

Welford on Avon Primary School

26th February 2021

Dear Parents,

I hope you had a lovely half term break.

Following the Government's announcement, we are delighted to be able to invite all pupils back to school on Monday 8th March.

While this news is welcome, many of you may have worries or feel anxious about your child returning to school. It is really important that you raise these concerns and discuss them with us. To help alleviate your concerns, updated guidelines have been emailed to outline how the school will operate day to day under COVID restrictions.

Procedures will be the same as before the Christmas break and have remained the same throughout this lockdown for the pupils who currently attend school. We will continue with the same times for the start and the end of the day, the one-way system will remain, class bubbles will continue to operate with separate break and lunch times for year groups. Year groups will not mix and all assemblies will continue to be remote. In addition, hand hygiene will remain a high priority.

All staff now complete a twice weekly lateral flow test and some staff have received the vaccine. However, it is still vitally important that you follow the current Government guidelines about social mixing. We are within touching distance of the finish line but your cooperation is central to reaching it.

You must not send your child to school if they are unwell. If you or your child becomes unwell (any symptoms) you or your child MUST get a test. In the absence of mass testing for all pupils and a vaccine for all teaching staff, this is our only line of defence to try and keep COVID19 out of our school.

Thank you for all your help and support during this difficult and challenging time. If everybody contributes to current procedures, it is hopeful that the second half of the summer term will resemble a normal school timetable with social gatherings, such as for example, School Sports Day a strong possibility. Let's make this happen!

School Uniform

It may well be that your child has gone through a growth spurt over the last few months and shoes and uniform no longer fit. If this is the case, alternative footwear and non-logo school coloured uniform will be acceptable while we wait for the shops to reopen. As long as pupils are smart and tidy, we would much prefer they get back into the classroom and not worry about these issues. We will have upcycled uniform available from the start of next week if you wish to purchase any items.

Children's Emotional Well Being

As our pupils come back to school, there is no doubt that emotional well being will be central in our curriculum over the next few months (and beyond). The school remains committed to helping children and families whose wellbeing has been affected by the pandemic. Issues can manifest themselves in many ways, so please do contact us for advice. If we cannot help, we can signpost you to someone who can.

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

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

Family Information Services

Information about parent courses covering a wide range of issues connected to raising a family. Well worth a look!

<https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/children-families/parenting-courses/2>

<https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/children-families/parenting-courses/3>

<https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/children-families/parenting-courses/5>

<https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/children-families/parenting-courses/6>

Dimensions Toolkit

The Dimensions Toolkit was designed by two clinicians working in the Coventry and Warwickshire Partnership Trust to help support families. They worked to develop a tool for use by the general public and professionals.

The Dimensions Toolkit is a free online tool providing personalised information to support an individual's wellbeing and mental health. The Dimensions report it creates, provides information that is relevant to the ratings made on each of the Dimensions. It can be used to find selfcare, local support groups and telephone help lines, and services offered through various organisations and the NHS. It is a very good starting point and has a wealth of information.

You can access it by following the following website:

<https://dimensions.covwarkpt.nhs.uk/PublicLanding.aspx>

The above includes a lot of information and courses which cover all of our parenting issues. Please have a look as you may find it very useful to nip a small issue in the bud before it becomes harder to manage.

Whole School Learning Assembly

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

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

Year 1 and Year 4 Wright Assembly

Year 1 Assembly

On Thursday, Year 1 Wright pupils shared with us their love of books, as part of their work for World Book Day. We were taken on a magical journey through their favourite books and introduced to some of the wonderful characters hidden within their pages. We heard about how the beast in 'Beauty and the Beast' shows his true kindness and gentle nature by the end of the story and about the exciting adventures taken by Alice in 'Alice in Wonderland', the characters in Paw Patrol and Doc Brown in 'Back to the Future'. Harry Potter inspires Archer with his love of spells and the princesses in stories have captured the imagination of both Danica and Carly. Finally, Evelyn shared her interest in galaxies with her 'Little Kids First Big Book of Space'. Keep up the great reading Year 1!

Year 4 Wright Assembly

Year 4 Wright pupils shared the high quality work they have been producing, both in class and remotely. Their mathematical skills were demonstrated through the application of their own knowledge, to write and solve 2-step word problems. Well structured diary entries were shared and the pupils showed how they have used their knowledge about what life was like during the Paleolithic, Mesolithic and Neolithic periods, to create exciting board games to play. A clear explanation of the stages of the digestive system and the function of each different type of tooth was used to show the pupil's subject knowledge. Finally, they shared some beautiful pictures they had created using water colour paints to good effect. Well done Year 4!

World Book Day Thursday 4th March

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 homemade 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 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
Thursday 18th March	Year 1 and Year 4 Higgs @ 9.30am
Monday 29th March	Reception Easter Assembly @ 9.30am Year 1 and Year 2 Easter Assembly@ 1.30pm
Wednesday 31st March	Year 3 and Year 4 Easter Assembly @ 9.30am
Thursday 1st April	Year 5 and Year 6 Easter Assembly @9.30am

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!

Laptops

If you are struggling with technology at home, please contact the school as we will 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.

Really looking forward to seeing everyone back at school very soon.

Have a lovely weekend

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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