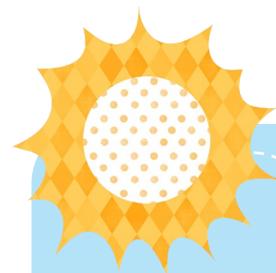


# Welford on Avon Primary School

## 11th December, 2020



# Newsletter No. 14

Dear Parents,

I hope you have had a lovely week and that your preparations for Christmas are going well.

### Christmas Assemblies

Years 3 and 4 plus Years 5 and 6 held their Christmas assemblies this week. The assemblies have also been recorded and uploaded to Teams. The children did a marvellous job performing their poems, telling their stories, and entertaining their remote audience. It is admirable how resilient the pupils have been with all the changes they have had to make, particularly at this time of year. They really are superstars.

The remaining Christmas assemblies are:

<b>Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> December @ 9.15am</b>	Nursery Christmas Online Assembly
<b>Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December @ 9.15am</b>	Reception Christmas Online Assembly
<b>Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December @ 9.15am</b>	Year 1 and Year 2 Christmas Assembly
<b>Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December @ 9.15am</b>	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 May-pole)
- 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 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

Our Christmas Fayre was a roaring success today, with lots of fun stalls to play games on. Thank you to everyone who has helped put the Fayre together today. It is a cashless Fayre this year and voluntary contributions can still be made through ParentPay.

### Christmas Tales

Our beautiful new Christmas backdrop, really set the scene for a wonderful Christmas Tale, read by Mr Adam Schumacher. The pupils enjoyed a hot chocolate and cookie before settling down to hear a Christmas story.

Thank you to Mr and Mrs Sheffield for designing and printing our school backdrop, free of charge. It is absolutely beautiful and will be used by the school for many years to come. Thank you to all the staff at Welford who helped with today's events. Also, a big thank you to FOWS for helping with the organisation.

### Welford on Avon Christmas Trail – Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> December

**Pick up your trail map between 10.00am and 3pm on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> December**

Tomorrow, Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> December, FOWS will be holding their first ever Welford Village Christmas Tree Trail event, for all the family. This event is open to extended family and to anyone who lives in the village.

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.
- Then, 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.**

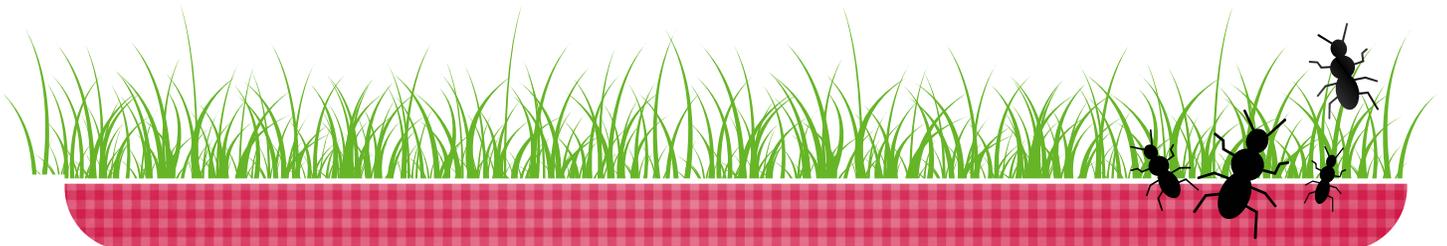
A fantastic idea from FOWS and a brilliant community event for all to take part in.

### Voluntary Donations

We are asking for a voluntary donation of £5.00 for today's Christmas Fayre and Christmas Tale. 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 and for those taking part in Welford Village Christmas Trail where 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 create lovely memories of your child's school years.

Together with the 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 you are able to 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. Dates are below:

Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	Nursery
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	Reception
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 1
Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 2
Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 3
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 4
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 5
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 6

A selection of fun party games, music, biscuits and juice for refreshments. Children should wear party clothes to school on the day. No changing this year and sensible footwear please.

## Christmas Cards

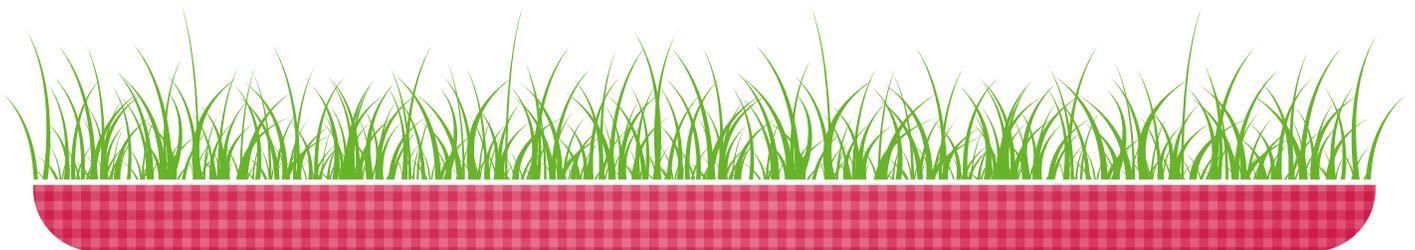
Children do like to exchange Christmas cards with each other and that is a little trickier this year. Each child can write one Christmas card for the whole class, to wish everyone a 'Happy Christmas'. It should be handed to the class teacher who will read it out at the start of the day. Once shared,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

## 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 midday to ensure we do not have too many parents arriving at the same time. There will be no lunches available on that day. We have provided some fun Christmas themed learning via Teams, should your child wish to access some learning (it is optional) in the afternoon.

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.



## Staffing

We will be welcoming back Mrs Bakewell in January, following her maternity leave. She will be returning to Year 6 and teaching two days a week with Mrs Pote teaching the remaining three.

Ms Lisa Davies, who is currently the Year 3 teaching assistant will be leaving the school at the end of this term to take up a new role. Mr Sean Murray will be replacing her in Year 3, working alongside Mr Tibbitts. Mr Murray has been working as a volunteer at Welford and we are delighted that he will be joining our team.

## School Direct (Arden Forest Programme)

Our wonderful group of School Direct trainees will be starting their School Placement 2 in January. The trainees who are currently at Welford will be moving to other local schools and new trainees will be joining Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6. These students are already well known to us, as they are training within our programme and will fit into our class environment very easily. All trainees will return to their host school in March to complete their final placement. We wish all our trainees every success in their new schools and look forward to seeing them again in March.

## 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 and after lockdown by limiting social interactions and socially distancing when you do.

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 or a high temperature or a 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 any of 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.

## 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

