

# WELFORD ON AVON PRIMARY SCHOOL



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Dear Parents,

It was lovely to see the return of Year 5 and 6 to face to face teaching on Monday. Thank you as always for your support and cooperation with managing education during these difficult times. As I have previously stated, this may be the new 'normal' for the foreseeable future.

## 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 but we will need to follow COVID rules which I will circulate nearer the time.

Year 3 Wright assembly was postponed last week, as several of the children were ill and will now take place on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> December along with the Reception Higgs House assembly.

<b>Thursday 2nd December</b>	Reception Higgs Assembly Year 3 Wright 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)

## Year 2 and Year 5 Owen Assembly

### Year 2 Owen

Year 2 Owen pupils wowed us with their poems inspired by 'The Owl and the Pussycat', through a study of language. We were transported back in time to explore the jobs in medieval castles, such as gong farmers, servants, cooks and jesters. Pupils demonstrated

their knowledge and understanding of these jobs and the importance they had. Pupils shared their learning in Design and Technology lessons, where they are investigating and creating mechanisms for a castle drawbridge. Well done Year 2!

### **Year 5 Owen**

Year 5 Owen pupils began by sharing their current book study of 'The Lost Happy Endings' by Carol Ann Duffy. Through their exploration of the beautiful illustrations and rich language of the text, the pupils wrote amazing descriptions. The pupils then discussed their planned investigations on forces based on the knowledge they have gained so far. Finally, pupils discussed the advantages and disadvantages of the different forms of communication, such as emails, letters, text etc. as part of their /computing curriculum. Super learning Year 5!

### **Children In Need**

There was a real buzz around school today as pupils took part in Children In Need activities to raise money for the amazing causes around the UK dressed in a multi-coloured array of spots and stripes. Activities included building the tallest marshmallow and spaghetti towers, making Pudsey fridge magnets, sewing Pudsey faces and wacky races. Thank you all for your generous donations and support on this exciting day.

### **Climate Council**

We will be holding an assembly on Monday, to introduce our Climate Council We are still looking for parents/family members who may be 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 'Parent Council' and we would like to restart it. We have changed the name to 'School Community Council' to enrich the school community links. This council is a forum in which members of the school community can come together to share ideas and put forward their views to the Headteacher and the Governing Body of the school.

As a result, it is hoped that this will get wider involvement from our school community 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.

## **Welford Wrigglers**

Our next session is next Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> December starting at 9.15am and finishing at 11.15am. Please share this information with parents who may wish to attend this group.

## **PE Uniform**

Please, can I remind parents that children need to wear school approved PE/Games uniform. The children should wear red/black top and tracksuits with no sport logos. There is an increasing range of sports clothes being worn which is not uniform, thank you.

From January, pupils will be asked to wear school uniform every day and bring PE/ Games uniform to change into.

## **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 @ Welford**

### **Family Information Newsletter**

<https://us5.campaign-archive.com/?u=a24b439ef7022ae0d86f9ca6e&id=41e93978b6>

In this week's Family Information Service newsletter there is information on the respiratory syncytial virus, a community autism support service, advice about buying safe toys and much more!

The Family Information Service is here to support families across Warwickshire. As always, you can get in touch by emailing [fis@warwickshire.gov.uk](mailto:fis@warwickshire.gov.uk) or calling 01926 742274.

### **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 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 LFT tests.

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

Have a great weekend

**Mrs Leeman and Staff**