

WELFORD ON AVON PRIMARY SCHOOL



Newsletter No. 9

19/11/2021

Dear Parents,

I hope that you are all keeping well. It has been another unsettled week for some of our pupils with Year 5 and Year 6 switching to remote learning for most of the week. Thank you to all the parents who have taken the appropriate action by testing their child. I urge parents to continue to test their pupils at least twice a week in line with staff testing, so as to stand any chance of being able to operate a normal school day.

Ofsted Report

Our Ofsted report has now been circulated. Please read through the report and the two accompanying letters from the school and the LA.

Assemblies

We have returned to remote assemblies due to the rise in COVID cases. We are still hoping to welcome parents back into school for our upcoming Christmas concerts. The Year 3 Wright assembly was postponed this week as several of the children were ill and will now take place on Thursday 2nd December along with Reception children in Higgs House.

Thursday 25 th November	Year 2/5 Owen
Thursday 2 nd December	Reception Higgs Assembly Year 3 Wright 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 17 th December Christmas Dress Up Day School closes at 1.30pm	Whole School Christmas End of Term Celebration (Staff and Pupils only)

Year 6 Wright Assembly

Despite being at home, Year 6 Wright children delivered an amazing assembly yesterday. They read beautifully some written poetry about 'War and 'Tigers' and showed the poppies that they have made out of clay. They also explained how learning about the WW2 'Grow your Own' campaign is still as relevant today, to reduce the pollution caused by transporting food around the world. They also mentioned how their class discussions during COP26, inspired letters to Boris Johnson about a range of issues quoting that 'pupils voices deserved to be heard'. A comprehensive and well delivered assembly from our brilliant Year 6 Wright pupils. Well done to all of them.

Climate Council

We are planning to form our own Climate Council and the interest in this new group has been phenomenal. If you are interested in helping out with our Climate Council, please contact the school and get involved in this crucial cause.

School Community Council

Prior to COVID, we had been running a very successful School Community Council and we would like to restart it. The Parent Council is a forum in which parents can come together to share ideas and put forward their views to the Head and the Governing Body of the school.

As a result, it is hoped that this will get parents involved in the active decision making of the school, fostering a culture of ownership and participation.

We are looking for any parents/ grandparents or family members of children attached to the school, interested in becoming part of this group. Please contact the school office for more information. We hope to have our first meeting in the new year.

Anti Bullying Week 15th -19th November

Anti-Bullying has been at the heart of our learning this week, with the theme 'One Kind Word'. Teachers have been talking about the important topic of Anti-Bullying, with all pupils and undertaking a wide range of work in class. Kindness is more important today than it has ever been. Each child has been encouraged to show little acts of consideration, these small and simple acts can break down barriers and brighten the lives of the everyone around us.

Children in Need- Change of date Friday 26th November.

We will once again be supporting this national event, but one week later than planned due to number of pupils having to learn remotely. 'Children in Need' first started in 1980 and has been firmly marked on all our calendars ever since, because it really does make a difference to children's lives through the money raised.

All pupils are asked to wear something spotty or stripy and classes will be planning a day of 'Children in Need' fun activities. In return, we ask for a small donation of £1.00, which

will go to help the lives of young people in the UK. You can find out more about 'Children in Need' by following the link below.

<https://www.bbcchildreninneed.co.uk/schools/primary-school/>

Welford Wrigglers

Our next session is Wednesday 24th November, starting at 9.15am and finishing at 11.15am. Please share this information with parents who may wish to attend this group.

Nursery Open Morning- Monday 22nd November- Postponed due to staff illness

Our open morning will now take place on Wednesday 1st December with three tours taking place at 9.30am, 10.30am and 11.30am. This will provide an opportunity to look around the whole school, as well as the Nursery.

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 invitation to class. You should be able to join through your class Teams page.

Wellness @ Welford

Family Information Newsletter

<https://us5.campaign-archive.com/?u=a24b439ef7022ae0d86f9ca6e&id=a6556aefba>

In this week's Family Information Service newsletter there is information on the new Warwickshire Treehouse Fostering project, a SEND school opening, applying for Reception and Junior school places and much more!

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>

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 at least twice a week and more often if you have a case in your household.
- 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 great weekend

Mrs Leeman and Staff