

# Welford on Avon Primary School

6th November, 2020

Dear Parents,

I hope you had a lovely half term.

As you may have noticed the school site is looking great. We had four new sheds built over half term and they look amazing. The sheds were provided and built completely free of charge, by Mr and Mrs Potter. It was such a generous gesture and we at the school are tremendously grateful. We now have excellent dry storage for our outdoor equipment.

In addition, Mr Buttler has been busy, clearing the trees and turfing the area in the back playground. He also removed the monster play equipment, which had become quite damaged and has moved the Nursery fences to create a new outdoor area. Mr Buttler had also previously turfed part of the playing field and the area beside the new Nursery building, fitted artificial grass and removed the dead trees on the front playground.

Thank you to both the Potter family and Mr Buttler for agreeing to help us get our school site to look 'fit for purpose'. It would usually take months and months for the school to arrange and negotiate what they completed in a week. A true act of kindness.

## **FOWS Meeting**

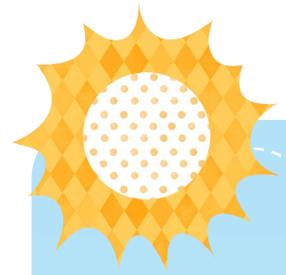
FOWS had a meeting last night to discuss events and activities for the next half term. They have been very inventive about how to continue to run these events under current regulations and by thinking outside the box, they have come up with some great ideas. Events coming up include an online family quiz with Mr Tibbitts as the quizmaster and a community Christmas event. All details will be included in their next Newsletter, which will be with you soon.

## **11+ Test**

We would like to send our good wishes to all our Year 6 children that are taking the 11+ test this weekend.

## **Children in Need**

We are having a non-uniform day next Friday the 13<sup>th</sup> of November, the suggestion is that the children wear something yellow on the day. Voluntary donations of £1, which needs to be in an envelope, can be dropped into the collection buckets at the entrance to the school.



Newsletter No. 9

## Second Lockdown — Attendance expectations

As you know, it has been decided that schools will remain open, please read the information below with the updated government guidelines on attending school.

'It is vital for all children to attend school to minimise, as far as possible, the longer term impact of the pandemic on children's education, wellbeing and wider development.'

Missing out on more time in the classroom risks pupils falling further behind. Those with higher overall absence tend to achieve less well in both primary and secondary school. School attendance has therefore been mandatory from the beginning of the autumn term. This means from that point, the usual rules on school attendance apply, including:

- parents' duty to secure their child's attendance regularly at school (where the child is a registered pupil at school and they are of compulsory school age)
- the school's responsibilities to record attendance and follow up absence
- the availability to issue sanctions, including fixed penalty notices in line with local authorities codes of conduct'.

A small number of pupils may be unable to attend in line with public health advice to self-isolate because:

- they have had symptoms or a positive test result themselves,
- they live with someone that has symptoms or has tested positive and are a household contact,
- they are a close contact of someone who has coronavirus (COVID-19)

You are not permitted to remove your child from school unless they fall into the categories above. If you are worried about your child attending school during this period, you must contact the school to have a conversation. We completely understand your concerns and will work carefully to reach a solution. However, whatever decision is reached, there is an expectation that every pupil is able to access education during school hours and we MUST be able to contact you and your child during school hours.

A new remote learning policy has been sent out. Please read it carefully, it provides several learning options if your child needs to learn from home.

We are entering another difficult period of the pandemic, which will have an impact on our day to day lives. The next few weeks are going to be a testing time, but we are pleased that schools remain open. We continue to take the responsibility that goes with this very seriously. We have revised our current risk assessment and made adjustments to reflect the second lockdown.

We will continue to have the following procedures:

- One-way systems coming onto and leaving the school site.,
- Parents are asked to wear masks when on the school site and when queuing to come onto the school site. (if you have an exemption about wearing a mask please let the school know).
- Children should only bring to school what they need, usually a book bag, coat and a lunch box.
- Everyone should use hand sanitiser when entering the school site.
- Please drop off and pick up quickly (communication is to be shared through reading records, homework diaries and notes in book bags).

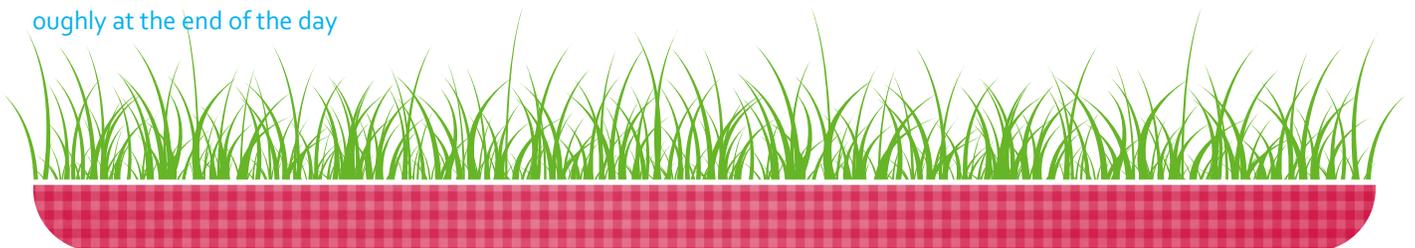


- Pupils will stay in their class bubbles and will eat and play in these groups,
- Some classes have their own toilets, but where this is not possible a one in one out system is in place,
- Pupils will be encouraged to wash their hands regularly.

### Class Bubbles or Hubs

It is still important to reduce contact as much as possible and this can be achieved by working in consistent class groups and by minimising the contact between other groups and people.

- Each class will continue to work as a class bubble with two or more members of staff.
- The class hub will stay together all day.
- They will wash their hands when they enter.
- In the classroom the desks will all face the front. (KS2)
- Teachers will mainly teach from the front of the room, so as to minimise contact with the pupils.
- All staff will wear masks or face shields in the classroom (except when they are teaching 2 metres away from the pupils)
- All staff will wear face coverings when walking around the school
- Any unnecessary items will be removed from the classroom, as well as soft furnishing items and toys that may be more difficult to clean.
- Pupil's belongings will be stored separately, either in their school locker or on their desk. They will have their own books and stationery which will be kept at their desks.
- The pupils will eat lunch together and play outside together in a separate area to the other hubs.
- Some classes will have their own set of toilets but where this is not possible a one in, one out system will be used, if pupils need to use the toilets during lessons. Class groups will use the toilets at set times and before breaks and the toilets will be wiped down before and afterwards.
- There are handwashing basins in all the toilets and separate hand washing facilities either in the classroom or in the main corridor.
- There is signage and posters all around the school to remind the pupils about the importance of handwashing. Class teachers will be reminding children about the importance of washing hands throughout the school day.
- Hand sanitiser will also be available in every classroom.
- There will be little opportunity for the hubs to cross paths but the corridors have a one-way system laid out.
- Classes will have a set time to use the lockers and the cloak room.
- Each class will be allocated their outdoor area space and break and lunch times will be staggered.
- Classroom touch points will be cleaned whenever necessary during the day and the classroom will be cleaned thoroughly at the end of the day



- \* Classes should be kept apart, meaning that there will be no group gatherings such as assemblies or collective worship with more than one group. All assemblies will be held remotely.

In continuing with our COVID19 routines and procedures, more than ever it is paramount that everyone follows the rules both on and off the school site. School will be open as it was before half term and as it stands at the moment, we will be continuing with our 'wraparoundcare' and Drama, as these are run in class bubbles.

The main aim of the second lockdown is to reduce the amount of close contact everyone has, to try and reduce the R number. This means that you must keep a safe distance of at least 2 metres at all times from people who are outside your household bubble. I have attached some information about close contacts to help you understand how to avoid this.

### 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, 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. The teachers will have a calendar date set up on their Year group.

### Coronavirus Update for School

A few reminders:

- Any positive cases linked to pupils need to be reported to the school. You can email [head2058@welearn365.com](mailto:head2058@welearn365.com) or ring/text 07762 152805 (school mobile),
- If you or anyone in your family displays any of 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 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.

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

Assemblies for next half term:

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

### Reception Wright Assembly

Thank you to our Reception pupils today from the Wright house for their inspiring assembly today. They shared their learning with confidence and it was lovely to hear about what they have been up to in the classroom.

Again, 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 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.

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

### **Open Mornings will now be remote**

Open Morning is for our new intakes for September 2021

Reception Remote Open morning will take place on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> November at 9.30am.

Nursery Remote Open morning takes place on Wednesday 11th November at 9.30am.

Stay safe

Mrs Leeman and Staff

Weekly Awards w/c 2/11/20

Star of the Week

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| <b>Nursery</b>   | Esmee<br>For her continuous enthusiasm for learning across all areas, as well as always willing to help others.  |
| <b>Reception</b> | Millie<br>For being a focused learner. Millie listens carefully to instructions and also listens and contributes well during small group activities, super concentration and attitude Millie, well done! |
| <b>Year 1</b>    | Verity<br>For being a kind friend to everyone in the classroom and really trying hard in her Maths and English!  |
| <b>Year 2</b>    | Lottie<br>Always trying hard, listening to instructions, and contributing great ideas to the class.  |
| <b>Year 3</b>    | Leo<br>Leo this week has shown fantastic mathematical knowledge and shown his working out  |
| <b>Year 4</b>    | Inès<br>For working incredibly hard work this week in all areas of her learning and for her enthusiasm during maths and science. Well done!  |
| <b>Year 5</b>    | Miles<br>For always contributing his ideas well during class discussions   |
| <b>Year 6</b>    | Shay<br>Returned from half term with a fantastic attitude and has worked really hard.  |

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| <b>Kindness Award</b>   | Mya – Y2<br>For inviting people to join in at playtime.  |
| <b>Friendship Award</b> | Ophelia—Reception<br>For always offering to help others (adults and children alike).   |
| <b>Science Award</b>    | Archie and James – Y 6<br>Great ideas all about Light to start our topic off.  |
| <b>French Award</b>     | Dexter - Y3<br>Dexter this week was fantastic with numbers in French and our bingo game. He recalled his numbers back perfectly in French. |
| <b>Music Award</b>      | Sam-Y4<br>For his creativity when making sounds using body percussion.   |
| <b>Maths Award</b>      | Olivia -Y5<br>For having a positive attitude when converting units of mass   |
| <b>English Award</b>    | Luke -Y6<br>For outstanding effort in writing a report on flood defences in Geography. Well done!  |
| <b>Sport Award</b>      | Emily O —Reception<br>For super participation in our athletics lesson.   |

## Useful Websites

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

## Symptoms of coronavirus in children

The main symptoms of coronavirus are:

- a high temperature.
- a new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot, for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours.
- a loss or change to sense of smell or taste – this means they cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal.

What to do if your child has symptoms:

If your child has any of the main symptoms of coronavirus:

- Get a test to check if they have coronavirus as soon as possible.
- You, your child and anyone else you live with should stay at home and not have visitors until you get the test result – only leave your home to have the test.

Anyone in your support bubble should also stay at home if your child has been in close contact with them since their symptoms started or during the 48 hours before they started.

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