

# Welford on Avon Primary School

## 17th December, 2020



# Newsletter No. 15

Dear Parents,

Despite the current restrictions, we have managed to have all of our usual Christmas festivities at school, while staying COVID safe. COVID has not dampened the mood, with staff and pupils very busy completing work for their school portfolios, creating Christmas calendars, cards and party hats. The children had a lovely time attending the Christmas Fayre and Christmas Tales last week and this week every class has had a Christmas class bubble party. It has been so much fun enjoying all these festive events with the children.

### It's behind you

As we were unable to have our theatre trips this year, all the classes have been watching a traditional Pantomime from the Belgrave Theatre in Coventry. This was suggested by Lucy in Year 4 as an alternative way to fill the theatre void this term. Everyone has enjoyed watching the show (more than once) and I think a new lockdown Pantomime version of the 12 days of Christmas may be sung (in a socially distanced manner) a lot in your homes this Christmas.

### Christmas Dress Up Day

Tomorrow is our traditional end of term Christmas dress up day. No fund raising this time, just a little bit of fun.

### FOWS

FOWS have continued to organise a range of fun events over the Autumn Term. Many of these events needed to be completed during the school day to be COVID safe, but were still just as much fun. This year we enjoyed our Conkers event, Quiz night and cake sale as well as the Christmas Fayre and the Christmas Tales.

FOWS newest event, the Christmas Trail which took place on Saturday, was fantastic. It was lovely to see so many families completing the trail together. Many of the villagers were intrigued by what was going on and asked if they could join in. In providing these inclusive events, FOWS are contributing to a much needed community spirit and it was well received by all.

An amazing achievement! Heartfelt thanks to all of the FOWS Team.

### Hot School Meals

Hot school meals will be available from the 5th January. There will be two choices; red or green. There will no longer be a sandwich option and the jacket potato option is currently unavailable.

### Good advice for parents this Christmas

Have a look at the link below to help with putting any restrictions in place that you feel are appropriate, on the devices you are giving your children for Christmas  
<https://www.internetmatters.org/parental-controls/>

Thank you for joining us on Teams this week to watch the children perform. Videos will be uploaded to Teams for you to watch again with your extended family.

## 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 tomorrow to take up a new role. Mr Sean Murray will be replacing her in Year 3, working alongside Mr Tibbitts. Mr Murray has been a volunteer at Welford and we are delighted that he will be joining our team.

## School Direct (Arden Forest Teaching School Programme)

Our wonderful group of school direct trainees will be starting their School Placements 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 current Welford trainees every success in their new schools and look forward to seeing them again in March.

Class	Teacher 2020-2021	Teaching Assistants Spring Term 2021	School Direct Trainees Spring Term 2021
Nursery	Mrs Sims	Mrs Hutchinson Mrs May (PT) Mrs Salter (PT) Mrs Beaman (PT) Ms Koning (PT) Mrs Morrison (PT)	
Reception	Mrs Cowley	Miss Wilkins Mrs Guest	
Year 1	Miss Richards	Mr Jones Mrs Mulliner	
Year 2	Mr Rodgers Miss Cooper (Fridays)	Mrs Grant Miss Baird	
Year 3	Mr Tibbitts	Mr Murray	Mrs Wilcox
Year 4	Miss Field	Miss Stallard	Miss Becker
Year 5	Mrs Jabczynski	Mr Watson	Miss Sheehan
Year 6	Mrs Pote (Monday, Tuesday and Friday) Mrs Bakewell (Wednesday and Thursday)	Mrs Hanson Mrs Chalk	Mrs Smith
Cressview	Mrs Lindsay Mrs Houghton (Wednesday and Friday)	Mrs Kemp	



## Clubs

Drama Club is running next term for Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 and Netball for Year 6. If you wish for your child to take part in either, please send an Email to: [welfordonavonschool@welearn365.com](mailto:welfordonavonschool@welearn365.com).

If you require financial assistance to attend a club please make an appointment to have a confidential conversation.

## A School Council Update

Following the email we sent out with the Year 5 children's leaflets and posters I would like to extend a huge thank you to the Wild at Clifford Wildlife Charity who have donated 2 bird boxes to the school. Also a big thank you to Mr Brook who has volunteered to help with the construction of some bug hotels etc. Anyone else who would like to be involved in this should contact Jo in the school office: [burn.j1@welearn365.com](mailto:burn.j1@welearn365.com).

The council will be meeting again in January to plan the style and positioning of these items. If children have any good ideas about how to design these nature areas around school they should share these ideas in their class council meeting in January.

Mrs Cowley and the School Council.

## Last Day of Term

School will close for the Christmas break, tomorrow, 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. We have provided some fun Christmas themed learning via Teams, if your child wishes to access some learning (it is optional) in the afternoon.

The last day for Star Club is today.

And finally.....

Please can I take this opportunity to wish everyone a Happy Christmas and a Happy New Year. Let's hope the New Year brings better times for all and that in time, we can start to move towards a more familiar school day. However, there may be new challenges ahead and we need to continue to work together.

It has been an unprecedented year (the most overused word of 2020) and we have faced a lot of challenges and difficulties. Thank you for your continuing support as parents in helping mitigate the risks on our school site so that the school can remain open.

Thank you to all the staff at Welford, who have risen to the challenges of adapting their operational roles to deal with the current climate. Their commitment and dedication are admirable.

Thank you to our Welford Governors for their support and challenge to ensure that amidst all the difficulties, standards remain high.

I look forward to seeing everyone again when school reopens on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2021 at 8.55am.

Wishing you a restful  
Christmas.

Mrs Leeman and staff



## **Guidance update**

### **GOV.UK - Self-isolation information 10 days from the day after contact with the individual tested positive**

If someone with symptoms tests negative for COVID-19 they should stay at home until they are recovered from their illness.

The only exception to return following a negative test result is where an individual is separately identified as a close contact of a confirmed case, when they will need to self-isolate for 10 days from the date of that contact.

If someone with symptoms tests positive, they should follow the guidance for households with possible or confirmed coronavirus (COVID-19) infection and must continue to self-isolate for at least 10 days from the onset of their symptoms and return only if they do not have symptoms other than cough or loss of sense of smell/taste, as a cough or anosmia can last for several weeks once the infection has gone.

The 10-day period starts from the day when they first became ill or the day they had a test if they have no symptoms. If, after 10 days they still have a high temperature, they should continue to self-isolate until their temperature returns to normal.

Other members of their household should all self-isolate for the full 10 days from the day after the individual tested positive.

If your child has a confirmed positive test after midnight on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> December you are not required to contact the school to report the case but you must follow isolation procedures for the whole family.

#### Emergency Contact Details

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