

# Welford on Avon Primary School

## 17th September 2021

Dear Parents,

I hope everyone has had a lovely week.

Thank you for your cooperation with our COVID procedures in school, we still need to ensure that we maintain a safe school environment to prevent the spread of Coronavirus. Our procedures at the start and end of the day are particularly important, so we ask that parents to continue to wear a facemask when dropping off or picking up. Hand sanitiser will be available if you wish to use it.

Year 1-6 pupils can be dropped at the red school gates and can walk to their classroom door, where their teachers will meet them.

The school day finishes at 3.15pm and the gates will open a few minutes before. Please follow the one-way system.

Rooms will continue to be ventilated regardless of the weather outside. Children should wear layers, so if the classroom is becoming a little chilly or too hot they can quickly adjust to the environment.

### Uniform

Uniform plays a valuable role in contributing to the ethos of the school and setting an appropriate tone and we encourage all pupils to wear the full school uniform. Your child should wear PE uniform to school on the designated PE and Games days (school colours). Pupils should wear the correct school and PE uniform on the nominated days and remain smart, safe and comfortable. School shoes should be worn and no logos on the PE uniform. Uniforms do not need to be cleaned any more often than usual, nor do they need to be cleaned using methods which are different from normal.

### School Playing Field

**The school playing field remains closed between 8am and 6pm on school days as it is used by the school during these times.**

We ask politely that you supervise your children when they are in the park and do not allow them to damage the grounds. As a reminder to all, the playing field is school property and the school maintains the upkeep which is very costly.

### New Teaching Staff

We welcome Mr Mike Deeley to our school staff, he will be working across our year groups and teaching one day a week in Year 4. Mr Deeley is also a forest school teacher and will start delivering forest school sessions in selected Year groups.

# Newsletter No. 2

### Parent Induction Evening Monday 13th September 3.45pm -4-50pm

Thank you to everyone who attended our induction meeting on Monday evening. I hope you found the meeting informative. As parents, you are a big part of their educational journey and it is vital you understand how they learn and your role as parents, particularly in the current climate. For anyone who was unable to attend, the meetings have been recorded and uploaded on Teams.

### STAR After School Club

Star club sessions runs from 3.15pm until 4.30pm and the second session runs from 4.30pm until 6pm Monday to Friday. Can you please make sure that you book in advance, by Thursday of the preceding week, as some sessions fill up very quickly.

### After School Clubs

After a very long absence, after school clubs have made a very welcome return. Please check the finishing times of the clubs, as time vary.

### After School Procedures

Your child will be asked just after registration, where they are going at the end of the school day. It is important that your child know this information so that the staff can ensure that they can be dismissed to the correct club and it is a back up to our club registers. If your child is registered to attend a club and is not attending a session, please let the office know.

### Walking Home

Can you please remember, KS2 children will only be permitted to walk home or walk to your car if you provide a letter. We ask parents to carefully risk assess the walk and make sure that there is always someone there to meet them. We strongly discourage your child walking alone when the evenings become darker.

### Parents' Evening

We will be holding Parents' Evening in early October this year, for you to discuss how your child has settled in. Parents' Evenings will take place on:

<b>Monday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2021</b> <b>Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> October 2021</b>	<b>Parents' Evening 3.30pm-6pm (Remote)</b> <b>Parents' Evening 3.30pm-6pm (Remote)</b>
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You can book using our online system from Monday 27th September. The meetings will be remote and held through our Teams Platform

We strongly encourage all parents to attend.

### Volunteers

If you are interested in volunteering at the school, please contact the school office for more information.

Thursday 23rd September	Year 5 and Year 6 Harvest Assembly
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> September	Reception Harvest Assembly
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> October	Year 1 and Year 2 Harvest Assembly
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> October	Year 3 and Year 4 Harvest Assembly
Thursday 21st October	Year 3/ Year 6 Higgs
Half Term	
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> November	Reception Wright Assembly
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 1/ Year 4 Davenport
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 3/ Year 6 Wright
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 2/5 Owen
Thursday 2nd December	Reception Higgs Assembly
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 3 and Year 4 Christmas Assembly/Concert @ 9.15am
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 5 and Year 6 Christmas Assembly/Concert @ 9.15am
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	Nursery Christmas Assembly/Concert @ 9.15am
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	Reception Christmas Assembly /Concert@ 9.15am
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 1 and Year 2 Christmas Assembly/Concert @ 9.15am
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	Whole School Christmas End of Term Celebration (Staff and Pupils only)

### Assemblies

Please see above the timetable for assemblies this term. There is also a copy on the website. At the moment all assemblies, will be remote. If your child is involved in the assembly then you will receive an invitation to attend and hopefully the technology will behave and you will be able to join us.

### Year 5 Davenport Knowledge Assembly

Year 5 pupils shared their outstanding knowledge of the planets as part of their Science this term. We heard all about distance from each other, size amongst other areas. They explained that they have begun to consider their new Enquiry area of World War Two by creating a knowledge harvest of everything they know already in order to build on this over the term. We were amazed by their artistic talents in creating realistic self-portraits through careful observation and pencil control and enthused by the goals they have set themselves for the year ahead.

### Year 2 Davenport Knowledge Assembly

Year 2 Davenport pupils demonstrated their gymnastic skills of balance by explaining how they moved from a 1 point to a 3 point balance in order to create a routine. We were introduced to the pupils geography topic of 'We Are Britain' and they shared their map skills that they have been using to explore England and the towns within it. 'Egg Box Dragon' is the text they are studying at the moment and they shared the instructions they have written after making their own egg box dragon in class. Finally, the pupils shared their knowledge of number bonds to 10 with a rhyme they had learnt.

### **Parking**

Parents are reminded that you must not park on or opposite the zig zags at any time during the school day, including clubs. Please do not park across or block driveways or on road junctions. We run an unofficial one-way system so that all cars drive in from Barton road and leave via the church and ask that parents drive at 10mph. Your cooperation will ensure greater safety for all coming to and leaving school.

### **MacMillan Coffee Morning**

Year 6 will be hosting a Coffee morning next week to support MacMillan Cancer next Friday from 9.30am until 11.00am. Year 6 parents are invited to join Year 6 pupils in the new hall for coffee, cake and a chat. A cake sale will be held for the rest of the school at breaktime on Friday. Cakes cost 50p and all proceeds go the MacMillan. Thank you to Year 6 parents for providing the cakes to support this event.

### **School Councils**

Our new school council were voted in this week. Thank you to our outgoing council who have completed a great job representing the views of their class. Their work designing our proposed Sensory Garden has been outstanding and we are looking forward to starting this project very soon.

We had to delay our new Year 6 House and Vice captains until next week.

### **Parent Information Sheet**

You should have received your parent information sheet this week from your class teacher. Further information about the subject and year group curriculum can be located on the website class and subject pages.

### **Stay and Play (Parent and Toddlers Group)**

Our first 'Stay and Play' sessions took place on Wednesday in our new school hall. It was a great session with craft activities, singing and storytelling. Thank you to all the parents who attended. Our next session is next Wednesday 22nd September starting at 9.15am and finishing at 11.15am. Please share this information with parents who may wish to attend this group.

### **Book Sale**

Next week, the library will sell a lovely range of books. Every child will go to the library with their class and will be able to choose a book for 50p. They will find books corresponding to their book band and/or pick from non-fictional/fact books. Please bring your money on the 20th of September in a sealed envelope with their name and class. The sale will go towards extending the range of books within the library.

We thank you in advance and wish you a happy and interesting read!

Have a lovely weekend  
Mrs Leeman and staff.

## THE FRIENDS OF WELFORD SCHOOL (FOWS)

FOWS is a very friendly group of parents who are committed to raising much needed funds for the school and they need more volunteers to help out. For anyone who wishes to join in, please email them on [FOWSwelford@outlook.com](mailto:FOWSwelford@outlook.com).

The FOWS AGM is taking place on Thursday 30th September at 7.30pm via TEAMS – everyone is welcome!

IT'S GOOD TO GROW – MORRISONS GARDENING VOUCHERS – [www.itsgoodtogrow.co.uk](http://www.itsgoodtogrow.co.uk)

Please could you start collecting the "its good to grow" vouchers from Morrisons. For every £10 spent in store or online, you'll receive one GROW TOKEN that the school can then redeem for a wide range of gardening and growing equipment. There will be a "Good to Grow" box next to the uniform rails, please pop your vouchers in them.

As many of you will know, the school council, supported by FOWS has been working on plans for the new sensory garden. FOWS managed to secure £1,000 towards the new garden via a successful bid from the County Councillor's fund which is fabulous news! The vouchers will help supplement this initiative.

### Guidelines Issued about Isolation

Individuals are not required to self-isolate if they live in the same household as someone with COVID-19, or are a close contact of someone with COVID-19, and any of the following apply:

they are fully vaccinated

they are below the age of 18 years and 6 months

they have taken part in or are currently part of an approved COVID-19 vaccine trial

they are not able to get vaccinated for medical reasons

Instead, they will be contacted by NHS Test and Trace, informed they have been in close contact with a positive case and advised to take a PCR test. We would encourage all individuals to take a PCR test if advised to do so.

### **VERY IMPORTANT**

**If your child is ill and shows any symptoms of COVID19 then they must not come into school and should stay at home until they have completed a PCR test. However, if your child is a close contact of someone with COVID then they no longer need to isolate unless contacted by the NHS Track and Trace and told to do so.**