

Dear Parents,

Newsletter No. 3

We have had a lovely week, culminating in a Year 6 Coffee morning and Cake sale to raise funds for MacMillan Cancer Research. Thank you to the parents who provided baking and for those who attended.

COVID Update

Thank you for your cooperation with our COVID procedures in school. We have more cases in our school, than at any point since the pandemic began. Therefore, it is vitally important that we all do our part to keep our school safe and 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 really 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 LTF every day, while there is someone with COVID in the household.
- 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 safely come to school.
- 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.

All the above measures ensure that we can protect our school population, 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>

Reminder about 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 appropriate days and remain smart, safe and comfortable. School shoes please 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

Having carefully considered the needs of our pupils' well-being and getting out in the fresh air after school, we have decided to reopen the school park after 3.15pm. Please make sure that your child does not venture past the tyres, as the rest of the field is off limits for use 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.

As a reminder to all, the playing field is school property and the school maintains its upkeep, which is very costly.

After School Procedures

Your child will be asked just after registration where they are going at the end of the school day. Some children are still unsure about what they are doing and this causes confusion for the school and anxiety for your child. Can you please make sure that you tell your child every morning what the after school arrangements are.

Walking Home

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' Evenings

We will be holding parents' evening in early October this year to discuss how your child has settled in. A letter about the booking arrangements has been sent out and the booking system opens on Monday 27th September at 7.00 am.

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 playing sport or PE. With socially distancing rules now relaxed, it also is a good way to prevent the spread of Nits.

Assemblies

Thursday 30 th September	Reception Harvest Assembly
Thursday 7 th October	Year 1 and Year 2 Harvest Assembly
Thursday 14 th October	Year 3 and Year 4 Harvest Assembly
Thursday 21 st October	Year 3/ Year 6 Higgs
Half Term	
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 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 and 6 Harvest Assembly

Year 5 and 6 serenaded us with Harvest songs and lifted our spirits this week, with an amazing Assembly where they shared their knowledge and understanding of Harvest. Year 5 explained the chronological order of Harvest from Anglo-Saxon times to modern day. We also heard about how Harvest is celebrated around the world, from harvesting olives in Italy and having them blessed before village feasts, to the Harvest Moon Festival in China, where celebrations include lanterns and puppet shows. Year 6 explained their knowledge of where the food we eat every day comes from and demonstrated the miles travelled by some products. They tackled the issue of eating locally sourced and seasonal food in order to lessen the damage to our environment. A thoroughly enjoyable assembly. Well done!

Harvest Collection

We will be collecting 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

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

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

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:

- family relationships
- finance
- housing
- parenting support
- special educational needs and disabilities (SEND)
- childcare
- health and wellbeing

Library Book Sale

Just a reminder that pupils are welcome to bring a 50p in to purchase a book from the old stock in the library. There are plenty of quality fiction and non-fiction books on offer to choose from and all of the money raised will go towards ensuring a range of books in the library for the pupils to enjoy.

Volunteers

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

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 29th September 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.

A Few messages from FOWS

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. If there is anyone who wishes to join in, please email them on 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

Please could you start collecting the 'it's 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 "Good to Grow" boxes / buckets 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 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.

Have a lovely
Mrs Leeman and Staff