

# WELFORD ON AVON PRIMARY SCHOOL



Newsletter No. 12

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Dear Parents,

Welcome to this week's newsletter. We have had a lovely week at school with lots of events happening, including our KS2 Christmas concerts. It was so lovely to see parents back in school and have a live audience. The children thoroughly enjoyed this well overdue experience.

## New Path on School Playing Field

You may have seen the new pathway being constructed on the school field this week. This has been created as a new entrance for parents when attending assemblies and events in our new school hall. It is now finished and ready for use. If you are attending any school events next week, we ask that parents use this path to enter and leave the school site, via the green double gate situated at the bottom of the playing field.

## Next Week's Christmas Events At School

Thank you again for your continuing support as we try make sure that all our Christmas activities and events take place without too much disruption. Next week we have Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 Christmas performances. Please can I remind parents that if they have not already done so, they must book a ticket and follow the guidelines below.

- 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 opened
- 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.**

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

### School Bus

The school bus will come to school for 1.30pm on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December

### Children's Indoor Christmas Fayre and Christmas Tales

All pupils enjoyed our school festivities today. Adam Schumacher spread Christmas cheer by sharing a Christmas tale and every pupil visited our Christmas Fayre. Our stalls were very popular with the children, in particular, the Teddy Tombola. Thank you to everyone who helped out today to make the day run smoothly.

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

#### **Please remember:**

- **There will be no PE or Games next week**
- **After-school clubs have finished**
- **Breakfast Club and In Shape for School continue every morning next week**
- **There is no Star Club on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December**
- **School will close on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December at 1.30pm**

## Current Affairs Class Assembly

### Do we need to create a virtual universe?

**This week we have been the discussing the pros and cons about developing a virtual world. It has ignited some fabulous discussions throughout the school.**

The metaverse is the idea for a virtual world. Currently, it is a concept that is being developed by many different companies, including Facebook, who want to create the next version of the internet. The metaverse could be explored using a computer, gaming console, mobile, wearable technology, or other device; experiencing 3D graphics and sound along the way. The key difference through using a headset, is that it makes you feel more present in the metaverse and presumably less present in the everyday world (where your body remains).

If you would like to continue this fascinating subject at home please do so. Additional information has been attached 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, who are 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

Welford Wrigglers had their Christmas party on Wednesday which was the last session before we break for Christmas. **There will be no session next Wednesday.**

**The first session in the New Year will be on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> January from 9.15am-11.15am**

### 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.

## 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:

### New Family Information Newsletter

<https://us5.campaign-archive.com/?u=a24b439ef7022ae0d86f9ca6e&id=8e8251133d>

In this week's Family Information Service newsletter there is information on festive fun for the whole family, a webinar discussion on Autism support, support available from the Warwickshire Local Welfare Scheme, mental health support for young adults, and much 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](mailto: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**

