

**DIARY DATES**  
**(ALL DATES SUBJECT TO CHANGE)**



**WB: Mon 16 Dec** Lunch Menu = Week 5  
Tues 17 Dec Dressing up Day  
Christmas Disco for Whole School

**Fri 20 Dec** Break up for Christmas Holidays

**WB: Mon 6 Jan** Lunch Menu = Week 1  
**Mon 6 Jan** Teacher Training day – School closed to pupils  
Tues 7 Jan Children back in School  
Fri 10 Jan HSBC Bank – children to bring in their saving

Congratulations to those classes who have successfully achieved our whole school target of 96.5% & above from 2 <sup>nd</sup> Dec – 13 <sup>th</sup> Dec 2019		
CLASS	%	%
BUSES	88	95
ROCKETS	84.44	83.33
RC	93.45	96.55
RR	96.33	96.67
1J	93	84.58
1TG	94.67	98.33
2D	92.76	94.83
2F	97.98	96.67
3C	92.67	86.67
3WP	93.67	89.58
4M	95.33	95.42
4G	92.33	99.17
5H	93.79	99.14
5W	96.55	95.26
6C	96	91.67
6W	94.67	96.25

**ATTENDANCE UPDATE**

Attendance remains a constant focus for us especially at this time of year. Welford REALLY appreciates the effort parents make to ensure their children are in school every day.

**Mrs Kirk, the Safeguarding lead teacher at Welford has been made aware of the following:**

**West Midlands Police has been made aware of an App called “UNICO LIVE”. The app is publicised as age restricted 12+ and designed for young people to upload videos of them performing, singing and dancing etc.; it has come to our attention that there is inappropriate content on the platform involving young people which is being investigated. The content does not appear to be monitored and we urge you to raise awareness widely to increase vigilance and reduce the likelihood of any child being sexually exploited. We would also like to make parents aware of several unpleasant issues that have arisen at school recently with Year 6 pupils being on Snapchat. There is an age restriction on Snapchat of 13. We would ask that our pupils are not allowed to use Snapchat.**



# WELFORD NEWS

13<sup>th</sup> December – 10<sup>th</sup> January 2020  
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**From Mrs Foster ...**

Dear Parents/Carers,  
What a busy end to the term at Welford. Reception's Nativity Assembly was fabulous. The children were confident, word, percussion and action perfect and looked adorable. A HUGE thank you to Reception Staff for ensuring the production was such a success and for showcasing the children's talents so beautifully.

The Children's Christmas Lunch was another triumph. The Catering Team, Lunchtime Supervisors and the Office worked so hard to ensure the children had a memorable time and we are really grateful to them.

The "Let's Celebrate Christmas" musical performance was a lovely way to come together at the end of a very successful term. It was fantastic to see so many budding musicians, singers and dancers in action. What fabulous children and staff we have at Welford.

Discos with Ken and Shabbir were fun and parties were lovely. Everyone enjoyed a special visit from Santa despite him being so busy at this time of year and children looked so smart and gorgeous in an array of outfits...

We are very proud of our Autumn 2 Gold Book children and celebrated their success in a special Assembly. I know that the selection was a difficult choice for all teachers as all of our children are working so hard in class and being the best they can possibly be.



The Staff Pantomime for Years 1-6 was Snow White-Wills and the 7 Elves, as the author, I had a little help from the Brothers Grimm! As usual I was in awe of the efforts the Staff went to ensure the children were entertained and given the chance to see a different side to Welford Staff. Obviously another one of Welford's finest! Children were also treated to The Christmas Snowglobe from a touring company, which the children enjoyed immensely.

2019 has been a really successful year for Welford. Ofsted came in July and judged us to be a Good school and we were thrilled by the many positive comments within the report that were a credit to Team Welford and all of the Wider School Community. We can not thank you enough for all of your support and I am so proud of all we have collectively achieved.

We are not a complacent school and we continue to ensure we respond to Ofsted recommendations. I thank each and every member of Team Welford for their tireless efforts and dedication to ensure the children make good progress, experience an inclusive, broad and balanced curriculum with quality education at the heart of everything and, most importantly, that they enjoy their time in school and know that they are successful.

As we look forward to the New Year, I feel privileged that we continue to share our school journey towards even more success TOGETHER. Happy Holidays to EVERYONE from myself, the Governors and Welford Staff. Enjoy some rest and relaxation time. Peace, Good Health, Happiness and Harmony to you all in 2019.

Mrs C Foster

## EMERGENCY PROCEDURES FOR SCHOOL CLOSURES

In the event of extreme weather conditions (heavy snow fall), the Director of Education may choose to close schools across the whole of Birmingham. Although this is not Welford's decision, we are not able to open school as we do not have any control. See below for how you will be notified.

If the Governors and I decide to close the school for local emergency reasons, we will notify parents in the following ways:

Look at our website ([www.welford.bham.sch.uk](http://www.welford.bham.sch.uk))

- Look at our Twitter feed (@WelfordPrimary)
- Listen to local radio stations – BBC WM & Free Radio
- Look at the Local Authority website ([www.birmingham.gov.uk](http://www.birmingham.gov.uk))
- A text message will be sent to all primary contacts

**ENSURE YOUR MOBILE NUMBER IS UPDATED WITH THE OFFICE.**

If you are an EU citizen, you & your family members can apply to the EU Settlement Scheme to continue to live, work and study in the UK.

For more information visit

<https://www.gov.uk/settled-status-eu-citizens-families>

### Reception Class Admissions (September 2020/2021)

Do you have a nursery aged child, born between  
1 September 2015 and 31 August 2016?

Do you need help with applying for a school place for your child?  
**Applications must be completed on line by 15 January 2020.**

### WELFORD NURSERY ADMISSIONS

If you, or a family member or a friend have a child born between:

01/09/2015 – 31/08/2016

They are eligible for a Nursery place. Welford offers a part time place of 15 hours per week.

To register for a place, please request a registration form from the school office.

Please also let any families and friends know.

### COATS, HATS & GLOVES IN THE COLD WEATHER

PLEASE MAKE SURE YOUR CHILD/CHILDREN WEAR COATS, HATS AND GLOVES DURING THE COLD WEATHER. ALL CHILDREN WILL GO OUTSIDE EVEN WHEN IT IS COLD AND SOME CHILDREN ARE

COMING TO SCHOOL WITHOUT COATS IN THE COLD WEATHER.

MAKE SURE ALL ITEMS HAVE YOUR CHILD'S NAME WRITTEN ON THE INSIDE IN CASE THEY MISLAY ITEMS.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CO-OPERATION.

### Parking Issues

There is an ongoing issue with Parents/Carers blocking the middle of the road, the School car park entrances and parking on yellow zigzags to let children out in the mornings.

Can we ask parents to park in available spaces or park further up the road, so that your child/children can come in to school safely.

Many thanks for your understanding and cooperation.

**As the dark nights are now upon us, all children staying behind at school for any reason including after school clubs need to be collected by a parent for safety reasons.**  
**Many thanks ☺**

**Reminder to all parents that all children up to Y4 should be brought into the playground near their class entry door to see that they safely get in to school.**

### Dinner Money

Dinner Money is £2.30 per day - £11.50 per week. Please enclose the correct amount in an envelope with your child's name & class on the front.

Please ensure you notify the office of any changes in your circumstances.

**If your child has a balance on their dinner account, please come to the office to pay.**

### SARAH'S COMMUNITY CORNER

*A BIG THANK YOU to all the parents who contribute to the Welford Community and support the work we do in school. You are ALL very much appreciated. Enjoy the hols.....*

**REMEMBER THERE IS ALWAYS LOTS OF INFORMATION ON THE SCHOOL WEBSITE :**

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