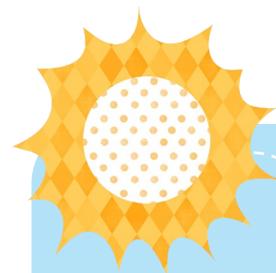


Welford on Avon Primary School

16th October, 2020



Newsletter No. 7

Dear Parents,

We have one more week at school before half term and time has flown by. It has been so nice to have the school fully open, even if we have to stick to various rules and regulations during the school day.

Our operational school day has worked well but as the R number rises and we are faced with further restrictions, it is very important that we do not become complacent. We must continue to follow the government guidelines by wearing masks, keeping a space between each other and regularly washing our hands. We still have some tough times ahead and a whole school team effort will be our best chance of staying safe and remaining open.

Remote Learning

If your child is off for any reason connected to COVID19 and is fit to learn, then they can join the class, via Teams, and receive their lesson live from the classroom. It works well and ensures that teaching and learning is not missed.

Once you have phoned the school to report your child's absence, then you should send a message to your child's teacher via Teams to request an invite to class. You should be able to join through your class teams page.

Christmas Cards

By now, all Christmas cards should have been ordered online and the design returned to school. It is vital that you return the design so that it can be sent off to be scanned. If you haven't returned your card, you need to do this on Monday morning.

Mental Health Awareness

During this difficult time, it is particularly important that we recognise the additional stresses many of us are under and how over time this can affect our mental wellbeing. Looking after each other is important but so is seeking additional help and support when 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

Family Lives

'Family Lives' offers a confidential and free helpline service for families in England (previously known as Parentline). Please call us 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/

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 event aims to promote and celebrate Black contributions to British society, and to foster an understanding of Black history in general.

During the week, our pupils have been focusing on 'Black History Month'; 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.

Absence

Please phone the school office after 9am 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.

Parents' Evening

Thank you for attending our Parents' Evenings this week. We hope you found the chance to speak with your child's teacher informative. The next Parents' Evening will be held in February, but if you have any concerns or worries before then, please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher.

Assemblies

Nursery Harvest Assembly

It was a pleasure to watch Nursery's first assembly on Wednesday morning. They celebrated Harvest by retelling the story of 'The Little Red Hen' and told us that it was important that we remember to share and help each other. They showed us their beautiful headdresses and even got to wave to their mums and dads watching online. It was a great success. Well done to the children and their teachers.

Year 3 and 4 Harvest Assembly

We had our final Harvest Assembly this week, with Year 3 and 4 hosting an online assembly. They shared their beautiful fruit sketches as well as their reflections, giving thanks for the world around us and the food that is produced.

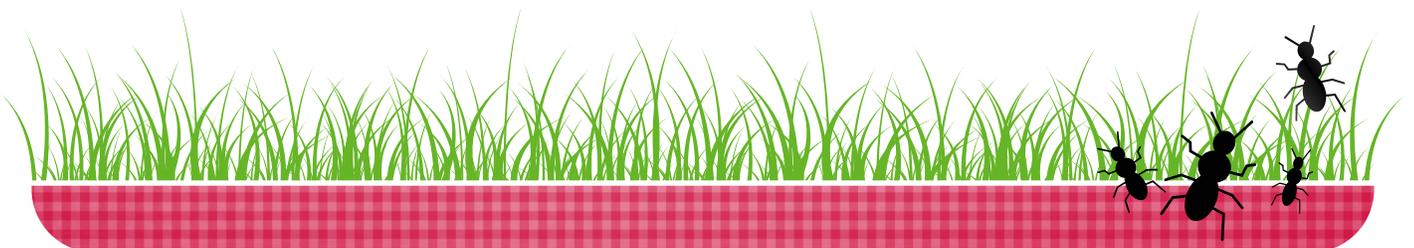
Harvest Collection

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

The remaining assembly for this half term is:

Thursday 22 nd October	Year 3 and Year 6 Higgs
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Again, this assembly will be held remotely through Teams. An invitation will be uploaded to the Teams platform. You need to find the Welford on Avon Team WAP and click on it. You should then follow the join button to access the assembly. As we have a lot of parents accessing the assembly, 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.



Teaching staff

We said a 'Bon Voyage' to Mrs Verstraeten at our assembly yesterday. She has made a major contribution to Welford school over the last five years. Shortly after her children started at Welford, she took on the role as Chair of FOWS. She was dedicated to adding to the wider life of the school as well as raising much needed funds. She took up a teaching assistant post in school and finally became a class teacher, teaching several classes across the school. Her contributions have been wide and varied with a special interest in developing the children's French language skills. She is an outstanding teacher and we will miss her very much. We wish her all the best as she starts a new chapter of her life in Germany. We also wish Max, Olivia and Jack all the best when they start their new schools next week.

Miss Megan Cooper joined our teaching staff this week and will be taking over Mrs Verstraeten's teaching duties, as well as covering some teaching in Reception, Year 3, Year 4 and Year 5 in line with government guidelines to ensure safety. We are delighted to have her on our team.

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

Cake Sale and Dress Up day- Thursday 22nd October

FOWS would like to hold a dress up day and cake sale on Thursday 22nd October to raise money for the daily mile track. There is a flier attached to this newsletter explaining the procedures to ensure safety. [The suggested donation is £1.00 and we ask that money is sent into school in a sealed envelope with your child's name on the front and marked 'cake sale money'. The envelope will be collected at the start of the day by the class team.](#) This avoids any unnecessary handling of money and will let us know who would like to buy a cake. There is no obligation to buy a cake and if the money is not sent in, then we will assume that you have opted out. It will be a non-uniform day for all children.

The school will close for half term next Thursday 22nd October and reopen on Monday 2nd November. Friday 23rd October is a school Inset day and the school will be closed to pupils.

Open Mornings

The Open Morning for Reception is for the intake in 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.

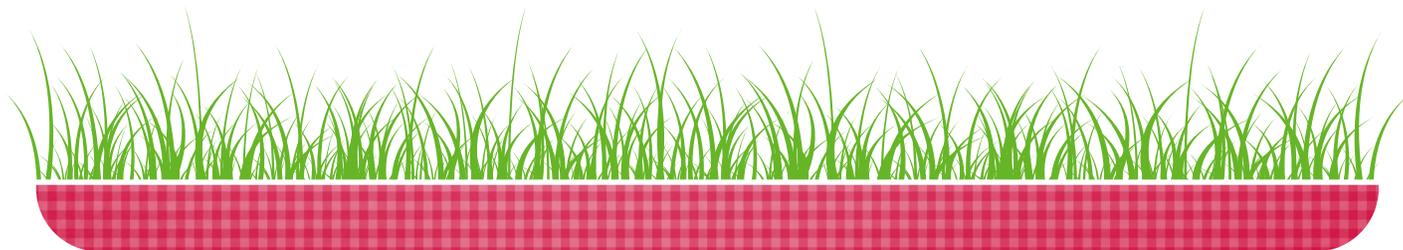
Mrs Leeman and Staff

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

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 12/10/20

Star of the Week

Nursery	Jensen for always having good manners and being respectful to others.
Reception	Jacob for raising his hand to share thoughtful answers and always participating well in the learning of the classroom.
Year 1	Lauren for gaining confidence in her writing, reading and maths by always trying her best in every lesson.
Year 2	Logan for showing continuous improvement in his learning attitude and devoting 100% effort to his work.
Year 3	Maisie for exceptional presentation in her work and having a great growth mindset.
Year 4	Bertie for working incredibly hard in Enquiry and for being a kind and helpful classmate to others.
Year 5	Stan for presenting his work beautifully and contributing to class discussions with confidence.
Year 6	Olivia for being such a wonderful member of our class, we will all miss you.

Kindness Award	Dylan - Y6 For treating everyone in our class with respect and kindness
Friendship Award	Zac - Reception For trying so hard to learn other children's names
French Award	Jacob Y5 For extending his sentences when discussing favourite subjects in French
Music Award	Jack - Reception For clapping and bobbing the beat to any music that is played in the classroom.
Maths Award	Jay - Y1 For counting in 10's beautifully with great enthusiasm
English Award	Luke, Joel and Dalia — Y6 Fantastic persuasive speeches! Politicians of the future
Sport Award	Daisy and Barney — Y5 For fabulous effort during tag rugby and reading the game well