

WELFORD ON AVON PRIMARY SCHOOL



Newsletter No. 5

08/10/2021

Dear Parents,

COVID Update

It has been a very difficult week in school regarding COVID cases. Our Year 4 class has had multiple cases and yesterday, after consultation with the LA public Health Team, the decision was taken to switch to remote learning until Tuesday 12th October. The decision was not made lightly and we hope that this small break will prevent the further spread of COVID cases in this class.

We do need to understand that COVID is something we need to learn to live with and manage and certainly we do not want to close classrooms and interrupt learning. It is vitally important that we continue to do our part to keep our school safe and open and protect our school community. To avoid further closures we are asking

- That all members of your households continue to 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.
- We highly recommend that you continue to LTF 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 test regularly, 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, before your child returns.**
- The isolation period must be completed.

All these measures ensure that we can protect our school population (staff and pupils), reduce further 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.

VERY IMPORTANT

If your child is ill and shows any symptoms (even if they are mild) of COVID19 then they must not come into school and should stay at home until they have completed a PCR test. **If your child is in close contact with 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.

Ordering Tests:

Follow this link to order Rapid Response Tests of LFTs

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

Parents' Evenings

Monday 18th October 2021
Tuesday 19th October 2021

Parents Evening 3.30pm-6pm (Remote)
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The meetings will be remote and held through our Teams Platform. **We strongly encourage all parents to attend.**

Assemblies

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

Please see the above timetable for assemblies this term, there is also a copy on the website. At the moment all the assemblies will be remote. If your child is involved in the assembly, 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.

Year 1 and 2 Harvest

Year 1 and 2 pupils celebrated Harvest with us this week, by sharing their knowledge around this festival. Year 1 told us all about the food that grows in the four nations of the United Kingdom, linking this to their geographical skills. Through their art study of the work of Paul Klee, they created paintings of different vegetables, which looked amazing! Year 2 shared a whole class acrostic poem which they wrote to celebrate Harvest and led a prayer for everyone to reflect. Both classes sang enthusiastically and it was wonderful to see them enjoying their learning. Well done!

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.

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 items to the classroom. Many thanks in advance.

Welford on Avon Primary School Social Media

We are excited to announce we are promoting our school and lots of what is happening here on our social media pages. To follow us please see the links below;

[Facebook](#)

[Twitter](#)

[Instagram](#)

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 13th 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. This is subject to change if COVID cases rise.

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, 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.

Benefits of Reading to your child

Whether reading a story or fairy tale, reading aloud to your child can significantly benefit your child's life. Some benefits reading to children include:

- Supported cognitive development
- Improved language skills
- Preparation for academic success
- Developing a special bond with your child
- Increased concentration and discipline
- Improved imagination and creativity
- Cultivating. lifelong love of reading

Enjoy your reading time with your child and if you need any support or guidance please contact the school.

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Family Information Newsletter

<https://us5.campaign-archive.com/?u=a24b439ef7022ae0d86f9ca6e&id=e75a6b32b3>

In this edition of the Family Information Service newsletter you'll find a reminder about the importance of completing a Council Plan survey to help make Warwickshire the best it can be, a new app for Dads, how to apply for free school meals, a range of courses for adults and much more!

The Family Information Service is here to support families across Warwickshire. As always, you can get in touch with us by emailing fis@warwickshire.gov.uk or calling 01926 742274.

Family Lives

www.familylives.org.uk/

'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.

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

Free Parenting Programmes available free to Warwickshire families

<https://api.warwickshire.gov.uk/documents/WCCC-829341009-253>

Link for parents to book onto workshops and programmes:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/warwickshire-children-and-families-17595309993>

Have a great weekend

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