

Welford on Avon Primary School News

Dear Parents,

Welcome to our weekly newsletter. The sunshine has finally arrived, long may it last!

Cake Sale

Thank you to our Reception families for providing the cakes for our cake sale today.

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 plays should 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

A lovely sunny week out at Forest School. Year 2 and 3 explored how to create bark rubbings, whilst Year 4 built their own bug hotels. Year 5 were challenged with building a bridge out of natural materials that was strong enough to walk across and Year 1 created their own miniature hedgehog mud models.



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.

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 co-operation with this request, will help achieve 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.

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.

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.

Our next session in on Wednesday 22nd May from 9.15am until 11.15am the sessions are run in our sports hall.

Summer Term Assemblies

Year 2 and Year 5 Higgs Assembly

We were treated to a knowledge and learning assembly this week from Year 2 and Year 5 Higgs House.

Year 2 described in great detail how they have been exploring clay and developing the skills and techniques for joining and sculpting. They have linked their Art and Design learning with Design and Technology and showed examples of their clay work so far. Year

2 also talked about Sir Isaac Newton and his theory of gravity. This has led to some interesting learning around forces and the children were able to explain how the weather vanes they had made, worked. We also saw some of the fantastic underwater themed yoga that the children have been learning, which looked like great fun.

Year 5 were also able to show their cross-curricular links, with lots of facts about the planets in our solar system, all delivered in French! Some fantastic translations and information shared in a bi-lingual way. They also shared some of the verses of their poems in which they have been exploring personification. Some really high level descriptions and delivered with confidence to the audience. Thank you Year 2 and 5 Higgs House children for such a wonderful assembly today.

No assembly next week due to SATS so our next assembly will be on:

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

Summer Term Dates

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 @ Welbford

Warwickshire Family Information Services

<https://us5.campaign-archive.com/?u=a24b439ef7022ae0d86f9ca6e&id=fa43b7dc60>

In this week's Family Information Service newsletter there is information about the Maternal Circles service, new Warwickshire Youth Offer webpages, Interactive Futures 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 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.

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

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:

o consultations with a clinician

o training

o 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.’

Picture News

This week's story: A new study published in an archaeological journal, using evidence found in Italy, has found that Neanderthals organised their living areas and tools in a similar way to modern humans.

Question: Can the past help us learn about modern life?

Reflection: From the past, we can learn from mistakes, the consequences of actions and how they impacted the world. We can be inspired by positive outcomes and help change the course of the future.

British Value connected to this story: Individual Liberty

We have the freedom to make our own choices. We can pursue areas of learning that interest us and we can share our knowledge and understanding of others.

Protected Characteristics – Religion or Belief

We are all different and therefore we may hold different beliefs about the origins of ourselves and our world. It is important to listen to and respect the beliefs of others.

UN Rights of a Child:28 Access to Education We all have the right to an education that helps us to learn about the world around us and its rich history. Governments must ensure that education is available for every 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.