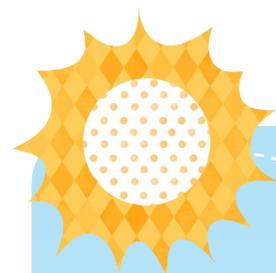


Welford on Avon Primary School

22nd October, 2020



Newsletter No. 8

Dear Parents,

We have made it to half term, which this year, more than ever is a real achievement. Thank you to everyone for your cooperation with all the routines that we have had to comply with. Your children have taken the changes in their stride and the amount of learning that has taken place in the classrooms has been phenomenal.

Non-Uniform and Cake Sale Day

Thank you to the FOWS bakers for providing the cakes for our cake sale today. They were delicious and enjoyed by all. It was lovely to end the half term with a non-uniform/dress up day. A well earned treat for everyone before the start of the break.

Remote Learning

If your child is off school 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, 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. The teachers will have a calendar date set up on their year group.

Christmas Cards

The Christmas Cards have now been collected and are on their way to the printers.

Black History Month Celebration Assembly

We had our Black History Celebration assembly yesterday. Every class contributed, sharing information about significant people who have changed the world's attitude, thoughts, feelings ideas and opinions about how people are treated. Year 3 and 5 told us about Rosa Parkes and Year 4 explained about Alma Thomson who was the first black American artist to have her work placed in the White House. Year 3 and 5 spoke about Nelson Mandela as well as people such as Edward Colson. His involvement with the slave trade and more recent removal of his statue (which recognised his ontributions to Bristol) were widely discussed and debated in Year 6. Reception shared a PowerPoint about the story teller that came into school, to tell them stories from all around the world. Year 1 shared portraits to show their similarities and difference. It was a fabulous end to Black History Month and a wonderful celebration of black contributions to British society, and to foster an understanding of black history in general.

Coronavirus Update for School

A few reminders:

Any positives cases linked to pupils over half term need to be reported to the school. You can email head2058@welearn365.com or ring/text 07762 152805 (school mobile).

If you have planned a holiday in a country which is part of the quarantine restrictions, it is vital that you contact the school, as your family must quarantine for 14 days and your children should not be returning to school.

If you or anyone in your family displays the three main symptoms of Coronavirus, then your family must self-isolate and the person displaying the symptoms must get a test. If the test is negative, then you can return to normal, but if the test is positive then you must report it to the school and the period of self-isolation will continue.

As the cases of COVID increase in the community, Public Health and the Local Authority recommend that if your child is unwell, that they do not come to school as with any other illness. The national guidance still states that you only test if you have the top three symptoms, but should you wish you or your child to be tested whilst feeling unwell, then it is supported by Public Health Warwickshire Team and the Local Authority.

There is now a big push about supporting more people to test who otherwise would not. It seems that going forward the response will be 'TEST TEST TEST'.

Please be aware of close contact when you are dropping off and picking up. We have a lot of parents coming on to the site and this is working well but we now ask that you keep up your 'face and space' when you are on Headland Road. We would strongly advise that you wear a mask when walking down or waiting on Headland Road, due to the narrow paths and high volume of people.

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.

If you have someone different collecting from Star Club, please phone the office and this message can be passed on to Mrs Dyson.

Assemblies

Year 3 and Year 6 Higgs

Thank you to Year 3 and Year 6 Higgs for their wonderful assembly today. It was a great presentation of the work they have been doing.

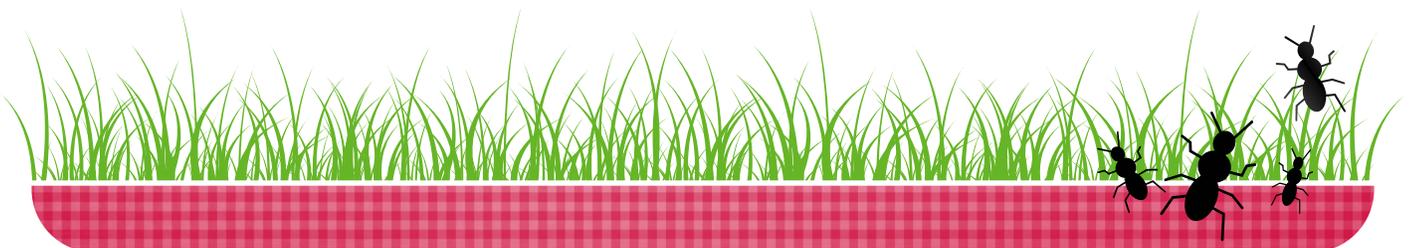
Open Mornings will now be remote

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.

Due to the rising R rate, we have decided to run this event remotely. Please ring the school office to book a time and leave your contact details and you will be sent an invitation via Teams.



Assemblies for next half term:

Learning Assemblies	
Autumn 2020 Second Half Term	
Thursday 5 th November	Reception Wright Assembly
Thursday 12 th November	Year 1/ Year 4 Davenport
Thursday 19 th November	Year 3/ Year 6 Wright
Thursday 26 th November	Year 2/5 Owen
Thursday 3 rd December	Reception Higgs Assembly
Wednesday 9 th December	Year 3 and Year 4 Christmas Assembly
Thursday 10 th December	Year 5 and Year 6 Christmas Online Assembly
Tuesday 15 th December	Nursery Christmas Online Assembly
Wednesday 16 th December	Reception Christmas Online Assembly
Thursday 17 th December	Year 1 and Year 2 Christmas Online Assembly
Friday 18 th December	Whole School Online Christmas End of Term Celebration

All these 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 accessing, 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 the week after next.

Well done to Davenport House who won the House Cup this week.

I hope you have a great half term. School will reopen on Monday 2nd November (gates open at 8.40am and all seated ready for learning at 8.55am)

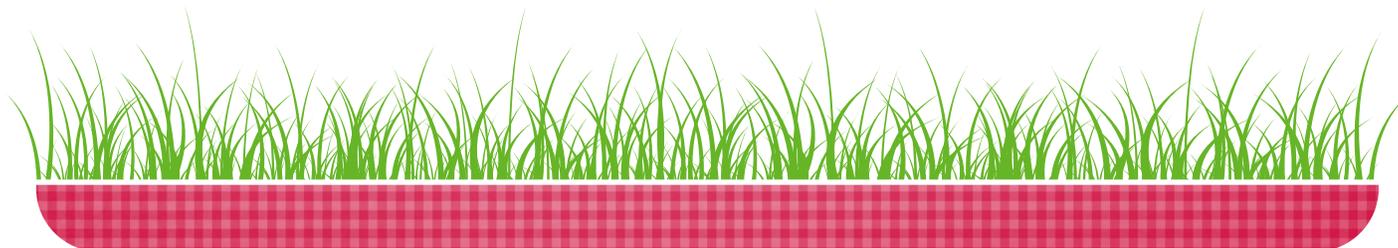
Stay safe

Mrs Leeman and Staff

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 19/10/20

Star of the Week

Nursery	Rudi – for always choosing to be helpful at snack time and for wanting to help others. He takes care of the classroom, putting things away and tidying the chairs under the table without being asked.
Reception	Hera - for being an enthusiastic learner and working really hard on organising herself to remember all of her belongings each day.
Year 1	Danica – for always trying her best in every lesson, being kind to everybody and always helping others.
Year 2	Nancy – having a positive attitude to learning across the curriculum.
Year 3	Lexi – For writing a fantastic information page all about our topic in Enquiry.
Year 4	Molly – for working very hard in all of her lessons and for her positivity and enthusiasm towards learning. Well done Molly!
Year 5	Jude - for being a superb role model in year 5 and always approaching tasks with a positive attitude.
Year 6	William – for always being so involved in all areas of Year 6 learning.

Kindness Award	Benedict - Reception For saying a wonderful good morning to everyone that he meets on his way into school each morning (adults and children alike).
Friendship Award	Oscar – Year 5 For talking positively about his peers when discussing their drama play.
Science Award	Tony - Year 6 Showing enthusiasm in his learning about micro-organisms and excellent classification of sweets!
French Award	Belle – Year 4 Belle is always so enthusiastic in French and she is never afraid to have a go or to challenge herself. Well done Belle!
Music Award	Esme - Year 3 For trying extremely hard during our music lessons to learn our sign language piece.
Maths Award	Otis – Year 2 Doing extra learning at home and amazing us with his division skills.
English Award	Millie – Year 6 Immersing herself fully in our class text and sharing her ideas with the class.
Sport Award	Lieyeam - Year 5 For persevering when performing different types of rolls with control in gymnastics.