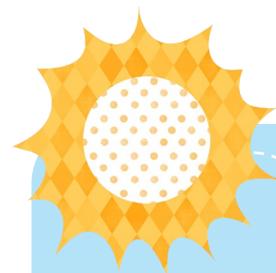


Welford on Avon Primary School

4th December, 2020



Newsletter No. 13

Dear Parents,

It is beginning to feel a lot like Christmas and although for many of us it will not be the same this year, we have an array of festive activities happening over the next two weeks.

Christmas Events at Welford:

Christmas Assemblies

We have already arranged our Christmas assemblies to take place online and the pupils are busy rehearsing at the moment.

Wednesday 9 th December @ 9.15am	Year 3 and Year 4 Christmas Assembly
Thursday 10 th December @ 9.15am	Year 5 and Year 6 Christmas Assembly
Tuesday 15 th December @ 9.15am	Nursery Christmas Online Assembly
Wednesday 16 th December @ 9.15am	Reception Christmas Online Assembly
Thursday 17 th December @ 9.15am	Year 1 and Year 2 Christmas Assembly
Friday 18 th December @ 9.15am	Whole School Online Christmas End of Term Celebration (Staff, classes and remote learners only)

- All Christmas Assemblies will be streamed live 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. e.g. 'Year 3 and Year 4 Christmas Assembly'
- You should 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.
- A pre-recorded version of the Christmas assembly will be uploaded to the year group Teams page the day after the live assembly and will remain there for 21 days.
- This will give families a chance to view the assembly with their extended family
It must not be shared on any social media sites and only viewed through the Teams site

Christmas Fayre- Friday 11th December

Next Friday, we will be holding our Christmas Fayre. Each class will set up Christmas games or stalls in the new hall. The stalls will be supervised by a member of staff who will make sure that COVID rules are adhered to. Each class will be given a set time to attend the Fayre and visit the stalls with sufficient time in between to setup again, clean and sanitise. It is a cashless Fayre this year and voluntary contributions should be made through ParentPay.

Christmas Tales- Friday 11th December

As well as visiting the Christmas Fayre, the children will also be listening to a Christmas Tale from Adam Schumacher. Adam is our visiting drama teacher and is looking forward to sharing a festive story with each class. Refreshments of cookies and hot chocolate will be served to the children during this event.

If your children have any allergies, please contact the school so an alternative refreshment can be arranged.

As it is a voluntary contribution and during the school day, no pupil will be excluded from these events.

Welford on Avon Christmas Trail – Saturday 12th December

On Saturday 12th December, FOWS will be holding their first ever Welford Village Christmas Tree Trails event, for all the family. This event is also open to any extended family or to anyone who lives in the village.

Pick up your trail map between 10.00am and 3pm on Saturday 12th December

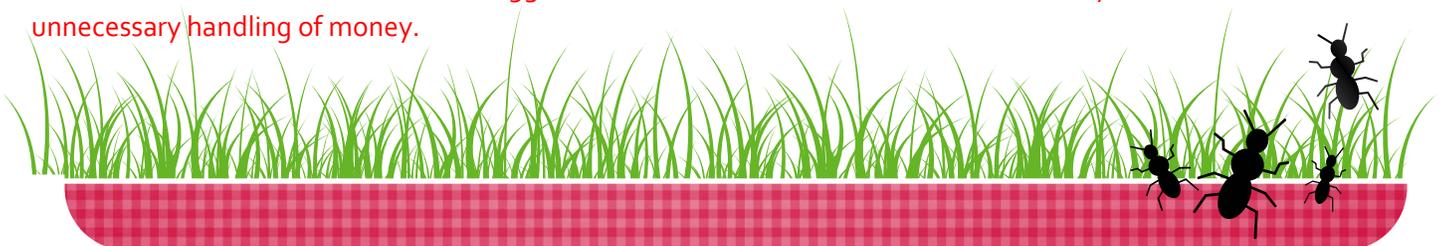
The starting point is the school playground, in front of the Christmas Tree. You collect a trail map which will tell you where the Christmas Tree pictures are around the village. Enjoy a Christmas walk around Welford, spotting Christmas tree pictures in people's windows and gardens. Unscramble the tree letters to form a word and have some festive fun! The suggested donation is £2 and everyone who takes part will be entered into a free prize draw.

It will be a fun event and once you have collected your map on Saturday, you have the weekend to complete the trail. It is suggested that you complete the trail during daylight hours.

A fantastic idea from FOWS and a brilliant community event for all to take part in.

Voluntary Donations

We are asking for a voluntary donation of £5.00 for the Christmas Fayre and Tales. You can do this via ParentPay. We have set the contribution range from £2.00 to £20.00. This is to allow flexibility for those who normally donate at our Christmas performances. For those taking part in next week's Welford Village Christmas Trail a donation of £2.00 is suggested. All donations can be made via ParentPay which removes the unnecessary handling of money.



Fundraising

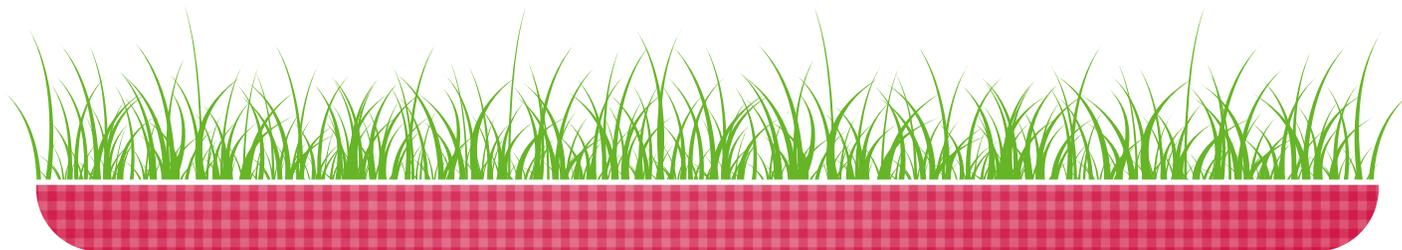
FOWS continue to work tirelessly, to make sure that all children have the greatest opportunity of reaching their best outcomes. They contribute to school resources such as reading books and also hold fun events for our school community bringing us closer together to form lovely memories of your child's school years.

Together with school and the Parish Council, FOWS are trying to raise enough money to build a daily mile track on the school field. They also hope to continue to develop the outdoor school area with new play equipment and a sensory garden. Our school budget does not cover these items so we heavily rely on donations and fund raising. Please take part in everything and contribute what you can.

Christmas Class Bubble Parties

We will be having our traditional Christmas parties this year with a few adjustments to make them COVID Safe.

Monday 14 th December	Nursery
Monday 14 th December	Reception
Monday 14 th December	Year 1
Tuesday 15 th December	Year 2
Tuesday 15 th December	Year 3
Wednesday 16 th December	Year 4
Wednesday 16 th December	Year 5
Thursday 17 th December	Year 6
<p>A selection of fun party games and music Biscuits and Juice for Refreshments Children should wear party clothes to school on the day- no changing this year and sensible footwear please.</p>	



Reception Higgs Assembly

Our Reception Higgs pupils did a wonderful job yesterday presenting their learning to the whole school with their parents watching from home. Reception have been learning about 'Celebrations' and this week they had been finding out about the North American celebration 'Thanksgiving' which was celebrated last week. They told us what they are thankful for.

We are thankful that we have such wonderful talented pupils such as our Higgs Reception pupils.

Christmas Cards:

Children do like to exchange Christmas cards with each other and that is a little trickier this year. 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.

Well done to Wright House who won the House Cup

Welford School Community Awards

Well done to Ava in Year 5 and Bethany in Year 4 who earned Welford School Community awards this week. Ava sent her Remembrance poem to the Queen and received a lovely reply from the Queen's Lady in Waiting at Windsor Castle. Bethany wrote to the Forest Commission to suggest an alternative way for cars to park safely at Oversley Wood. She received a reply praising her idea and letting her know that it had been considered and a new parking system would be in place soon. Well done to both of these pupils for using their free time to contribute to the wider community



Weekly Awards w/c 30/11/20 - Star of the Week

Nursery	Victoria For her significant progress in mathematics, developing excellent counting and number skills this term.
Reception	Matilda For settling back into school and always joining in well with the learning in the classroom.
Year 1	Samuel For always persevering in lessons to try and work out the correct answer whilst really trying hard with his correct letter formation.
Year 2	Josh Josh joined us after half-term. His previous school didn't teach handwriting, but Josh has worked incredibly hard and the improvement in his writing is bordering on the miraculous.
Year 3	Harry Harry this week has shown amazing eagerness to all lessons and has worked extremely hard at trying to learn his 4 and 8 times table.
Year 4	Bethany For showing such enthusiasm in all areas of her learning. Bethany has been putting all of the skills she has been learning at school into practise with lots of projects at home. Well done Bethany!
Year 5	Rafa Dean For always being prepared to start learning and taking pride in his work
Year 6	Charlotte For showing resilience through a tricky situation and continuing to always give her best.

Friendship Award	Freddie (Y3) Freddie this week offered to play with Daisie when she was looking to play with someone else.
Science Award	Katie (Y5) For being enthusiastic when taking part in science experiments this term and working well in a team
French Award	Mataio (Y6) For challenging his work on time to include 24-hour clock!
Music Award	Sam (Reception) For super engagement with African Drumming Music Appreciation and playing the drums.
Maths Award	Willow (Y1) For finishing her maths work completely independently and getting all the answers correct!
English Award	Theo (Y2) For writing a brilliant version of Pumpkin Soup.
Sport Award	Seb (Y4) For demonstrating good sportsmanship and being a supportive team player during Tag Rugby.

Let's do the right thing for Warwickshire

In the run up to Christmas, there is a continuing need for caution to ensure we try to mitigate the risk of spreading coronavirus within our school community.

- Follow lockdown rules now, by limiting social interactions and socially distancing when you do.
- Maintaining social distancing from others is the best way to prevent the 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 or a high temperature, or a loss or change in sense of 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 **any of these** symptoms, it could be 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.

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 12midday 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 2020. School gates open at 8.40am.

Warwickshire Local Welfare Scheme

The scheme 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