

WELFORD ON AVON PRIMARY SCHOOL



Newsletter No. 6

21/10/2021

Dear Parents,

We have already completed a half term and it has flown by and has been extremely busy. As always, you have been super supportive parents, as we have dealt with a surge in COVID cases within the school.

Ofsted Inspection

In addition, a huge thank you for your support during our Ofsted Inspection last week. The team spent two full days looking at every aspect of our school environment. The Inspection team are currently putting a letter together, outlining their findings and the final outcome will be shared with parents within the next few weeks.

Conkers Competition and Dress Up day

Our pupils really enjoyed dressing up today, as well as taking part in the 'Class Conkers Championships'. A lovely way to end the term. We are currently counting what has been raised for FOWS.

Year 5 Bake Sale

Year 5 pupils and parents created some amazing cakes last Friday, which were fit for a 'Great British Bake Off'. Thank you for all your contributions towards this event. The amount raised for FOWS is to be confirmed.

Parents' Evening

Thank you to parents for attending Parents' Evenings this week. I hope you found the meetings useful. We will have another set of Parents' Evenings in February for a further update. However, we are always available if you have any questions, concerns or worries regarding your child.

Assemblies

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 18th December	Whole School Christmas End of Term Celebration (Staff and Pupils only)

Please see above the timetable of assemblies for this term, there is also a copy on the website. At the moment all assemblies will be remote, but we are hoping to slowly start to reintroduce assemblies in the hall over the next half term. 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 3 and 4 Harvest

We had our final Harvest assembly last week with Year 3 and Year 4 sharing their learning. It was an excellent finish celebrating this traditional event. Thank you for all your contributions for the Harvest collection. The boxes were collected today and will be making their way to the Birmingham City Mission.

Year 6

Pupils in Year 6 Higgs shared their scientific knowledge this week with a focus on classification. They explained that they had studied the work of Carl Linnaeus, a Swedish physician, who formalised the modern system for the classification of organisms which we use today. Pupils also shared biographies they have written about the life and achievements of Carl Linnaeus. Through a study of a short film called 'The Piano' the pupils developed their use of descriptive language and ability to create flashbacks in stories to great effect. Finally, Year 6 Higgs shared their sequence of learning in Art and Design where they have explored the effect they can achieve with charcoal, pencils and pastels to create work in the style of L.S. Lowry. Some amazing work Year 6!

Year 3

Year 3 Higgs brightened our morning by sharing a song they have been learning in French to support their knowledge of greetings. They explained that they have learnt greetings and how to introduce themselves and built this into conversations which they shared confidently. Through their Science unit of rocks, fossils and soils, pupils explained the three different types of rocks and how they are formed. They shared how they have investigated different types of soils and rocks through their Science lessons in class. Pupils explained how this work has linked to their Geography lessons where they have located different volcanoes around the world using maps and atlases and related this to recent events with the volcanic eruption in the Canary Islands. Well done Year 3!

Black History Month

October was 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.

Welford Wrigglers

We have a new name and it was lovely to see so many new families this week. Our next session is Wednesday 3rd November 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.

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 invitation 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.

Have a fantastic half term
Mrs Leeman and staff

COVID Update

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 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 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. **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.

Ordering Tests:

Follow this link to order Rapid Response Tests of LFTs

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

Have a fantastic half term and

WELLNESS@WELFORD

Family Information Newsletter

Family Information Newsletter

<https://us5.campaign-archive.com/?u=a24b439ef7022ae0d86f9ca6e&id=870169ef6e>

In this edition of the Family Information Service newsletter you'll find information on October half term activities, the latest edition of SEND Voice, a reminder for year 7 secondary school applications, support from Parent Mentors and 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>

