

Welford on Avon Primary School

1st April 2021

Dear Parents,

Reaching the end of the Spring Term this year has been quite a remarkable achievement. It has been a bit of a roller coaster ride but we have navigated the ups and the downs thanks to your continuing support during these difficult and challenging times. We are looking forward to the Summer term and hopefully the chance to assemble and celebrate together once more.

Gifts Galore

Thank you to the Beckert family, whose church gifted every pupil and member of staff an Easter egg. This was followed up today with donated cakes for everyone from FOWS. Staff have also received a chocolate gift from the Bidford and Campden Baptist Church. We all feel utterly spoiled, thank you for your generosity.

Staff Update

Following a rigorous recruitment campaign, the school is delighted to announce that Mrs Wretham is now officially our Deputy Head. Congratulations to her on her achievement and her continuing commitment to Welford School.

Mrs Bishola Danner started a number of weeks ago in Year 1, as a Teaching assistant and has settled in very quickly. She is a very welcome to our team at Welford.

Goodbye and Farewell

We are saying goodbye to two pupils this year at opposite ends of the school. Harry and his family are moving to an estate on the Isle of Jura in the Inner Hebrides while Millie, in Reception and her family, are moving to Spain. We will miss both pupils and wish them well with their new adventures.

Sensory Garden

The School Council have been busy judging the designs for the proposed sensory garden competition. We hope to get this project underway in the summer term. The winners are:

- 1-2 Elizabeth
- 3-4 Bethany
- 5-6 Charlotte and Millie

Spring Watch

The National Trust has launched 'Blossom Watch' to recognise how nature can be a source of comfort for many of us. In the coming weeks, they will be sharing where you can see dazzling blossom displays near you and information on how to involve the community in the joys of the season.

Follow the link to find out more

<https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/features/blossom-watch>

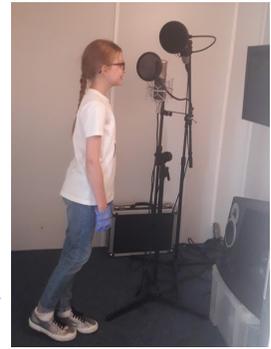
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Millie is on Cbeebies

Millie in Year 6 has been busy over lockdown, narrating for a Cbeebies series 'B.O.T and The Beasties'. Millie narrates five episodes, number 16-20 which are aimed at younger children. She completed the recording last summer at Ragdoll Productions in Stratford, and had a lot of fun! Here is the link to the first episode.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episode/mooothgp/bot-and-the-beasties-series-1-16-sweepy-swish>.

Millie auditioned for the show during the first lockdown, and had to construct a makeshift recording studio at home with duvets hung over clothes rails. Ingenious!!!



Welford on Avon Primary School Community Award

Congratulations to brothers, Sam, Ben and John, who have been awarded Welford School Community awards today for volunteering to help keep Welford Village tidy by picking litter in their spare time, with other members of the village. Well done boys!

Remote Learning

Remote learning is available for any pupil who has had to isolate as a result of COVID19. If your child is unwell and has returned a negative test, they are encouraged to return to school once they feel fit and well.

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. If the test is negative, then they can return to school once they have recovered. 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

Absence

Please phone the school office after 9am if your child is going to be absent. This is the official way of reporting an absence. Do not pass messages on to the teachers or post on the Teams App.

If you have someone different collecting from Star Club, please phone the office and this message can be passed on to Mrs Dyson.

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. A new railing of Uniform will be set up by the Nursery entrance after the holidays.

Easter Assemblies

Thank you to everyone, who joined us for our Easter assemblies this week. Classes shared their learning about Easter, including exploring the symbolism of Easter food, flowers and traditions. We will continue with our assemblies via Teams next term and a list will send out in the first week of the term.

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!

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>

Family Information Service Latest Newsletter

<https://us5.campaign-archive.com/?u=a24b439ef7022aeod86f9ca6e&id=a4b68de9c6>

This week's edition includes a list of the holiday provision available across Warwickshire over the Easter holiday, organised by each area across the county as well as a whole host of virtual activities you and your family can take part in. Please follow the link below

<https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/directory/46/easter-holiday-activities>

EASTER EGG COMPETITION

Our traditional Easter Egg was a roaring success again this year. Thank you to everyone who took part. As usual, we had the most amazing creations which made judging as difficult as ever. Everyone who entered received a participation prize but the winners this year are:

Nursery	Archer
Reception	Lily
Cressview	Alfie
Year 1	Danica
Year 2	Mya
Year 3	Spencer
Year 4	Lola
Year 5	Benji
Year 6	Ella



Have a lovely Easter break and a lovely time with your families.
Take care, stay safe and look after each other.

We have a school Inset day on Monday 19th April and school will reopen on Tuesday 20th April from 8.40am.

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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