

WELFORD ON AVON PRIMARY SCHOOL



Newsletter No. 11

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Dear Parents,

Welcome to this week's newsletter. It is starting to look a lot like Christmas in school this week. We have had our Christmas trees delivered and the rehearsals for our Christmas concerts are well under way. We have received some lovely toy donations for the Birmingham Mission Toy Appeal and these have been collected today. Thank you for your generosity.

Christmas events @ school

Thank you again for your continuing support as we try to make sure that all our Christmas activities and events take place without too much disruption. It is a very special time of year and we are keen to make sure that you have the opportunity to watch your child in their Christmas performance.

In order to run our Christmas Performances:

- All visitors must complete an LFT prior to coming into school (unless they have had COVID19 in the last few weeks),
- You should hand sanitise before entering the school building,
- Anyone feeling unwell (not just with COVID-19 symptoms) does not attend,
- Two tickets per family will be issued for each concert,
- You will be spaced out in the hall and given numbered seats. The hall is a well-ventilated space and all windows and some doors will be left open,
- Face masks must be worn throughout your time on the school premises,
- You will have a numbered seat so we can do contact tracing if required,
- **We ask politely that you arrange child care for younger siblings to help with noise levels and keep numbers down.**

Wednesday 8th December Concert will be pre-recorded as well	Year 3 Christmas Concert @ 9.15am Year 4 Christmas Concert @ 11.15am
Thursday 9th December Concert will be pre-recorded as well	Year 5 Christmas Concert @ 9.15am Year 6 Christmas Concert @ 11.15am
Monday 13th December Concert will be pre-recorded as well	Nursery Christmas Concert @ 9.15am
Tuesday 14th December Concert will be pre-recorded as well	Reception Christmas Concert @ 9.15am
Wednesday 15th December Concert will be pre-recorded as well	Year 1 Christmas Concert @ 9.15am Year 2 Christmas Concert @ 11.15am
Friday 17th December Christmas Dress Up Day School closes at 1.30pm for pupils.	Whole School Christmas End of Term Celebration (Staff and Pupils only)

We had our final learning assembly of the term with Reception Higgs and Year 3 Wright sharing their learning

Reception Higgs

Reception Higgs pupils wowed us with their mathematical knowledge this week, sharing different number stories and the number sentences that go with them. They showed excellent use of mathematical vocabulary and were confident in their learning. We also heard about their learning around 'The Three Little Pigs' story as the pupils have built traps to catch the Big Bad Wolf and used the story as inspiration for their labels and captions. Finally, we were allowed a sneak preview of one of the songs from Reception's Christmas performance to put us all in the mood for the festivities to come. Well done!

Year 3 Wright

Year 3 Wright pupils shared a variety of learning from this half term. We were introduced to the book they are currently studying in class called 'The Winter's Child' and were amazed by the quality of writing that had come from this, such as predictions, short stories and poetry on the theme of Winter. Pupils also shared their learning in Enquiry on Earthquakes, discussing how Earthquakes happen and are measured using a seismograph which the pupils are going to make over the next few weeks. For their Finale, the pupils delighted us with their knowledge of French greetings, numbers and classroom instructions through songs and role play. Amazing work!

Children's Indoor Christmas Fayre

We will be running our traditional indoor children's market on **Friday 10th December** throughout the school day.

Christmas Tales

Adam Schumacher will be spreading Christmas cheer by sharing his excellent Christmas stories with each class. They will also be provided with a festive hot chocolate and a cracknel while they listen.

They do not need to take any money to the Fayre.

As the above are fundraising events we are asking for a voluntary suggested donation/contribution of up to £5.00. This will cover both events. All money will be handed to the class teacher when they arrive in the morning.

This is an inclusive event and everyone will take part as part of the school day. Please can you let the school know of any food allergies so alternatives can be offered.

Christmas Class Parties

Our children really enjoy their Christmas class parties. They can dance and play a range of Christmas party games and will be provided with some light refreshments. Please see the timetable below to see when your child's class party is.

Monday 13th December	Nursery PM
Tuesday 14th December	Reception 1.30pm-3.00pm
Monday 13th December	Year 1 1.30am-3.00pm
Tuesday 14th December	Year 2 9.30am-11.30am
Tuesday 14th December	Year 3 1.30pm-3.00pm
Wednesday 15th December	Year 4 1.30pm-3.00pm
Thursday 16th December	Year 5 9.30am-11.30am
Thursday 16th December	Year 6 1.30am-3.00pm
What you need to know	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Children will wear party clothes to school on the day• Biscuits and Squash for Refreshments	

Climate Council News

We are delighted to announce that we have quite a few of our pupils are very interested in being part of the Climate Council. Mrs Cox, who will be facilitating the council has her first task ready to be launched next week.

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.

As part of our ongoing work on understanding the world around us, our pupils have been finding out about the indigenous Munduruku tribe in Brazil.

'Brazil's indigenous Munduruku tribe people came together at COP26 earlier this month to share their message, that the world needs their expertise in protecting the Amazon rainforest in which they live. They have said they face increasing threats from loggers and miners. Their way of life is being threatened, with huge areas of forest being destroyed.'

This has led to discussions in class around the question.

'Is the world a better place when we live a more natural life?'

We would encourage parents to continue this discussion at home and have attached some information with this newsletter to guide your conversations.

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 8th December starting at 9.15am and finishing at 11.15am and will be in small hall as the large hall is being used for performances. **This will be the last session for this term.** The first session in the New Year will be on Wednesday 5th January.

PE Uniform

Please, can I remind parents that children need to wear school approved PE/Games uniform. The children should wear a plain red/black top and tracksuits with no sport logos. You may choose the Welford logo but this is not necessary. There is an increasing range of different coloured sports clothes with logos being worn. 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.

Welford on Avon Primary School Social Media

We are excited to announce we are promoting our school and lots of what is happening here on our social media pages. To follow us please see the links below;

[Facebook](#)

[Twitter](#)

[Instagram](#)

Alcester & Stratford District Round Table – Sunday 5th December 2021

Alcester & Stratford District Round Table are delighted to announce this year's route and dates, They are not knocking on doors again this year but are really happy to be welcoming back charities and local groups this year to help us collect.

Donations can be made on the routes to volunteers or marshals carrying a collection bucket or by donating online - <https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/roundtablesanta2021>

Any donations will be distributed to local groups and charities. Please see attached image for more detail.

Wellness @ Welford

December Holiday Activities and Food programme (HAF)

The Department for Education (DfE) has made funding available for families whose children are in receipt of benefits tested free school meals. The funding means that these children can access up to 4 activities over the 2-week period.

<https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/HAF>

Please follow the link above for more information:

Family Information Newsletter

<https://us5.campaign-archive.com/?u=a24b439ef7022ae0d86f9ca6e&id=984d0fe105>

In this week's Family Information Service newsletter there is information on Christmas gift donations, breaks for carers, volunteering with the Parenting Project 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 or calling 01926 742274.

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