

Welford on Avon Primary School

12th February 2021

Dear Parents,

I hope you are all well. Thank you for all your help and support over the last few weeks during these difficult and challenging times. Over the half term, the Government may give us an indication as to when we can reopen the school fully. We have been told that this may be the 8th March but we are all very aware of the U turns that have been made over the last few weeks with decisions.

Whatever the decision, please be assured that the school will continue to deliver quality teaching to all of our pupils, whether it is remotely or in the classroom.

Express Yourself

Thank you to everyone who dressed up so brightly yesterday to 'Express Themselves', as part of our work around Children's Mental Health Week. It was fun to be so colourful on a winter's day and it really did raise everyone's spirits.

You can access information and activities around children's mental health by following the link below.

<https://www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk/parents-and-carers/>

Creative Learning Day

Expressing yourself is about finding ways to share feelings, thoughts or ideas, through creativity. This could be through art, music, writing and poetry, dance and drama, photography and film and by doing activities that make you feel good.

Today was a 'Creative Learning Day', with a variety of resources uploaded for your child to follow. This included a menu of activities including art, music, writing, dance and well as ideas for outdoor activities.

If you are struggling for ideas over half term, you might consider trying out any you haven't had a chance to have a go at. It is a really good way of spending quality time together and improving mental health and wellbeing.

Drop Off / Collect

On Monday 22nd February between 8.30am and 9.30am, 3.00pm and 3.30pm, we will be opening our gates to allow one parent from each household to come into school to drop off reading books and resources and collect new items. The class teachers will be in touch via Teams to let you know what you need to drop off and/or collect.

Whole School Learning Assembly

Our whole school assembly will take place every Monday at 9.30am. I will send an invitation out every Monday morning through the WELFORD ON AVON TILE.

JUST REMEMBER—FOLLOW THE INVITATION AND DO NOT PRESS 'MEETING GENERAL' OTHERWISE YOU WILL START A SEPARATE MEETING.

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Awards

During our Monday assembly, we present awards to acknowledge the children's efforts. At some point during the year, all children will be recognised for their amazing contributions. In addition to the joy of receiving an award, we encourage our pupils to recognise and celebrate, as part of their life skills, the success and achievements of others.

Davenport Assembly

This week the Year 3 Davenport pupils shared their wonderful learning. The pupils demonstrated their knowledge of a column written method for addition, which they are applying to their work. Bella and Evie shared some excellent writing from Year 3, with a well structured non-chronological report on cars and a fascinating report on Skara Brae. We also heard about the pupil's discoveries about magnets and their poles and had our French language skills put to the test by Leo. Finally, we got to see the artwork the class have been completing on pandas. Well done Year 3!

Year 6 Davenport children treated us to an amazing selection of the work they have been completing in class. We got to hear all about what blood is made up of, with a stomach-churning demonstration to make a blood smoothie! A range of outstanding writing was also shared, including writing to demonstrate the use of long and short sentences about a haunted house and the story of Beowulf. The children have also been studying the Vikings and through their art, have produced some wonderful designs to adorn the prow of the Viking longboats.

World Book Day

This year we will be celebrating World Book Day on Thursday 4th March. The children can dress up as their favourite book character for the day, whether they are remote or in school. Please do not feel you need to buy an expensive costume, the home-made ones are just as much fun! The children will also be making a book in a box, as part of their week long celebration beginning on 1st March, so keep a box (any size) ready for this activity.

As part of the World Book Day site, these free audio books are available from 18th February to 28th March.

<https://www.worldbookday.com/world-of-stories/>

This link is for recommended reads for children and is divided into different genres and reading levels, a great place to find something new for your child to read.

<https://www.worldbookday.com/reading-recommendations/>

Another site where pupils can access free audio books:

<https://library.thenational.academy/>

Our next assemblies are:

Learning Assemblies	
Spring 2021 (First Three Weeks of Term)	
All assemblies will be on Teams	
Thursday 25 th February	Year 1 Wright @ 9.30am
Thursday 25 th February	Year 4 Wright @ 1.30pm
Thursday 4 th March	Reception Owen @ 9.30am
Thursday 11 th March	Year 2 Wright @ 9.30am
Thursday 11 th March	Year 5 Wright @ 1.30pm

More details about the rest of the assemblies for the Spring Term will be shared once we have had confirmation about schools fully reopening

Assemblies

- Class Teachers will have a registration assembly every morning at 8.55am,
- We will have a whole school assembly every Monday at 9.30am. (Invitation will be out up weekly),
- We will continue to have learning assemblies on a Thursday morning but they will move to house **class** assemblies and **not whole school**,
- All invitation for whole school assemblies can be accessed through the Welford on Avon Team. You will find a calendar date and a blue button to join,
- Class Assemblies can be accessed through your class team tile,
- PLEASE DO NOT PRESS 'MEETING' in the top right hand corner of the screen as this will set up a new GENERAL meeting. You will be in the wrong meeting!

Parents' Evenings

Thank you to everyone who attended Parents' Evenings this week. I hope you found this meeting informative and helpful.

Laptops

If you are struggling with technology at home, please contact the school as we may be able to loan you a school laptop. We have been very lucky to secure additional laptops from the DFE and the local authority.

If you need help or support during these difficult days please contact the school or look on the school website for help and advice.

And Finally....

We have a thank you from Age UK Oxfordshire who are were extremely grateful for the wonderful Christmas cards made by Year 6. They managed to deliver 1,125 2 course meals, gifts and hand-made cards between 21st and 24th December with the help of local companies, organisations and volunteers. However, it was definitely the Christmas cards that brought tears to the eyes of not only those receiving them, but to those delivering them as well! Children from age 6 months through to 16 had contributed and were all done with such care and attention, it was the one thing that was consistently mentioned in the thank you messages as making those receiving them feel valued and cared about. The ones from Welford were particularly special with 'sewing' and lovely pictures. We done to everyone involved.

Have a lovely weekend and half term.

Our school will be open remotely to pupils working from home and to those eligible to come into school, on Monday 22nd February at 8.55am.

Mrs Leeman and Team

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.

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