

Welford on Avon Primary School

27th November, 2020

Dear Parents,

I hope you have had a good week.

Anti-Bullying Assembly

To acknowledge the work completed in class during Anti Bullying week, we held an online assembly on Monday morning, giving pupils an opportunity to share their learning. Every class participated and through their contributions, recognised the responsibility we all have to be 'United against Bullying'.

Christmas Events at Welford

Despite our current restrictions, we will endeavour to try and make sure that all our traditional Christmas activities at Welford are not too drastically affected. We have already arranged for all our Christmas assemblies to take place online and the pupils are busy rehearsing at the moment. We have a Christmas Fayre and Christmas Tales event planned for Friday 11th December and we will also be arranging Christmas Class Bubble parties for the final week of term.

Christmas Cards

Children do like to exchange Christmas cards with each other but that is a little more tricky this year. Instead, each child can write one Christmas card for the whole class to wish everyone a Happy Christmas. It should be handed to the class teacher, who will read it out at the start of the day. Once shared, it will be displayed in the classroom.

Year 6 Online Lecture with the University of Worcester

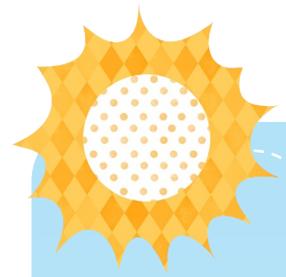
The University of Worcester invited a group of Year 6 pupils and Mrs Wretham to join an online seminar for undergraduate trainee teachers. Our pupils were asked questions about their classroom, how they learn and what is good about the teaching and learning. It was a brilliant introduction to teaching for the new trainees, who were given clear expectations from our pupils about the qualities they need to see in their teachers in order to be successful. The pupils who participated all received a Welford Community Badge.

FOWS Quiz Night

Thank you to everyone who attended our online Quiz night last Friday. It was a roaring success and a great time was had by all. Thank you to FOWS for organising the night and for Mr Tibbitts for presenting.

Year 2 and Year 5 Owen Assembly

Thank you to Year 2 and Year 5 Owen pupils for their lovely assembly yesterday. Year 2 shared information about 'The Gunpowder Plot' which they have been learning about this term. Year 5 presented a wide range of learning including information about the novel 'Floodlands' by Marcus Sedgwick, which they are currently studying in class. Thank you to everyone who attended.



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Assemblies for the rest of this term:

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	Christmas Dress Up Day Whole School Online Christmas End of Term Celebration

All assemblies will be held remotely through Teams. An invitation will be uploaded to the Teams platform. Please find the Welford on Avon Team WAP tile and click on it. (It is a pink tile with a Maypole). You should see a link set up with the name of the assembly. 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 microphone. You do not have permission to record the assembly due to GDPR. We look forward to seeing you next week.

We will be sending more information regarding our Christmas assemblies and how to access them next week.

Well done to Higgs House who won the House Cup!

Last Day of Term

School will close for the Christmas break on Friday 18th December at 12pm. You may pick your child up between 11.45am and 12.00 midday to ensure we do not have too many parents arriving at the same time. There will be no lunches available on that day. **The last day for Star Club will be Thursday 17th December.** Term will restart for pupils on Tuesday 5th January 2021.

Let's do the right thing for Warwickshire

A letter has been distributed this week from the LA as a reminder to our school community about the continuing need for caution in ensuring we try to mitigate the risk of spreading coronavirus within our school community. In the run up to Christmas, this is particularly important. Please take some time to read through the letter which is attached to this newsletter. In summary, it reminds us to:

- Follow lockdown rules now and after lockdown by limiting social interactions and socially distancing when you do. Doing as much as you're able to will prevent your families from being exposed to Coronavirus and minimises exposure risk for schools.
- Maintaining social distancing from others is the best way to prevent spread whether you're indoors or outdoors or wearing a face covering. Remember to keep 2 metres away from others.
- If you, or anyone in your household, is unwell with a new or worsening cough, a high temperature, loss or change in taste or smell, then please self-isolate and get a Coronavirus test. Do not send your child into school and do wait for the test result. Your child can return to school if your result is negative.



There are three main symptoms of Coronavirus - a cough, loss or change in sense of smell or taste or a high temperature. When anyone displays these symptoms, it is most likely a Coronavirus infection, we therefore ask you to isolate with your household, book a test and if positive self-isolate for 10 days if you were the one who tested positive, and 14 days if you are a household contact.

Free School Meals Support over the Christmas Holidays

The COVID Winter Grant Scheme provides local authorities with one off funding for families who may need help over the winter months. If you are the parent or carer of one or more children who are eligible for benefits related free school meals (not the Universal Free School Meals that all children from Reception to Year 2 receive) then Warwickshire County Council will be making an automatic payment to you to support you with the cost of food for your child/children over the Christmas school holiday period. It will be processed automatically and you do not have to apply for the funding. Information has been sent to our families who are eligible and we ask that you read it carefully. It is vital that we have an up to date email as this is how the payment voucher will be sent to you.

Free School Meals Eligibility

A child may be eligible for free school meals (FSM) if their parents receive any of the following benefits

- Income Support,
- Income-based Jobseekers Allowance (JSA),
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance (ESA),
- Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999,
- The guaranteed element of State Pension Credit,
- Child Tax Credit, provided the parents are not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190,
- Working Tax Credit run-on, which is paid for four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax credit,
- Universal Credit – for those applying on or after 1 April 2018, their household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits they get). See section below for protections in place for those affected by the introduction of this income threshold.

For more information about eligibility for free school meals please follow the link below:

<https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/education-learning/apply-free-school-meals>

Warwickshire Local Welfare Scheme

Other support available under the scheme

The scheme also provides basic and essential help for food and energy. This is given either in emergency food parcels or with credit for energy. Please follow the following link for further information.

<https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/localwelfarescheme>

Stay safe and have a lovely weekend

Mrs Leeman and Staff

'Rangoli patterns by Nursery'



Weekly Awards w/c 23/11/20 - Star of the Week

Nursery	Henry G For always giving his best in all areas of learning and then sharing what he has learnt with his family, particularly phonics!
Reception	Benedict For absolutely amazing progress in writing. Benedict worked independently to write Handa's Surprise.
Year 1	George H For his determination to try his best and do his work independently, only asking for help when needed, and for always staying focused and on task.
Year 2	Samuel For outstanding effort in class. Samuel always works extremely hard in class.
Year 3	Tyerelle Tyerelle has shown some amazing work this whole week. I am so impressed with his fantastic attitude to work!
Year 4	Jacob For his resilience this week and for persevering in DT. Well done!
Year 5	Toby For actively participating in guided reading sessions and working hard to improve his fluency.
Year 6	Isaac For having a hard-working attitude towards his work and for being just so polite every day! He always asks staff how they are in the morning and wishes us a lovely evening when he leaves at the end of the day.

Friendship Award	Isabella (Yr 1) For noticing when a friend was upset and inviting them to play in their game.
Science Award	Albee (Y6) Fantastic graph and clear conclusion in our Light investigation.
French Award	Elizabeth P (Y4) For her enthusiasm when learning French songs and vocabulary and always being keen to take on an extra challenge. Well done Elizabeth!
Music Award	Ella B (Y2) For enthusiasm in music this week.
Maths Award	Jacob (Reception) For working so accurately when subtracting on a number line. He worked confidently with numbers up to 20.
English Award	Lauren (Y1) For writing a beautiful story where her handwriting was really neat, she thought about every sentence and then went back and checked her work.
Sport Award	Benji (Y5) For superb technique when throwing a javelin.

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/>



School Direct Teacher Training

Want to be an Outstanding Teacher? Thinking of a career in teaching?

You could train at Welford on Avon Primary School or one of our partnership schools.

Welford on Avon Primary School lead the Arden Forest Teaching Alliance School Direct Programme, in partnership with local Primary Schools and the University of Worcester. We provide placements and high-quality training within our community of schools for those training to teach through the School Direct teacher training programme.

School Direct is a school based teacher training programme that offers a great opportunity to train, qualify and gain employment as a teacher.

We are recruiting now, so to find out more, please call to speak to us or visit the Welford School Direct Page on our website:

<https://www.welfordonavonschool.co.uk/>

Or

<https://getintoteaching.education.gov.uk/>

[Need More Information?](#)

If you want to find out more about life as a teacher before you apply, please contact us to arrange a telephone conversation or a virtual visit.

[Or/and](#)

We will be running an Open Day on Wednesday 20th January to tell you a little more about the course.