

Welford on Avon Primary School

7th May 2021

Dear Parents,

I hope you have had a lovely week despite the unseasonal weather, here's hoping the sunshine makes a welcome return soon.

School Council and Juniors FOWS

Both School Council and Junior FOWS have met recently to discuss various events and projects, we hope that our Online Safety Council will restart in the next few weeks.

School Clubs

We are still having to run limited clubs in class bubbles, but we are looking forward to fully reopening clubs again in September.

Maypole Dancing

It is heartwarming to see the classes practising their Country and Maypole Dances. We may not be able to have an audience this year but at least we will be able to perform this lovely traditional event again.

Remote Learning

Remote learning is available for any pupil who has had to isolate as a result of a 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.

Household LFT Packs

Households are being encouraged by the government to take a LFT test twice a week to prevent the spread of COVID from people who show no symptoms.

Do not use a rapid lateral flow test if you have coronavirus symptoms. Get a PCR test and self-isolate.

Please follow the link to order your tests

<https://www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests>

School Uniform

Our upcycled uniform rail is available if you wish to purchase any items. It is situated in the bike shelter in front of the main office and a new railing of uniform has been set up outside the Nursery.

If you have any preloved uniform to donate, you can place it in the recycled bin situated in the park.

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Family Information Latest Newsletter

The Family Information Service is here to support you on a range of issues. You can get in touch by emailing fis@warwickshire.gov.uk or calling 01926 742274.

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

In this edition of the Family Information Service Newsletter, you will find important information about childcare funding, free vouchers for pregnant women and families with children under four, information on the EU Settlement Scheme and much more.

We would also like to remind our subscribers of a service called Chat Health where you can message a health visitor school nurse via text for advice. The service can benefit parents with children of all ages who have any concerns ranging from child development, mental wellbeing, behaviour, healthy eating and much more.'

<https://us5.campaign-archive.com/?u=a24b439ef7022ae0d86fgca6e&id=a6ad6f641f>

Mental Health Week 10th May- 16th May

The Theme this year is Nature. Please follow the link below for information to help with understanding the importance of looking after our mental health and where to seek help when we need it (we all will at some point in our lives)

<https://www.mentalhealth.org.uk/campaigns/mental-health-awareness-week>

Children's Mental Health

Staying Wild and Well

'Being outside and playing in nature makes us feel happier and is good for our body and mind. Simple things like looking for different colours in the trees or laying on the grass to watch the clouds can give us time to process our emotions and reflect on how we are feeling.'

For more details and ideas about how nature can improve our mental health please follow the link below:

<https://www.wildlifewatch.org.uk/childrens-mental-health-week-2021>

Learning Assemblies

Year 3 Owen Assembly

Year 3 Owen pupils presented their learning in a really clear and informative way. It was a delight to hear about their new learning in Enquiry on the topic of The Romans. They shared a letter they had written from a scout reporting back to the Emperor, explaining why he should invade Britain, which was very persuasive. Through exploring a text, 'Escape From Pompeii', the pupils have written a description of Pompeii and a story set there using a range of techniques, such as expanded noun phrases, speech and a variety of sentence openers. The pupils also shared the questions they would like to find the answers to, in their new topic of Plants in Science, such as 'why do nettles have stingers?'

Year 6 Owen Assembly

The novel 'Kensuke's Kingdom' has inspired the pupils in Year 6 Owen house, to write both informal and formal letters, based on the characters in the book, to highlight the contrast between the language conventions used in these two different styles. They discussed their use of standard and non-standard English in writing these and where the use of contractions were appropriate. The pupils introduced their Enquiry topic of The Mayans, sharing their map work and timelines and a new game they are learning in PE, of Danish Rounders. French cafe culture forms the central theme for the language focus in French, which left us all yearning for a trip ourselves. Well done Year 6!

No assembly next week. Our next assembly will be Nursery Class Assembly.

Thursday Learning Assemblies	
Summer 2021 First Half Term	
Thursday 20th May	Nursery Assembly
Learning Assemblies	
Thursday 10th June	Reception Class Assembly
Thursday 17th June	Year 1 Class Assembly
Thursday 24th June	Year 2 Class Assembly
Thursday 1st July Governors' Day	Year 4 Class Assembly
Thursday 8th July	Year 3 Class Assembly
Thursday 15th July	Year 5 Class Assembly

Reading

Building a lifelong love of reading is best achieved when pupil, parent and teacher are in partnership. In order to achieve this, we ask that parents sign their child's reading record when they have been reading at home. Reading is a core skill that leads to academic success in all areas, as well as a long term love of reading. Reading records need to be signed regularly to show what your child has completed at home and we recommend that children read every day. This can be independently or together with a family member. Each classroom has quizzing procedures that have been set up in the classroom, so that children on the Accelerated Reader System can quiz within 24 hours of completing a book. They should record their scores in their reading records. We are encouraging the children to widen the range of books they read and challenge themselves to try new authors or genres.

If you have any questions about your child's reading, then please talk to your child's class teacher or Mrs Wretham, our Deputy Head and English coordinator.

Parent, Babies and Toddler Group @ Welford Primary School New Hall (The Relaunch)

We were so close to launching this group last year but lockdown brought a sudden end to our plans. However, with the restrictions finally starting to lift, it would be fantastic to start looking at a relaunch. We would like to form a committee to help set up and run this group. We have lots of ideas to get started but we need more. An initial meeting will be held on Wednesday 26th May at 9.30am via the Welford School TEAMS Tile. Anyone outside of school can be sent a link for this meeting.

You do not need to have children at Welford, as this is a local community group. All welcome! If you are interested in helping, please contact the school office.

'Parent, Babies and Toddler groups are an essential part of the community. A Parent and Toddler Group is an informal group within the local community, which provides an opportunity for young children and their parents/carers to meet. All groups offer opportunities for friendship, learning and play. They offer the opportunity for young children to have fun and mix with other children in a safe environment where they can share and extend their early learning experiences'.

Summer Term Events

We are hoping to run our Summer term events, although they will need to be in line with Government guidelines and may be subject to change and/or cancellation.

Country /Maypole Dancing	Tuesday 25 th May To be run during the school day. Each class will be allocated a time to walk up to the Maypole to perform their dance No spectators, but hopefully can be streamed live or recorded
Whole School Transition Day	Wednesday 7 th July Children will move up to their new class for the day
Sports Day	Friday 9 th July AM Run in class bubbles Rotate around the school field Spectators dependent on guidelines
Summer Fair	Friday 9 th July PM (Run during the school day Run in class bubbles Similar format to Christmas Fair but hopefully outside
Year 6 Leavers' Assembly (Either New Hall or playing field)	Tuesday 20 th July @ 6.30pm
Transition Parent Meetings (Remote)	Between Monday 5 th July and Friday 16th July- Individual Class Dates TBC
School Reports	Sent out 16 th July

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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