

# WELFORD ON AVON PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Newsletter No. 7

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Dear Parents,

Welcome back, I hope you had a lovely half term break and are ready for the busy half term ahead of us. As many of you have spotted, over the break we have had the new fencing and security gates fitted at the front of the school, as well as new entrance gates into the playing field and the staff car park. We have removed the bicycle shelter to allow for more playground space, but children can still secure their bicycles and scooters to the rack placed at the bottom of the Gate 1 path. Thank you to Mr Phil Buttler for completing this work to such a high standard. I am sure you will agree that as well as making our school site more secure, it looks great.

## **Ofsted Inspection**

**Thank you again for all your support during our Ofsted inspection, particularly to those parents who responded to the questionnaire or sent letters. The outcome of our inspection will be published in the next weeks.**

## **Year 4 Bake Sale**

Year 4 pupils and parents created some amazing cakes today, which went down a treat. Thank you for all your contributions towards this event.

## **Remembrance, Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> November**

Years 4, 5 and 6 will be walking up to the Memorial Hall on Thursday 11th November, to take part in the Welford on Avon and Weston Remembrance Service. Year 5 and Year 6 have written poems which will be on display and a small selection will be shared during the service. Year 4 will be making poppies of many colours to remember the groups of service men and woman from a wide range of backgrounds, the civilians and animals who laid down their life for their country. They will be placed on the village green.

## **Assemblies**

We have made the decision to start to hold all our assemblies in the school hall from next week and we will be welcoming parents back into school for house knowledge assemblies and our upcoming Christmas concerts. We are very excited about this but we do need to remain careful. We request that parents do not come to school assemblies if they are feeling ill or have any symptoms of COVID19. In addition, we politely ask that all adults wear a mask when attending an assembly in the school hall.

<b>Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Year 1 / Year 4 Davenport
<b>Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Year 3 / Year 6 Wright
<b>Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Year 2 / Year 5 Owen
<b>Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> December</b>	Reception Higgs Assembly
<b>Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Year 3 and Year 4 Christmas Assembly / Concert @ 9.15am
<b>Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Year 5 and Year 6 Christmas Assembly / Concert @ 9.15am
<b>Monday 13<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Nursery Christmas Assembly / Concert @ 9.15am
<b>Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Reception Christmas Assembly / Concert @ 9.15am
<b>Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Year 1 and Year 2 Christmas Assembly / Concert @ 9.15am
<b>Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December</b> <b>Christmas Dress Up Day</b> <b>School closes at 1.30pm</b>	Whole School Christmas End of Term Celebration (Staff and Pupils only)

### **Reception Wright Assembly**

Reception pupils in Wright, told us about the Festival of Diwali. This year Diwali takes place over five days from 2 November to 6 November, with the main day of celebration taking place yesterday, Thursday 4 November. Reception children explained many of the traditions that are celebrated, they made diya lamps and painted beautiful pictures of the fireworks, exploring the effects of overlapping using paint, glitter and glue. They also learned and performed a Diwali dance. Thank you to Reception Wright pupils for sharing all their learning.

### **Upcoming events**

[Don't forget you can view our calendar on the website!](#)

[Cinema Night – Friday 19<sup>th</sup> November \(Reception to Year 6\)](#)

[Children in Need Day - Friday 19<sup>th</sup> November \(Wear spots and stripes\) Donation £1.00 please.](#)

### **Bonfire Night**

While many of you will be celebrating Bonfire night tonight, please remember to be very careful if using fireworks. The safest thing to do is to attend an organised event but if you are planning a smaller celebration please remember:

## The Firework Code

- Only buy fireworks marked BS 7114.
- Don't drink alcohol if setting off fireworks.
- Keep fireworks in a closed box.
- Follow the instructions on each firework.
- Light them at arm's length, using a taper.
- Stand well back.
- Never go near a firework that has been lit.  
Even if it hasn't gone off, it could still explode.
- Never put fireworks in your pocket or throw them.
- Always supervise children around fireworks.
- Light sparklers one at a time and wear gloves.
- Never give sparklers to a child under five.
- Keep pets indoors.
- Don't let off fireworks after 11pm.

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Source: RoSPA

### UK Parliament Week

UK Parliament Week has been taking place across the UK this week, which is a great opportunity for all our pupils to develop an understanding about how our parliament works. The purpose is to inspire an interest in parliament, politics and democracy and encourage people of all ages to engage with the UK's democratic system and institutions. Our assembly on Monday introduced the topic and each class has completed work during the week.

Additional information can be found by following:

[https://assets.ukparliamentweek.org/uploads/2021/11/UKPW2021\\_PrimarySchoolsBookletAW\\_DIGITAL\\_SPREADS.pdf](https://assets.ukparliamentweek.org/uploads/2021/11/UKPW2021_PrimarySchoolsBookletAW_DIGITAL_SPREADS.pdf)

Watch the introduction school assembly, which is really informative and interesting.

<https://www.ukparliamentweek.org/en/resources/ukpw-big-assembly-primary-school-edition/>

### COP26

Coinciding with UK parliament week, every class has been following the progress of COP26 currently being held in Glasgow. This historic and monumental event has sparked conversations and discussions around the important issue of 'Climate Change' and the actions we have to take to help make the changes needed to protect our future world. We are planning to form our own Climate Council and the interest in this new group has been phenomenal. To mark the end of the conference next week and the start of our new climate focus group (Eco Group) and we are asking children to wear something green to school next Friday. We will also be having an assembly to share everything we have been learning over the last two weeks.

If you are interested in helping out with our Climate Council please contact the school and get involved in this crucial cause.

### **Welford Wrigglers**

Our next session is Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> 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 8<sup>th</sup> 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 22<sup>nd</sup> 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.

### **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.

### **Wellness at Welford**

#### **Family Information Newsletter**

<https://us5.campaign-archive.com/?u=a24b439ef7022ae0d86f9ca6e&id=cfb1715b14>

In this week's Newsletter there is information on a new Children and Young People Strategy, a survey on how COVID-19 has impacted lives of residents, a new website launched by Adoption Central England and much more!

#### **Family Lives**

[www.familylives.org.uk/](http://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>

### 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 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.
- The isolation period must be completed

All the measures above 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

**Mrs Leeman and Staff**

