sports hall.

### 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 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 to be locked at 5.30pm on Thursday. The field 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.

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

Thank you for your ongoing support and have an amazing bank holiday weekend. See you all on Tuesday 7th May.

# Summer Term Assemblies

## Year 1 and 4 Higgs Assembly

This Thursday, Year 1 Higg pupils brightened up the damp day we were having, with their delightful singing, when sharing their learning in music. They also demonstrated their skills with the Glockenspiel, when improvising with notes they had learnt to play. They explained the different lines they have been exploring through their Art and Design and the classification of animals. All of the pupils had learnt their assembly words and this was an impressive display of the development of their memory. Year 4 Higgs pupils shared their proficiency in French conversation when visiting the Doctor's with excellent pronunciation. The pupils worked collaboratively, to perform a creative cumulative poem they had written in English and explained how they have been using source materials, to discover what life was like for the Anglo-Saxons. Well done to everyone for the learning shared this week.

Next Assembly is:

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=7387f453b0>

In this week's Family Information Service newsletter there is information about digital support for separating parents, stress management, World Immunisation Week 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 of the Family Support Newsletter

<https://us5.campaign-archive.com/?u=a24b439ef7022ae0d86f9ca6e&id=79354c54f9>

FIS provide a wide range of information and support to families with children and young people aged 0-25, including:

- Childcare
- Money and benefits
- Housing
- Special educational needs and disabilities (SEND)
- Health and wellbeing
- Workshops and programmes for parents and carers.

Please follow the link above for more information.

# Wellness @ Welford Continued

## 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.’

# Picture News

This week's story: Stef Reid, a former Paralympian medal-winner, is requesting Nike and other sportswear companies to start selling individual trainers to single-leg amputees.

Question: How can shops make sure everyone feels represented?

Reflection: Everyone is different, from our personalities and experiences to our physical traits. This makes the world a wonderfully diverse place but also means we all have a responsibility to ensure that everyone is included and has the opportunities to reach their potential.

British Value connected to this story: Democracy

We can listen to others carefully and use our voices to make sure everyone is included and treated fairly.

Protected Characteristics – Disability

The projects available to buy should be inclusive and represent us all. Nobody should be excluded or treated unfairly because of a disability.

UN Rights of a Child:23: Children with disabilities Every child with a disability should enjoy the best possible life in society. Governments should remove all obstacles for children with disabilities to become independent and to participate actively in the community.

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.