

WELFORD ON AVON PRIMARY SCHOOL



Newsletter No. 4

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Dear Parents,

Our school ethos and values are at the centre of everything we do at Welford, our motto reminds us that:

Welford 'Cares'

Creating Achieving Respecting Everyone Safely

'Our vision is to inspire a lifelong love of learning within a safe, inclusive and nurturing environment empowering self-belief, respect and resilience, to support our school community to reach their full potential'

To strengthen our whole school approach to values, we explore a major theme every half term. Every week we focus on a particular aspect of that theme. Throughout the school week we encourage everyone in school to show our values and see them in others and fill in 'Values' tickets which are placed in the class 'Values' box. One ticket from each class box is drawn every week and a 'Values' badge presented to a pupil, while the rest of the tickets are given out to be taken home. This is to help the children to develop a deeper understanding of the core values of our school.

This term we will be developing a greater understanding of the following themes

Autumn 1 – Kindness / Freedom

Autumn 2- Patience / Courage

We believe our school values:

- positively affect self-esteem and self-confidence.
- provide a moral framework.
- help us to be reflective.
- lead to mutual respect.
- help to develop quality relationships between staff/pupils and the community.
- enable everyone to be equal and have a voice.
- support the development of emotional literacy.
- strengthen our sense of belonging.

We put philosophy into practice by:

- introducing the value of the half term through assemblies and story times.
- making the value an implicit feature across the whole curriculum
- having central displays showcasing the value.
- recognising and celebrating behaviour that reflects our values.

- supporting charities.
- encouraging children to take on appropriate responsibilities.
- working towards a more sustainable school.
- all adults acting as role models.
- asking parents and the community for their support.

Black History Month

October is 'Black History Month'. This national celebration aims to promote and celebrate black contributions to British society, and to foster an understanding of black history in general. While we make sure diversity and inclusion is present in our school curriculum at all times, this is an opportunity to focus and raise awareness. We will be having a Teams assembly on Wednesday 20th October to share our learning.

M & M Productions

There will be a performance of Treasure Island in school, next week on Thursday 7th October. It will be in the same format as last year, with the performance being shown on a large screen, but with a 'live' actor performing alongside, it worked very well before and was much enjoyed by the children.

Questionnaire

A questionnaire has been sent out to parents via Email, replies are sent online. Can you please complete this exercise by Friday October 8th. Please click [here](#) to access the questionnaire

Tempest Photography

Individual photos and family groups will be taken on Wednesday 13th October.

COVID Reminders

Thank you for your cooperation with our COVID procedures in school. We continue to register cases in school but have avoided an outbreak in a classroom, as the infection has not been passed between pupils. However, it is vitally important that we continue to do our part to keep our school safe and stay open and protect our school community. You can help by following these school guidelines:

- All households should carry out a LFT test twice a week
- If any member of your family has tested positive for COVID19, **it is important** that you let the school know.
- While you have someone in the household with COVID you should follow guidelines about the rest of the family completing a PCR. However, it may well be that the PCR comes back negative and someone becomes infected a few days later. Therefore, we highly recommend that you continue to LFT every day while there is someone with COVID in the household. Other members of the family may be asymptomatic or have mild illness. By continuing to regularly test, we reduce the risk of transferring COVID into the school.
- While you have COVID in your household, we ask that you test your child every day, so that if they have a negative test, they can come to school safely.

- If your child is returning to school after a period of absence due to COVID (after isolation test or waiting on a result), it is absolutely essential that you ring the school to have a reintegration conversation.
- The isolation period must be completed

All the measures detailed above, ensure that we can protect our school population (staff and pupils), reduce the risk of school closure and make sure that the education of our pupils is not interrupted for a third year running.

Any questions, regarding these guidelines please contact the school.

Ordering Tests:

Follow this link to order Rapid Response Tests of LFTs

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

School Playing Field

Having carefully considered the importance of meeting our pupils' well-being needs and getting out in the fresh air after school, we have decided to reopen the school park after school. Please make sure that your child does not venture past the tyres, as the rest of the field is off limits as being used by the school.

The park is open over the weekend but we ask politely that you supervise your children and do not allow them to damage the grounds.

Parents' Evening

We will be holding parents' evening in early October this year to discuss how you child has settled in. A letter about the booking arrangements has been sent out

Monday 18th October 2021

Parents Evening 3.30pm-6pm (Remote)

Tuesday 19th October 2021

Parents Evening 3.30pm-6pm (Remote)

The meetings will be remote and held through our Teams Platform

We strongly encourage all parents to attend.

Long Hair

If your child has long hair we ask that it is tied back while in school particularly when completing sports. With socially distancing rules now relaxed, it also is a good way to prevent the spread of Nits.

Thank you to everyone who supported out MacMillan coffee morning and cake sale last week. Year 6 organised and ran this event and raised £264.00 For this wonderful cause.

Assemblies

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| Thursday 7th October | Year 1 and Year 2 Harvest Assembly |
| Thursday 14th October | Year 3 and Year 4 Harvest Assembly |
| Thursday 21st October | Year 3/ Year 6 Higgs |
| Thursday 4th November | Reception Wright Assembly |
| Thursday 11th November | Year 1/ Year 4 Davenport |
| Thursday 18th November | Year 3/ Year 6 Wright |
| Thursday 25th November | Year 2/5 Owen |
| Thursday 2nd December | Reception Higgs Assembly |
| Wednesday 8th December | Year 3 and Year 4 Christmas Assembly/Concert @ 9.15am |
| Thursday 9th December | Year 5 and Year 6 Christmas Assembly/Concert @ 9.15am |
| Monday 13th December | Nursery Christmas Assembly/Concert @ 9.15am |
| Tuesday 14th December | Reception Christmas Assembly /Concert@ 9.15am |
| Wednesday 15th December | Year 1 and Year 2 Christmas Assembly/Concert @ 9.15am |
| Friday 17th December | Whole School Christmas End of Term Celebration (Staff and Pupils only) |

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. The assembly will be recorded and uploaded onto TEAMS

Harvest Collection

We are continuing to collect Harvest donations of tinned and dried food for the Birmingham City Mission. Every class will have a box for donations, so your child can bring all donations to the classroom. Many thanks in advance.

Family Information Service

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

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

or

can get in touch by emailing fis@warwickshire.gov.uk or calling 01926 742274.

Family Information Newsletter

<https://us5.campaign-archive.com/?u=a24b439ef7022ae0d86f9ca6e&id=b8e8dea43e>

In this edition of the Family Information Service newsletter find out more about a programme to help you understand your child's behaviour, some exciting events and activities to suit all ages from Warwickshire Libraries, some important information on a common respiratory virus in younger children and lots more!

Family Lives

'Family Lives offers a confidential and free helpline service for families in England (previously known as Parentline). Please call us on 0808 800 2222 for emotional support, information, advice and guidance on any aspect of parenting and family life'

The helpline service is open 9am – 9pm, Monday to Friday and 10am – 3pm Saturday and Sunday.

www.familylives.org.uk/

At some stage in our lives we all need support so do not be afraid to reach out and ask.

Welford's Stay and Play (Parent and Toddlers Group)

Thank you to everyone who attended our group this week. Children got involved in arts and crafts as well as sharing songs and a story. Our next session is next Wednesday 6th October starting at 9.15am and finishing at 11.15am. Please share this information with parents who may wish to attend this group.

Open Mornings

Reception Open morning will take place on Monday 8th November. Tours of the school will take place at 9.30am, 10.00am and 10.30am and will follow strict COVID guidelines.

Nursery Open morning takes place on Monday 22nd November. Tours of the nursery and the school will take place at 9.30am, 10.00am and 10.30am will follow strict COVID guidelines

Please contact the School Office if you would like to attend. Subject to change if COVID cases rise.

THE FRIENDS OF WELFORD SCHOOL (FOWS) New Date for AGM

The FOWS AGM is taking place on Thursday 7th October at 7.30pm via TEAMS – everyone is welcome!

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.

Remote Learning

If your child is off for any reason connected to COVID19 and is fit to learn, then they can join the class, via Teams, and receive their lesson live from the classroom. It works well and ensures that teaching and learning is not missed.

Once you have phoned the school to report your child's absence, then you should send a message to your child's teacher via Teams to request an invite to class. You should be able to join through your class teams page.

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 Trace and Trace and told to do so.** However, it is recommended that they carry out regular Rapid response tests while someone in the house is infected.

SCHOOL DATES 2021-22

| 2021 | |
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| 24-Sep | Year 6 MacMillan Coffee Morning |
| 7-Oct | M&M Production – Treasure Island |
| 13-Oct | Individual Photographs |
| 15-Oct | Year 5 Cake Sale |
| 21-Oct | Conkers & Halloween Dress Up |
| 5-Nov | Year 4 Cake Sale |
| 8-Nov | Reception Open Morning |
| 12-Nov | Children in Need |
| 15-Nov | Anti-Bullying Week |
| 19-Nov | Movie Night Years 1-6 |
| 22-Nov | Nursery Open Morning |
| 8-15 Dec | School Performances |
| 10-Dec | Christmas Tails and Fair |
| 17-Dec | Term End Christmas Dress Up |

Have a great weekend

Mrs Leeman and Staff

