

# Welford on Avon Primary School

## 17th January, 2020

Dear Parents,

Here is all the news from Welford School this week including details about a Spring Ball.

### Learning Assembly

Scott children from Year 2 and 5 delivered our first learning assembly of 2020. Year 5 talked about their science work about 'Forces' and demonstrated the force of air resistance. Year 2 showed us the continents of the world on a globe, as well as reading out their facts about Polar Bears. As usual the quality of the learning was very high and the pupils presented their work beautifully. A lovely start to the Spring term.

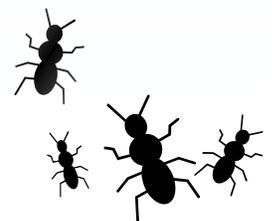
Our assemblies for this term are as follows:

Assemblies Spring 2020	
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> January	Year 1 and Year 4 Elgar
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> January	Year 1/4 Eliot
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> February	Reception , Year 3 and Year 6 Whittle
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> February	Choir and Orchestra
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> February	Reception Year 3 and Year 6 Eliot
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> March	No Assembly -World Book Day
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 1 and Year 4 Whittle
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 2 and Year 5 Elgar
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> March	Choir and Orchestra
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> April	KS2 Easter Assembly
Thursday 2 <sup>th</sup> April	KS 1 Easter Assembly

### Reading

We would like to continue to raise the profile of reading in school and at home. Reading is a core skill that leads to academic success in all areas, as well as a long term love of reading. Reading records need to be signed regularly to show the reading your child has completed at home. We recommend that children read every day, this can be done independently or with a family member. The children will continue to quiz and this should be completed within 24 hours of finishing a book, they should record their scores in their reading records. We continue to encourage the children to widen the range of books they read and challenge themselves to try new authors or genres.

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### **Positive Play**

We would like all pupils at Welford to have a happy lunchtime, to help this happen, our teaching assistants and midday supervisors will continue to set up a selection of games at lunchtime. This is to encourage greater collaboration, interaction and inclusion on the playground. The games have been carefully selected and the children will be encouraged to join in an activity. Our playground will continue to be 'football free' over lunchtime, although children will still have access to football at breaktime.

To help with the success of this initiative, which encourages children to be even more active at lunchtimes, we ask that parents talk to children about the games they played at lunchtime and encourage them to participate if they are unwilling.

Our after school Netball club resumes next Thursday 23rd January.

### **Year 1 Cake Sale**

Thank you to all the Year 1 parents who contributed to the cake sale today. We have raised £89.82 for FOWS.

### **Parent Council Date**

Our next Parent Council meeting will take place on Thursday 19th March. An agenda will be sent out in the next few weeks and class representatives should attend the meeting. Parent Council is set up so that parents can have a greater understanding of the strategic and operational decisions of the school. It consists of representatives from parents, staff and governors and when appropriate pupils. It is a great opportunity to be actively involved and develop understanding of our current education direction. Among the subjects up for discussion will be the new school hall and reviewing our school curriculum and looking at Welford Vision and Mission statement to see if it needs adjusting to represent our current group of stakeholders.

### **Parents Evening**

Parents' evening will take place on Monday 10th February and Tuesday 12th February from 3.30 to 5.30 pm. Additional appointments will be made available on those days as required. This will be an opportunity to discuss your child's progress against the current programme of study. The meetings are restricted to ten minutes and it is very important that we stick to time as delays can cause a knock on effect with other classes.

You can book your appointment from Monday 27th January.

### **Building Project**

On Tuesday, we had the new school hall and resource classroom signed over to us. As with any new building, we are just finishing off a few snags, but it should be operational within the next week. We will be planning an official opening and will be sending out details about how we plan to celebrate. Thank you again to everyone for their patience over the last few months.

### **Cross Country Team**

Our Cross Country team had a very successful morning last Saturday at the recreation ground in Stratford. In addition to the individual success, our Year 6 boys won 1st place as a team. Congratulations to all the pupils who took part and thank you to Mrs Verstraeten for attending on behalf of the school and all the parents who supported. Details of the next event will be sent out soon.

### **World Book Day**

World Book day is on Monday 1st March. KS1 Pupils will be asked to come to school dressed as their favourite character from a traditional tale and bring the book from which they have chosen their character. Children will be encouraged to share their traditional tale with the other children in the class and talk about why it is their favourite character. Following the trip to the RSC on 5th March, the KS2 pupil should come in dressed up as their favourite David Walliams character.

I know dress up days can be quite stressful for parents, but there are lots of simple ideas online for costumes which are simple and inexpensive. We look forward to seeing your creations.

## Dates for your Diary

Friday 7th February		Movie Night
Monday 10th February	3.30-5.30	Parents' Evening
Tuesday 11th February	3.30-5.30	Parents' Evening
Thursday 13th February		Choir and Orchestra Assembly
Monday 24th February		Nosh and Natter—Year 5
Thursday 5th March		World Boy Day
Thursday 5th March		KS2 to the RSC to see The Boy in the Dress and workshop
Friday 6th March		Year 5 Cake Sale
Monday 9th March		Science Week
Monday 16th March		Shakespeare Week
Thursday 26th March		Choir and Orchestra Assembly
Friday 27th March		Spring Ball
Monday 30th March		SATS Practice Week—Year 6
Wednesday 1st April		KS2 Easter Assembly
Thursday 2nd April		KS1 Easter Assembly
Friday 3rd April		Last day of term, finishing at 3.15pm
Monday 20th April		Summer term starts, 08.55am

### Spring Ball

FOWS will be holding a Spring Ball on Friday 27th March at The Welcombe Hotel. This will be a fun night for all, while raising important funds for the school. Now that the hall is complete, FOWS are hoping to help with providing new equipment for the playground.

Thank you to FOWS for all their hard work arranging these fantastic events and providing such great additional facilities for our pupils.

Have a lovely weekend  
Mrs Leeman and staff