

Newsletter Friday 25th October 2019

Attendance: Whole School Target 2019/20 is 95%



Menu for Week Commencing Monday 4th November will be Week 2
(new menu will be uploaded on to our website over the school holidays)



25 Years Service!

Tracey and Wendy are two members of staff who have both completed 25 years of service at Worcestershire County Council in the last week.

Wendy has completed all her time with Wyre Forest School (in its various locations!)

Hoist News from Mrs Garratt

A massive thank you to the parents who have supported school and the Governors in trying to get the situation with the hoist remedied. Below is the email sent from Sarah Wilkins to those parents and as you can see things are now moving. If you want to discuss this individually just give me ring or pop and see me.

"Our property agent, a contractor and a specialist engineer visited Wyre Forest Special School earlier this week as planned. The current hoist system does not allow for regular inspections to make sure that it can operated correctly and safely. Obviously, this is not acceptable and needs to be fixed to make sure all children at the school who want and need to, can use the pool. I apologise for the length of time this is taking to correct.

The team working with the school have concluded that the hoist system needs to be changed to make it functional, safe and so that it can be inspected without disruption going forward. The team are aware of the urgency of this matter, designing the solution to be agreed to get the work underway without further delay.

We are in very regular contact with both school and the team who will fix this problem and I will ensure that you are kept up to date. I am expecting to be told the dates for these works to commence and be completed. When I am confident that I can tell you this information with certainty I will pass this on. We will provide a regular update to you and through the school until this matter is resolved."

Pirate Party in school!

Elm, Yew, Maple and Willow classes all got together on Wednesday for a pirate party to celebrate our topic this half term. All the children dressed up as pirates in some super outfits. We danced to our pirate songs and all had to walk the plank! Well done to everyone for their fantastic costumes and joining in! Aha shipmates!



Poppins News

Unfortunately our Poppins family group has not been well attended this half term. If it continues to go unsupported then sadly we will be forced to stop offering this group.

Poppins is held in the school hall on Monday afternoons. If you are interested then we would love to see you. If you are not attending due to a specific reason such as day/time/venue then please let us know either via your child's class teacher or by contacting Victoria Glass through the school office. We really want the group to succeed so if there is something we are missing then please tell us. We hope to see you soon!



Autism Help - Hidden Disabilities Sunflower Scheme



Local Tesco and Sainsbury's stores are supporting individuals with less obvious disabilities such as autism, anxiety etc and their families, through participation in the Hidden Disabilities Sunflower Scheme. Customers are invited to wear the specially designed lanyard in store, which signals discreetly to staff that individuals and their families may need additional assistance. Lanyards should be available at customer services desks and are usually free of

charge, or alternatively can be purchased on Amazon.

Merry Hill have an autism friendly quiet hour on the first Wednesday of every month, from 10 am to 11 am. Lights across the centre are dimmed and background noise is reduced. Staff and customers are encouraged to develop their understanding of autism.

More details are available on the following link: <https://intu.co.uk/merryhill/events/autism>

Hopefully these schemes will help to support happier holiday shopping trips.

Communication Team

"Well worth a look!!!

Hi everyone, check out the website, signalong.org.uk. This website has a section called 'Freebie Friday'. This is where you can download and print off for free, a signing poster. The free poster this time is a poster with lots of Halloween signs. Spooky!!!

Best wishes

Beverley Thorne

Communication Lead

Pumpkin Raffle in school!

Was won by three members of staff and just over £45.00 was raised!

Many thanks to Parents and members of staff who purchased raffle tickets.

Lorna (Allotment leader)



ASH Class



Ash Class had a great time playing tag rugby at Baxter College last Friday. All the children enjoyed themselves and participated fully in all activities. Well done Ash Class!



Football Match



This week a number of secondary pupils played against Regency School and ended up on the winning side. All pupils tried their hardest and were a credit to the school!

Presentation for one of our Teachers

In the Summer Laura received a Teacher award from The Co-Op. Laura, Leighanne and some of the children from BEECH Class were presented with the £200 winning prize money. This will be used to support the children within the Complex and Sensory Phase.



Wanted Please!

A call to all Parents if you could possibly help us out please!

We need spare warm socks and warm gloves for children who go to Forest School and the English department are asking for magazines or comics you no longer want so we can keep them in school for pupils to read. Anything from children's comics to food & drink, car, fashion magazines.

CHILDREN IN NEED



Children in Need is on **Friday 15th November**. We are having an 'own clothes day' for a donation of £1, plus a 50pence per item Second-Hand Toy Sale. All donations of toys will be gratefully received by HAZEL Class after half term ready to sell on Children in Need day. Many Thanks for your support.

NOVEMBER	
4	All children welcome back for an 8.45am start
8	ASH Assembly – Parents welcome for a 9am start
13	Year 9,10 & 11 Parents Meeting - Time TBA
15	Children in Need Day in school
15	HAZEL Assembly – Parents welcome for a 9am start
22	HOLLY Assembly – Parents welcome for a 9am start
29	BIRCH Assembly - Parents welcome for a 9am start

Wyre Forest School Term Dates

Academic Year 2020 - 2021

AUTUMN TERM 2020

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAYS

Tuesday 1st & Wednesday 2nd September
2020

TERM STARTS

Thursday 3rd September 2020

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY

Friday 23rd October 2020

HALF TERM

Monday 26th October 2020
Friday 30th October 2020

TERM ENDS

Friday 18th December 2020



SPRING TERM 2021

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY

Monday 4th January 2021

TERM STARTS

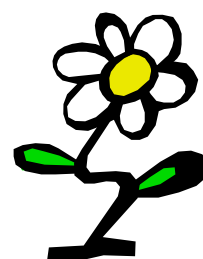
Tuesday 5th January 2021

HALF TERM

Monday 15th February 2021
Friday 19th February 2021

TERM ENDS

Thursday 1st April 2021



SUMMER TERM 2021

TERM STARTS

Monday 19th April 2021

HALF TERM

Monday 31st May 2021
Friday 4th June 2021

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY

Monday 7th June 2021

TERM ENDS

Wednesday 21st July 2021

School Closed May Day

Monday 3rd May 2021

