

# Welford on Avon Primary School

7th September, 2020

Dear Parents,

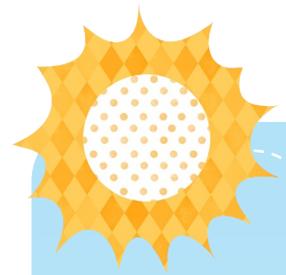
It is so lovely to see everyone back at school even if the systems and routines have changed quite a bit from this time last year. The start and end of the day procedures seem to be working well and I hope you are feeling confident about sending your child back to school. I am sure that we are all in agreement that it is the best place for the children to be and if we all continue to follow the rules, we stand a much better chance of remaining open.

The staff and I are really looking forward to the year ahead but we know we may have to adapt quickly to change if the COVID19 situation alters. However, in the event of any class, school, local or national lockdown we are ready to switch back to remote learning.

Over the summer, we recruited several new members of staff as well as two additional school direct trainees. They are very welcome to our school.

## Staffing:

Class	Teacher 2020-2021	Teaching Assistant	School Direct Trainee
Nursery	Mrs Sims	Mrs Hutchinson (Part time) Mrs May (Part time) Mrs Salter (Part time) Mrs Morrison (Part time) Mrs Beaman (Part time)	
Reception	Mrs Cowley	Mrs Grant Ms Koning (Part time)	Mrs Prestidge
Year 1	Miss Richards Mrs Verstraeten (until October half term)	Mrs Guest Mrs Mulliner	
Year 2	Mr Rodgers Mrs Houghton ( 1 day a week)	Miss Wilkins	
Year 3	Mr Tibbitts	Mrs Davies	Miss Bray
Year 4	Miss Field	Miss Stallard	Mrs Bonham
Year 5	Mrs Jabczynski	Mr Watson	Mrs Waite
Year 6	Mrs Pote (4 days) Mrs Wretham (1 day)	Mrs Hanson Mrs Chalk	Mr Woolley
Cressview Classroom	Mrs Lindsay Mrs Houghton (1 day a week)	Mrs Kemp	N/A



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**Senior Leadership Team**

Headteacher	Mrs Julie Leeman
Acting Deputy Headteacher	Mrs Lucy Wretham

**Cressview Classroom**

Class Teacher	Mrs Deb Lindsey
Teacher	Mrs Jess Houghton
HLTA	Mrs Sarah Kemp

**Office Staff**

Mrs Carolyne Johnston
Mrs Sarah Fawcett
Mrs Jo Burn

**Support Staff**

Caretaker	Mr Russell Sims
Cleaners	Mrs Sarah Player Ms Julie Manktelow

**Apprenticeships**

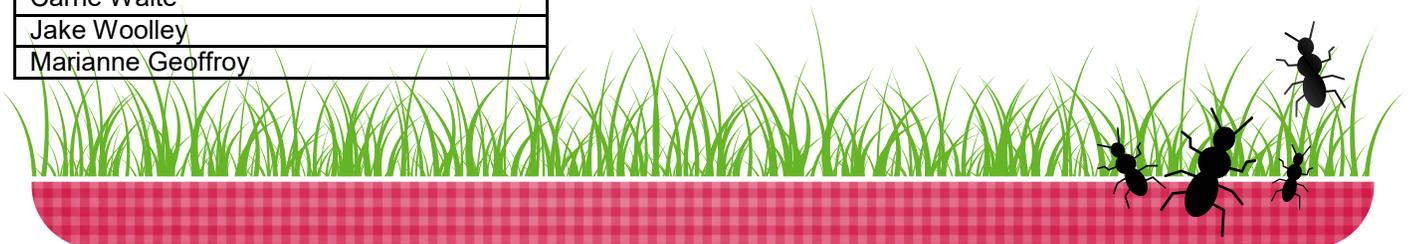
Mrs Elizabeth Guest	Early Years Apprenticeship
Mr Josh Watson	Sports Apprenticeship

**STAR Club**

Lanor Dyson	Manager
Holly Wingate-Marsh	Assistant
Rebecca Browne	Assistant
Hayley Hill	Assistant

**School Direct Trainees**

Sarah Bonham
Carrie Bray
Clare Prestidge
Carrie Waite
Jake Woolley
Marianne Geoffroy



A reminder of our staffing for 2020-2021. As you can see we have had two new recruits to our School Direct programme over the summer and we are delighted to welcome Mr Woolley and Mrs Prestidge to our staff to complete their training. They will be working alongside the class teacher and their mentors as well as the University of Worcester to complete their teacher training. The school continues to lead this programme and we have got 15 trainees in total working in the local schools.

We also welcome Miss Holly Stallard who has taken up a post as a Teaching Assistant in Year 4.

Mrs Jessica Houghton, who has been working as a play therapist at the school for many years is widening her role and stepping back into the classroom. She will be spending 1 day a week in Cressview Classroom (our new specialist nurture classroom) and one day a week in Year 2 covering for Mr Rodgers.

Mrs Lucy Wretham will be non-class based from September and will be helping with the leadership of the school including helping with the support and mentoring of the new School Direct students and 'Newly Qualified Teachers' as well as covering some classes for PPA. She will continue in her role as Acting Deputy Head.

EPIC coaching will be helping out in school every Tuesday and Friday with PE and Forest School and Troy Perkins will be back coaching rugby every Friday from 11th September.

We have just appointed two new PE apprenticeships to help oversee PE, Clubs and Lunchtimes. More details to follow next week.

### **Uniform**

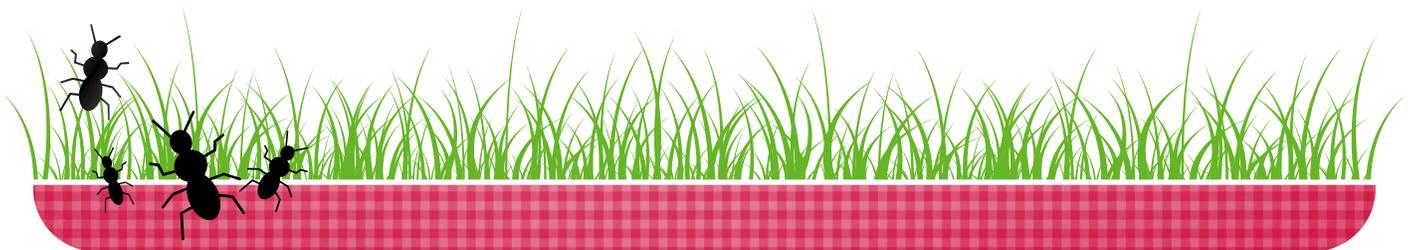
Uniform plays a valuable role in contributing to the ethos of the school and setting an appropriate tone and we encourage all pupils to wear the full school uniform. Your child should wear PE uniform to school on the designated PE and Games days (school colours). Pupils should wear the correct school and PE uniform and be smart, safe and comfortable. The children should wear proper black school shoes and no logos other than Welford school on the PE uniform. Uniforms do not need to be cleaned any more often than usual, nor do they need to be cleaned using methods which are different from normal.

Rooms need to be ventilated regardless of the weather outside. Children should wear layers so if the classroom becoming a little chilly or too hot they can quickly adjust to the environment.

### **Parent Induction Evening Monday 14th September 5pm -7.30pm**

Next week, after we all have had a chance to settle into school life, we will be holding an 'Induction Meeting' for all parents from Nursery to Year 6. Due to COVID restrictions the meeting this year will take place remotely on Teams and you can join using your child's email address. This is a very important meeting to attend as it will give you the opportunity to meet your child's new teacher, hear about their new working environment and some of the resources they will be using. Your child's teacher will talk about the programme of study and how we can work together to ensure the best outcomes.

The Government statutory tests are scheduled to take place this year including the postponed times table test in summer 2020 for Year 4s as well as the phonics, KS1 and KS2 tests. The teachers will share more details about the tests.



Each teacher will deliver a talk twice over the course of the evening so that you can join all your children's meetings. The school looks forward to welcoming all parents to these remote meetings. In our experience, children are most successful when we all work in partnership with each other. With restrictions all around us in school, this is more important than ever. As parents you are a big part of their educational journey and it is vital you understand how they learn and your role as parents particularly in the current climate.

Year Group	Meeting Time	Meeting Time
	1	2
Nursery	3.45pm-4.15pm	4.30pm-5.00pm
Reception	4.00pm-4.30pm	4.45pm-5.15pm
Year 1	4.15pm-4.45pm	5.00pm-5.30pm
Year 2	3.45pm-4.15pm	4.30pm-5.00pm
Year 3	4.00pm-4.30pm	4.45pm-5.15pm
Year 4	3.45pm-4.15pm	4.30pm-5.00pm
Year 5	4.00pm-4.30pm	4.45pm-5.15pm
Year 6	4.15pm-4.45pm	5.00pm-5.30pm

### STAR After School Club

Star club started again this week for all pupils from Nursery to Year 6. Just to remind you we have two after school sessions. The first session runs from 3.15pm until 4.30pm and the second session runs from 4.30pm until 6pm Monday to Friday. We continue to run or 'In Shape for Schools' for Year 2-6 every morning from 8am and breakfast club for Nursery to Year 1. If you would like to sign up for any of our after-school sessions please collect a booking form from the office or download one from the school website. We are operating in class bubbles in line with government guidelines. Mrs Dyson, our Star Club manager has sent out details about new procedures. Breakfast club for Nursery to Year 1 is located in the new Nursery with In Shape for school operating from the new school hall. Star Club is now in its permanent new home in the new school hall.

### After School Clubs

There will be no after school clubs running this term as class bubbles cannot mix under Government guidelines. The only exception is Drama club which we are able to run as Adam Schumacher is able to come into school on a Monday and Wednesday. Drama will run as follows, starting in w/c 21st September.

Drama Club	Year Group	Time
Monday	Year 3	3.15pm-4.00pm
Monday	Year 5	4.15pm-5.00pm
Drama Club	Year Group	Time
Wednesday	Year 4	3.15pm-4.00pm
Wednesday	Year 6	4.15pm-5.00pm

### **After School Procedures**

Your child will be asked just after registration where they are going at the end of the school day. It is important that your child know this information so that the staff can ensure that they can be dismissed to the correct club and is a back up to our club registers. If your child is registered to attend a club and is not attending a session please let the office know.

### **Walking Home**

Please remember KS2 children will only be permitted to walk home or walk to your car if you provide a letter. We ask parents to carefully risk assess the walk and make sure that there is always someone there to meet them. We strongly discourage your child walking alone when the evenings become darker.

### **Parents Evening**

We will be holding Parents' Evening in early October this year as we would like to discuss how your child has settled in. Parents evening will take part on

Monday 12th October from 3.30pm-6.00pm and

Tuesday 13th October from 3.30pm -6.00pm

You can book using our online system from Monday 21st September The meetings will be remote and held through our Teams Platform

As with our induction evening, we strongly encourage all parents to attend.

### **Assemblies**

Please see below the timetable for assemblies this term. There is also a copy on the website. As with all gatherings this term, our assemblies will be remote. Children will stay in their classrooms and watch the assembly remotely. If your child is involved in the assembly, then you will receive an invitation to attend and hopefully the technology will behave and you will be able to join us.

<b>Learning Assemblies 9am</b> <b>Autumn 2020 First Half Term</b> <b>(All Remote Assemblies through Teams)</b>	
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> September	Year 2 and Year 5 Davenport
Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> September	Year 5 and Year 6 Harvest Assembly
Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> October	Reception Harvest Assembly
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> October	Year 1 and Year 2 Harvest Assembly
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> October	Year 3 and Year 4 Harvest Assembly
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> October	Year 3 and Year 6 Higgs
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> November	Reception Wright Assembly
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 1 and Year 4 Davenport
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 3 and Year 6 Wright
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 2 and Year 5 Owen
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> December	Reception Higgs Assembly
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas KS2 Online Assembly
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Reception and KS1 Online Assembly

## Parking

### First appeal of the year about parking:

Parents are reminded that you must not park on or opposite the zig zags at any time during the school day including clubs. Please do not park across or block driveways or on road junctions. We run an unofficial one-way system so that all cars drive in from Barton Road and leave via the church and ask that parents drive at 10mph. Your cooperation will ensure greater safety for all coming to and leaving school.

### Volunteers

Currently, we are not accepting parent volunteers in the school but we hope to start to welcome parents back to help out after half term.

### House Captains

Our new House and Vice Captains will be voted in this week by pupils. In addition, our Year 6 has applied for a wide range of jobs ranging from helping in the library, bus buddies to sport captains. Thank you to our new wonderful Year 6 for helping out with these important roles.

You should have received your parent information sheet this week from your class teacher.

Mrs Leeman and staff

**You must not send your child to school if they or anyone in your household displays symptoms connected to COVID19.**

**If they are sick in any way, please do not send them to school as this could affect our staffing levels.**

**The SLT reserve the right to send any child home if they show signs of illness. Your cooperation with this matter is greatly appreciated.**

**Please refer to the school guidelines for further information**

**<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms/>**

### **Main symptoms**

The main symptoms of coronavirus are:

a high temperature – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)

a new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)

a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

Most people with coronavirus have at least 1 of these symptoms.

### **What to do if you have symptoms**

If you have any of the main symptoms of coronavirus:

Get a test to check if you have coronavirus as soon as possible.

Stay at home and do not have visitors until you get your test result – only leave your home to have a test.

Anyone you live with, and anyone in your support bubble, must also stay at home until you get your result.

### **Useful Websites**

**<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms/coronavirus-in-children/>**

**<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/testing-and-tracing/get-a-test-to-check-if-you-have-coronavirus/>**