

Dear Parents,

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Welcome to our weekly Newsletter.

Year 6 SATs

Congratulations to Year 6 on completing your SATS this week. Their hard work and dedication has been very evident over the last few months and their attitude to sitting the tests has been exemplary. To mark the end of the SATS and the start of the final weeks at Welford, they received their 'Leaver Hoodies' today. A heartfelt thank you to all the parents for their unwavering support and encouragement and the teachers for their dedication and guidance throughout this process.

Staff News

Following a very successful teaching year at Welford school, Mr Mann has decided to take a break from classroom teaching and return to the slopes to resume his role as a ski instructor. Since joining our team, Mr Mann has very quickly become a valued member of our staff and we are very sad to see him leave. However, he does have a long teaching career ahead of him, so a break after all his studies and his first year of working as a teacher, is understandable. He will be leaving us at the end of the Summer term.

We have been busy running a recruitment campaign for his replacement and can announce that Mr Boxall has been appointed as a class teacher. Many of you already know Mr Boxall, as he is completing his training at Welford School, as part our teacher training hub. He is already very familiar with the school and we are delighted that he will become a full member of our team in September. Congratulations Mr Boxall!

We will be updating parents on the teaching allocation for September over the next few weeks.

Summer Term Assemblies - Our next assembly will be on:

Thursday 23rd May

Year 3 and Year 6 Higgs Assembly

Sewing Club



Welford's stitchers have been busy during Sewing Club developing and applying different techniques to make their own keyring. This half-term, they have worked together to persevere in cutting out patterns and using a running stitch to join their pieces together. To celebrate the summer term, they personalised their own Gnom design, choosing fabrics that complemented each other. Mr Boxall.

Second Half Term Summer Assemblies

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, Lamda and Music Performance (more details to follow)
Thursday 18 th July	Year 6 Leavers' Assembly PM

Thank you to everyone who contributed to our tombola collection today

Maypole Evening – Tuesday 21st May @ 6.30pm

We are well rehearsed, ready and looking forward to our Maypole Evening next Tuesday. Please check the details on the letter which was sent out, about times and where to go. Please note that the bridge will be closed, so advise any family coming along to avoid the bridge. We also strongly recommend that where possible, you walk to the Maypole Green to help with traffic and parking. We look forward to seeing everyone at this traditional event.

Forest School

A wonderful week out at Forest School, Year 4 created some excellent artwork using wax crayons and perfecting their bark and leaf rubbing techniques. Year 2 created 3D animal track models using the natural materials, whilst Year 3 had a game of reverse hide and seek. Reception created their own forest gnome characters and Year 1 experimented with wax crayons to create bark rubbings.

Please make sure that your child brings their Forest School kit on the correct day so that they can enjoy this outdoor experience. As the weather improves we advise that your child brings a sunhat and has applied sunscreen.

Mr Deeley Forest School Lead

Y5 and Year 6 Sleep Workshop

Year 5 and 6 took part in a 'Sleep Workshop' this week, delivered by Connect for Health – the school nursing service. They learnt about the benefits of a good night's sleep and were taught some tips for a successful bedtime routine.

Mrs Pote – Y6 class teacher

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

As far as we are aware, Binton Bridge will be closed again for a few weeks from Monday 20th May. Please make sure that you adjust your journey and times accordingly.

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 open until 4.30pm on Friday. As a reminder to all, the playing field is school (WCC LA) property and part of the school site. The school is responsible for maintaining its upkeep, health and safety and safeguarding procedures in line with DFE policy. Thank you for your cooperation with this matter as regards the safety procedures of the school.

Welford Wrigglers

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 22nd May from 9.15am until 11.15am the sessions are run in our sports hall. There will be no session the following week as this will be half term.

FOWS Message

Big thank you for all your amazing donations today for the FOWS Tombola. We have so many items we've decided to split the donations and run two tombola's, one on the Maypole night and the other during the summer fair. Thanks again for your support. FOWS

Mrs Leeman and staff

Picture News:

This week's story: Cambridge University has returned four spears to the descendants of an indigenous community in Australia, who crafted them.

Question: What is your identity?

Reflection: Who you are today is a result of many things, including your family and friends, experiences, places you live and things that matter to you. For some, artefacts or objects will play a role in their identity.

British Value connected to this story: Mutual Respect and Tolerance

Every family or community has its own history, which can help to shape each individual member. When we understand and embrace this, we can treat everyone with empathy and respect.

Protected Characteristics – Race

Our identity is made up of things including our culture, traditions and heritage. By listening openly, we can learn about things that make each one of us special and unique

UN Rights of a Child: 30 Minority Culture, Language and Religion

Governments must ensure that children can learn the language, culture and religion of their family, especially if these are different from those of most of the other people living in that country.

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.



In the news this week

Cambridge University has returned four spears to the descendants of an indigenous community in Australia, who crafted them. The four aboriginal spears are all that remain of the forty or so that British explorer, James Cook, and his team took from the Gweagal people more than 250 years ago. On their arrival in Australia in 1770, they became the first known Europeans to reach the country's east coast.

Things to talk about at home ...

- Share your response with someone at home to the news that the spears are being returned after 250 years. Do you both feel the same?
- What belongings are important to you? Do you have any items from grandparents or other relatives that have special value to you?

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

Share your thoughts and read the opinions of others

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Summer Term Dates

Tuesday 21st May 2024	Maypole Evening - 6.30pm 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 please
Monday 24th June 2024	Adventure of Welford Booklets back to school
Thursday 27th June 2024	Governors 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 Information

Warwickshire Family Information Services

<https://us5.campaign-archive.com/?u=a24b439ef7022ae0d86f9ca6e&id=1454485bfe>

In this week's Family Information Service newsletter there is information about a youth art competition, registering for the 11+ test, Mental Health Awareness 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, 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

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/>