

Welford on Avon Primary School

5th March 2021

Dear Parents,

We are looking forward to having all the pupils back on Monday. We will still be operating in our bubbles but it will be great to have school buzzing again. We have already started to think about fun events such as Comic Relief day and Shakespeare week. Good times ahead.

World Book Day

Thank you to everyone who dressed up for World Book Day. Whether your child was in school or at home, it was a lovely way to celebrate this event. Remote learning was not going to stop pupils participating in a wide range of activities. Year 6 had a live session with author Liz Pichon, who wrote the 'Tom Gates' books, inspiring them to write short stories in her style complete with illustrations. Nursery went on a book hunt, while other classes produced a book in a box. No matter where everyone was, a fun day was had by all!

All pupils to return to school on Monday 8th March

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 welcomed, 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 worries, updated guidelines have been emailed, outlining how the school will operate day to day under COVID restrictions.

Procedures

Procedures will be the same as before the Christmas break. Drop and pick up times remain the same, the one-way system will stay, class bubbles will continue to operate with separate break and dinner times for year groups. Year groups will not mix and all assemblies will 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. 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.

What to do if your child is sick?

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.

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 if you wish to purchase any items.

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Playground Resurfacing and Entering the School Premises

We have been fortunate enough to secure a very kind offer from WCC to resurface our playground. The only constraint is that we have to have it completed next week. Great news but not great timing. However, it is too good an opportunity to turn down, so we will all have to adapt for a week or so, while the work is being completed. The front and side playground will be out of bounds during the resurfacing and we will have to rethink our start and end of day procedures.

Start of the Day w/c 8th March

All pupils will enter through Gate 1.

Reception parents will follow the normal procedures, but should exit the playground via the green gates (by the sheds) on to the field, leaving the field promptly.

With the exception of Reception parents, we ask that all children are dropped off at Gate 1. Children will walk to their classrooms under the guidance of the teachers.

Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 children will walk around past KS1 and Reception to access the back doors of the school hall and then walk through the hall to their classrooms

Nursery parents come in through Gate 3 and leave through gate 3

End of Day w/c 8th March

Enter through Gate 1.

Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 as normal, but exit the premises via the green gates on to the field and leave via Gate 3 past Nursery.

If you have a child in Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 or Year 6, please enter via Gate 1 and walk around the outside of the school and wait in the monster playground by the back doors of the hall, from where children will be dismissed.

Leave the school premises via the green gates on to the field (by the sheds), make your way up the side of the playing field and exit through the gate.

Please wait if parents are coming through the gate and ensure you keep a safe distance.

All parents must wear a mask while on the school premises.

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>

Testing for Parents

If you're a member of a household, childcare bubble or support bubble of staff or a pupil you can get a twice-weekly test:

- through your employer if they offer testing to employees
- at a local test site
- by collecting a home test kit from a test site
- by ordering a home test kit online

https://www.gov.uk/government/news/all-households-with-children-of-school-aged-to-get-rapid-covid-19-tests-per-person-per-week?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications&utm_source=813f5236-80a6-4440-bd45-db9f6692837d&utm_content=daily

Whole School Learning Assembly

Our next whole school assembly will take place this Monday at 9.30am when the children return to school. We will continue to share awards at our Monday morning assemblies until the end of this term.

Our next assemblies are:

Learning Assemblies	
Spring 2021 All assemblies will be on Teams	
Thursday 11 th March	Year 2 Wright @ 9.30am
Thursday 11 th March	Year 5 Wright @ 1.30pm
Thursday 18 th March	Year 1 and Year 4 Higgs @ 9.30am
Monday 29 th March	Reception Easter Assembly @ 9.30am Year 1 and Year 2 Easter Assembly @ 1.30pm
Wednesday 31 st March	Year 3 and Year 4 Easter Assembly @ 9.30am
Thursday 1 st April	Year 5 and Year 6 Easter Assembly @ 9.30am

Assemblies

- We will continue to have learning assemblies on a Thursday morning
- Invitations for whole school assemblies can be accessed through the Welford on Avon Team Tile. 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!

Reception Owen Assembly

Pupils in Owen house shared their love of books with some amazing costumes for World Book Day this week, from knights to lions and princesses to name a few. The pupils shared the work they have completed on 'Naughty Bus' by Jan and Jerry Oke, with colourful story maps of their own stories based on the book, model buses and their very own bus shaped books, which they wrote and illustrated themselves. Their books were beautifully presented and shared by the pupils in clear, confident voices. Well done Reception Owen pupils!

Comic Relief Day – Friday 19th March

To help support this great charity event, we are planning a fun day for all, from danceathons to quizzes, to name but a few. We are also asking pupils to come to school dressed as a superhero and we are hoping that we can have a cake sale as well on the day.

There is no need to bring money into school as all donations can be made via ParentPay. Pupils will not be excluded from activities if you are unable to donate, but this is a very worthwhile cause. You will need to follow this link rather than through your ParentPay login:

<https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Foc/Default.aspx?shopid=2604>

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.

Emergency Contact Details

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