

# Welford on Avon Primary School

## 9th October, 2020

Dear Parents,

I hope you are well. You will receive your child's Christmas card design today and a leaflet containing instructions about what you need to do if you wish to place an order. Everyone has worked very hard and the cards look great. We hope you will be pleased with their creations. We would like the original art work back on Monday so that they can be sent off to the Art company, who will complete the process and have the cards returned in time for the festive season.

### **Saturday 10th October -World Mental Health Day**

This Saturday is World Mental Health Day. During this difficult time, it is particularly important that we recognise the additional stresses many of us are under and how this over time can affect our mental wellbeing. Looking after each other is important but so is seeking additional help and support is things get too much.

Please follow the website below for details of organisations who can help

#### World Mental Health

<https://www.mentalhealth.org.uk/campaigns/world-mental-health-day>

#### Mind

<https://www.mind.org.uk/get-involved/world-mental-health-day/>

#### Rise

Warwickshire's emotional wellbeing and mental health services for children and young people  
[www.cwrise.com/home](http://www.cwrise.com/home)

#### 'Family Lives'

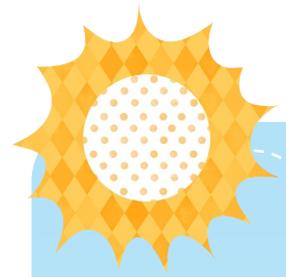
'Family Lives' offers a confidential and free helpline service for families in England (previously known as Parentline). Please call them on 0808 800 2222 for emotional support, information, advice and guidance on any aspect of parenting and family life'.

The helpline service is open 9am – 9pm, Monday to Friday and 10am – 3pm Saturday and Sunday. [www.familylives.org.uk/](http://www.familylives.org.uk/) At some stage in our lives, we all need support so do not be afraid to reach out and ask.

#### Black History Month

October is Black History Month. This national celebration aims to promote and celebrate Black contributions to British society, and to foster an understanding of Black history in general.

Over the next few weeks, pupils will be completing learning to recognise this part of our history. While we make sure diversity and inclusion is present in our school curriculum at all times, this is an opportunity to focus and raise awareness. We will be having an assembly on Wednesday 21st October to share our learning.



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## Absence

Please phone the school office after gam if your child is going to be absent. This is now the official way of reporting an absence, do not pass messages on to the teachers or post on the Teams App.

## Contacting the School

If you have a query about school or wish to contact the class teacher, please **DO NOT USE THE TEAMS PLATFORM**. Teams is used to deliver remote learning when your child cannot be in school. It is also used for parents' meetings. It should not be used to drop a quick note to the class teacher. All messages should come through the school office. The teachers do not have the time to answer queries and concerns every day as this interrupts their teaching time and your child's learning and in some cases, it has interrupted their personal and family time.

We also ask that any emails are sent to the main school office email and not directly to the class teachers.

You can also send in a note in your child's homework diary or phone the school office. Thank you in advance for your cooperation with this matter.

## Parents' Evenings

Parents' Evenings' will take place next week on:

Monday 12th October from 3.30pm-6.00 pm and

Tuesday 13th October from 3.30pm -6.00 pm

The meetings will be remote and will be held through our Teams Platform.

The meetings will be ten minutes long and it is important that we don't run over as this has a knock-on effect with other meetings. You will receive an invitation through your child's team calendar.

## Assemblies

### Year 1 and 2 Harvest Assembly

We are starting to get the hang of these new online assemblies and Year 1 and Year 2 did a lovely presentation of their Harvest work yesterday. They spoke confidently, read their poetry and showed their paintings. It was a really enjoyable assembly and they were definitely 'stars of the screen'.

The Nursery Harvest Assembly will be held next Wednesday 14th October at 9.15 am.

The Year 3 and Year 4 Harvest Assembly will be held next Thursday 15th October at 9.15 am.

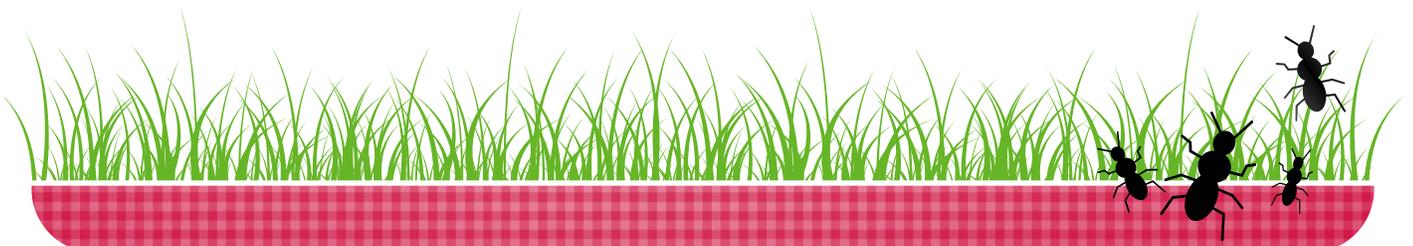
Again, the assemblies will be held remotely through Teams. An invitation will be uploaded to the Teams platform. Please find the Welford on Avon Team WAP team and click on it. You should then follow the join button to access the assembly. As we have a lot of parents, please turn your camera off and mute your screen. You do not have permission to record the assembly due to GDPR. We look forward to seeing you next week.

## Harvest Collection

Thank you to everyone who contributed to our Harvest collection for Birmingham City Mission.

The remaining assemblies for this half term are:

<b>Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> October</b>	Nursery Harvest Assembly
<b>Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> October</b>	Year 3 and Year 4 Harvest Assembly
<b>Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> October</b>	Year 3 and Year 6 Higgs



**Wright House were winners of the House Cup this week. Congratulations to them.**

### **Conkers**

We had our first FOWS event today, which was our traditional Conkers Tournament which we ran during the school day and in our class bubbles. Thank you for your donations for the FOWS.

FOWS have been incredibly generous already this term and funded the additional cost of text books so that every pupil has their own copy. They have also provided the school with the funds to purchase additional phonics reading books for KS1.

### **Theatre Visit**

Even COVID19 couldn't stop the journey down the yellow brick road, when M and M productions made their annual visit to the school to entertain the children with their production of 'The Wizard of Oz'. It was a lone actor with a fully interactive screen which beam the story into our new hall. It was a wonderful modern and COVID friendly version of this famous story and everyone thoroughly enjoyed the show.

### **Open Mornings**

Open Morning is for our new intakes for September 2021.

Reception Open morning will take place on Monday 9th November between 9.30am and 11.30am.

Nursery Open morning takes place on Wednesday 11th November between 9.30am and 11.30am.

You will be shown around the school in family groups, maintain social distancing and wearing a face mask or a face shield.

Please contact the School Office if you would like to book a tour.

I hope you have a great weekend.

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 until they feel better as this could affect our staffing levels.

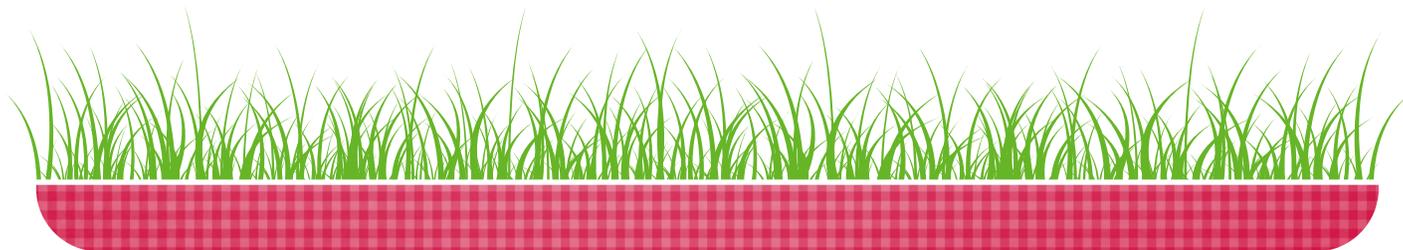
The SLT reserve the right to send any child home if they show signs of illness. Your cooperation with this matter is greatly appreciated

Please refer to the school guidelines for further information

### **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/>



## Weekly Awards w/c 5/10/20

### Star of the Week

<b>Nursery</b>	Betty For sharing her enthusiasm for books with others. She regularly 'reads' to them, reciting refrains from the story with expression.
<b>Reception</b>	Aashna For consistent superb attitude to learning and the classroom environment. She always listens attentively and gives 100% effort.
<b>Year 1</b>	Barney For always having a smile on his face, great listening and trying hard with his work.
<b>Year 2</b>	Lyra For being an amazing talk partner.
<b>Year 3</b>	Harriet This week Harriet had worked extremely hard at all subjects. She has produced work to an extremely high standard in all subjects.
<b>Year 4</b>	Freddie He has really persevered with written multiplication and fractions and it is lovely to see him becoming more and more confident. Well done Freddie!
<b>Year 5</b>	Harry W For persevering when faced with difficult problems especially in Maths.
<b>Year 6</b>	Toby For working hard and being enthusiastic about his learning.

<b>Kindness Award</b>	Alex C -Y6 Noticing when 2 members of our class were upset and going out of his way to give a compliment to cheer them up.
<b>Friendship Award</b>	Isla – Y2 For going out of her way to help others.
<b>Science Award</b>	Dexter F -Y3 Dexter showed a real knowledge of different parts of the body when we were talking about lung capacity and how to expand it.
<b>French Award</b>	Maisie—Y3 For practicing her French outside the classroom at home and always giving 100% in lessons.
<b>Music Award</b>	William H -Y3 William showed a real passion in music this week when we were learning our sing language song.
<b>Maths Award</b>	Kit – Y2 For a growth mindset this week. Well done Kit!
<b>English Award</b>	Verity - Y1 For improving her writing skills and forming her letters more accurately.
<b>Reading Award</b>	Charlie—Reception For super reading of words on the I-pad with Mrs Prestige.