

# Welford on Avon Primary School

19th March 2021

Dear Parents,

I hope you have all had a lovely week.

## Shakespeare Week

This week the children have been celebrating Shakespeare Week, exploring the work of 'The Bard' through drama, dance and art. In addition, Adam Schumacher has been working in school delivering Drama sessions with Year 1- Year 6. Have a read to see what each class has been up to.

### Year 6

Alongside studying Shakespeare's 'The Tempest' and completing an action packed work-shop with Adam Schumacher, Year 6 have also created collages of The Bard himself. We were inspired by the artwork of writer and illustrator Marcia Williams and are looking forward to sharing the finished results with you.

### Year 5

Year 5 have thoroughly enjoyed Shakespeare Week, getting fully engrossed in the Scottish tragedy 'Macbeth'. They have compared different versions of the story, written a balanced argument, actively taken part in a drama workshop and will be starting to plan a sequel very soon.

### Year 4

In Year 4, we have been reading the play Much Ado About Nothing. We made predictions about what might happen and we have had lots of fun acting out the scenes and describing the main characters. We are now learning to retell the story using talk for writing and we are enjoying coming up with lots of different actions.

### Year 3

In Year 3 this week, we have been studying "The Scottish Play". The children have studied the plot of the play, taken part in a fantastic drama workshop with Adam Schumacher and will be writing a modern day version of the play.

### Year 2

Year 2 have been learning and retelling the story of A Midsummer Night's Dream. The class loved their drama workshop on Wednesday - particularly acting out the moment when Puck transforms one of the actors into a donkey!

### Year 1

Year 1 have enjoyed learning about Shakespeare and exploring his tragedy, Romeo and Juliet. Whilst learning about the characters, we discussed the family feud and who made wrong choices which lead to the very sad ending. After researching more of the story, the children have written some amazing retellings!

### Reception

Reception have had a fabulous week learning about 'A Midsummer Night's Dream'. We have made puppets and worked together to tell the story, created dream catchers, magic potions and dream jars. We have also painted the forest setting, making sure that our sky meets the ground. We have used collage resources to design our own magical flowers.

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## **Nursery**

In Nursery we have been finding out about who Shakespeare is and how he was born in Stratford, a place that all of the children could relate to. We went on a video tour of Stratford, which showed us where Shakespeare was born, went to school and the famous Royal Shakespeare Theatre.

As we learnt about Shakespeare being a famous playwright and writing with a quill pen, we have attempted to draw with a feather, which wasn't an easy task!

## **Resurfacing Playground**

The resurfacing of the playground is now complete with the playground lines and markings being added this weekend. The end result is a safer playground surface which looks great. Thank you for your patience with the changes at the start and end of the day.

## **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** take 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.

## **Testing for Parents**

You can now order lateral flow test kits to carry out at home. This is available for all parents who have a pupil at school. We recommending that you take advantage of this new initiative and order a kit for your household.

[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-dbgf6692837d&utm\\_content=daily](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-dbgf6692837d&utm_content=daily)

## **School Uniform**

An upcycled uniform rail is now available if you wish to purchase any items. It is situated in the bike shelter in front of the main office.

## **Family Information Service (FIS)**

The Family Information Service provide information, advice and one-to-one support for families with children and young people aged 0 to 25, across Warwickshire on issues including:

family relationships

finance

housing

parenting support

special educational needs and disabilities (SEND)

childcare

health and wellbeing

Please follow this link for more information

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

In addition, they deliver 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>

## Assemblies

Learning Assemblies	
Spring 2021 All assemblies will be on Teams	
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

- We will continue to have learning assemblies on a Thursday morning,
- An Invitation for the remaining assemblies this term will be sent via the Welford on Avon Pink Teams Tile,
- You will find a calendar date and a blue button to join,
- 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!

### Year 1 and Year 4 Higgs Assembly

Year 1 and Year 4 Higgs children celebrated their learning yesterday. Year 1 had created story maps and written letters as their favourite characters from 'The Jolly Postman', while Year 4 shared the investigations completed over science week around 'States of Matter' and viscosity. They also shared their new French vocabulary and persuasive letters encouraging the Stone Age people to move to a more modern home.

### School Direct Trainees

We said good bye and farewell to Miss Wilcox, Miss Becker and Miss Sheehan, who have completed their second school direct placements today. They will be returning to their host schools to complete their training. It has been a pleasure having them at Welford and we wish them well. Mrs Smith will be staying at Welford but moving to a different class. Mr Woolley, Mrs Bonham, Miss Bray and Mrs Prestidge will be returning to school on 29th March. We look forward to welcoming them back.

### Comic Relief Day – Friday 19th March

Thank you to everyone who took part in our Comic Relief events today. It was a fun day for all and an opportunity to have a little bit of fun together as a class, a well deserved treat for a very good cause.

Reception were carrying out Nose and Spoon races, Year 2 did a series of 'bean-bag-on-head' competitions: relays, races, dances, etc. - all whilst wearing hats!

Year 1 voted to do a bean bag throw-a-thon while Year 5 completed a marathon over the course of the week. Year 6 danced the day away in the hall and Year 3 and 4 completed Wacky Races.

You can still donate (however small is greatly appreciated) via the following link.

<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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