

# Newsletter Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December 2018

**Menu Week:** Week beginning 7<sup>th</sup> January 2019 will be **Week 1**

**Attendance: Whole School Target 2018/19 is 95%**



**Week Ending 14<sup>th</sup> December 2018 – Whole School 92.7%**

Top 3 classes;                      1. 13S = 98.9%                      2. BEECH = 97.5%                      3. 11B = 97.2%



**Please remember our school times are 8.45am until 3.00pm**

The start and end of the school day at Wyre Forest School is a very important time for your child / children. If a child is late it impacts on the structure of the day and their learning. Please ensure your child arrives on time at 8.45am prompt and is not collected until 3pm so that there is no disruption to the end of the day routines for them either, thank you. If a pupil arrives after registration has closed, the absence will be recorded as late or unauthorised for that session if we have not had any notifications from families.

## School Uniform

We expect all of our children to wear school uniform which can be ordered via the Finance Office. If you require an order form, please ask at reception for one. Thank you for your continued support with this.

## Lollipop Lady in Blakebrook

The lollipop lady who crosses over very many children and families to our school, St Johns Primary and Baxter College will be finishing on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December 2018. Please advise your children to take extra care when using the crossing in the New Year.



## Class 13S News

13S had a party for parents and to celebrate the people who help us in the local community. Pupils enjoyed creating a party environment and making cards to say thank you.



### Class 12K Work Awareness Visit to BBC Hereford & Worcester



12K enjoyed a work awareness visit to BBC Hereford & Worcester Radio Station this week. We met Andrew Easton who allowed us to go into his studio, showed us how the technology worked and what everyone's roles were in the company.

We then had to be really quiet and listen as he had a live interview on the phone to Jimmy Osmond, which will be played on air over Christmas!

The class were so grown up and asked appropriate questions. Some students had a go at putting on songs and Archie even role-played being a producer and talked about his interest in

Locomotive Steam Trains! We also met Tammy Gooding who has promised to dedicate a One Direction Song to one of the students.



### Sixth-Form Employee of the Month

12K, 12G and 13S are all working hard towards achieving Employee of the Month for their Work Skills. Each month we have a winner from each work group.

November saw a student each from Classes 12K, 12G and 13S win the title, and students are working hard to gain as many employee points as they can ready for the December title - watch this space.....



Employee of the Month



### Crackerjacks Charity Fundraiser

Last week, 12K enjoyed cooking staff hot Christmas sandwiches to raise money for Crackerjacks Children's Trust Charity. We cooked hot turkey and stuffing, pigs in blankets and vegetarian sausages. It was a busy morning and staff enjoyed what we had made. We raised approx. £40 for the charity. Keep a look out for more charity events we will be doing for Crackerjacks across this year.



### Christmas Workshop



Thank you Suzanne Pulley for organising a Christmas Workshop and raising an incredible £700 for the school. The money raised will be used to buy additional resources for the children. Thank you to the local community for donating raffle prizes and to all of the people who attended the workshop.



### **'The Woodlands'**

To better meet our pupil's needs, class 10FS and 12C are merging to form a new class, called 'The Woodlands'. This will allow for smaller more focused activity groups and a more fluid curriculum. It will also provide greater opportunities to work with different staff, making best use of staff specialist knowledge and expertise, and for the pupils to socialise and interact with a greater range of their peers.

The pupils will continue to start their day in their existing registration rooms and staff will maintain their existing close links with yourselves.

As part of this approach, one classroom is in the process of being set up as a physio-based room, with appropriate equipment for physical activities and working on individual physiotherapy programmes. This is very exciting, as it is not being done by any other special schools in the area. We have had lots of input from the Worcestershire Physiotherapy service, and are closely liaising with them, our specialist physio TA and the Occupational Therapy team.



### **8W trip to Cosford**

Class 8W went to Cosford RAF museum and saw all the different war aeroplanes and tanks. They even climbed inside an aeroplane and saw how things worked.



### **WFS and the SaLT Team have been signing on You Tube!**



Check out this signing video to 'Merry Christmas Everyone'. To find the video, type in "You Tube 'Worcestershire Speech and Language Therapy Merry Christmas Everyone'".

As well as lots of other people, this video includes some WFS children having a great time joining in with the song, signing and dancing. Enjoy!!

Best wishes for the festive season, Beverley Thorne - Communication Lead

### **OAK and PINE have been to see Santa at the Safari Park this week.**

And a great time was had by all!



**ALL PUPILS RETURN TO SCHOOL AT 8.45am**  
**TUESDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2019.**

JANUARY	
7	TRAINING DAY – No pupils in school
18	ASH Assembly – Parents welcome at 9am
24	Sixth Form Coffee Morning - TBC
25	BIRCH Assembly – Parents welcome at 9am
30	'Bring a Sign to School' Day
FEBRUARY	
1	BEECH Assembly – Parents welcome at 9am
6	Year 9 Vaccinations
7	Introduction to Signalong (9.45 – 11.45 at Russell House)
12	Early Years Stay and Play - TBC
13	Parents Evening & Life Beyond School Event
14	Spanish Market Event for BIRCH & WILLOW Parents at 2.15pm
15	WILLOW Assembly – Parents welcome at 9am
<b>HALF TERM</b> <b>Monday 18<sup>th</sup> – Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2018</b>	
26	Foundation Signalong Course (9.45 – 2.45 at Russell House) – session 1
MARCH	
1	HOLLY Assembly – Parents welcome at 9am
6	World Maths Day
7	World Book Day - Share A Story Day
8	CHESTNUT Assembly – Parents welcome at 9am
13	Year 11 and KS5 – Worcester Skills Show - TBC
15	Comic Relief (Red Nose Day)
18	MFL Week (Lower Phase) - TBC
19	Foundation Signalong Course (9.45 – 2.45 at Russell House) – session 2
20	Communication Skills – Parent Workshop
21	World Down Syndrome Day
21	Worcestershire School Dance Festival (relevant students only)
22	ASH Assembly – Parents welcome at 9am
29	BIRCH Assembly – Parents welcome at 9am
APRIL	
2	World Autism Day
5	BEECH Assembly – Parents welcome at 9am
9	Foundation Signalong Course (9.45 – 2.45 at Russell House) – session 3
10	Lower School Easter Egg Hunt - TBC
11	Early Years Easter Egg Hunt - TBC
<b>Lower Phase Easter Performance - Date TBC</b>	
12	<b>Last Day of Term</b>
<b>Easter Holidays</b> <b>Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April – Friday 26<sup>th</sup> April 2019</b>	