

Newsletter Friday 6th March 2020

Attendance: Whole School Target 2019/20 is 95%



Week Commencing Monday 9th March will be Menu Week 2

Coronavirus disease (COVID-19)

Mrs Garratt receives daily updates from the Department for Education regarding Covid-19. The biggest thing we call all do to help is to keep washing our hands and here at WFS we are supporting our children by teaching them to do this often and sing "Happy Birthday" through twice at the same time. We are also encouraging the 'Catch It, Bin It, Kill It' system using tissues and by teaching them to sneeze or cough in to elbows.

We will remain open until we are advised otherwise.

Parents Evening & Life Beyond School Event Wednesday 11th March



Entrance to Parents Evening will be through the back of the school via the side path and NOT through the Main School Entrance. Some classes will not have books for you to see as we are trialling 'Evidence for Learning' which is appropriate for our learners and is a new way to capture learning, progress and next steps.

Running alongside Parents Evening will be our usual 'Life Beyond School Event' which is organised by our Head of Sixth Form and Careers and Transitions Advisor. This is an event that is open to all Parents of children of all ages! We have lots of providers attending who will be more than happy to chat with you all.

Please remember to return any full Bag2School bags on Parents Evening. If you fill one bag, please feel free to ask for another, we have extras!

Bag2School collect adult & children clothing, paired shoes, hats, belts, handbags, soft toys, bedding, curtains and towels.



Chef of the week!

Natalya - 7A



Well done Natalya from 7A who is chef of the week.

I am so proud of how she has gone from strength to strength in Food Tech this year. Natalya is working independently, showing some excellent practical skills, and working incredibly hard in the lessons. Keep up the great effort Natalya.

Ms Guy - Food Tech Specialist

Friends of Wyre Forest News



Russell House would like to say a huge thank you to the Friends of Wyre Forest who have kindly donated £100 for us to buy some new outdoor equipment. Students chose a wide range of equipment including a darts board, swing ball, racing tracks, hula hoops, footballs and much more. We are all looking forward to the warmer weather approaching so we can enjoy having lots of fun in the garden.

The Friends of WFS will be holding their AGM on **Thursday 2nd April 1:30pm** at Russell House. This is a great time to get involved and all Parents/Carers are very welcome. Some fresh faces would be greatly appreciated since the time for some of the current volunteers to move on is getting nearer. It is very rewarding to see how much the children enjoy the fund-raising events as well as the extra facilities that the funds supply. Please do come along on 2nd April or get in touch via the school office.



Panathlon Games

Pupils from 8H represented the school at the Worcestershire Panathlon games at the Ryland Centre in Bromsgrove. They all worked well as a team, came away with a Bronze Medal and were a credit to the school.



MARCH	
11	Parents Evening & Life Beyond School Event (3.30pm – 5.30pm)
12	Signalong Foundation 9.15 – 2.45
13	SPORT RELIEF DAY!!! – See newsletter for further info....
19	Friends of WFS Mother's Day Gift Fayre (leaflet to come home)
20	HOLLY Assembly – Parents welcome for a 9am start.
27	CHERRY Assembly – Parents welcome for a 9am start.
30	Early Years Easter Egg Hunts– all week
31	Lower School Easter Egg Hunt
31	Signalong Foundation 9.15 – 2.45
APRIL	
1	Lower School & Complex and Sensory Easter Production
1	11KS Dance Festival at Fort Royal

WFS Ride Around The World

9-13th March



Wyre



Forest



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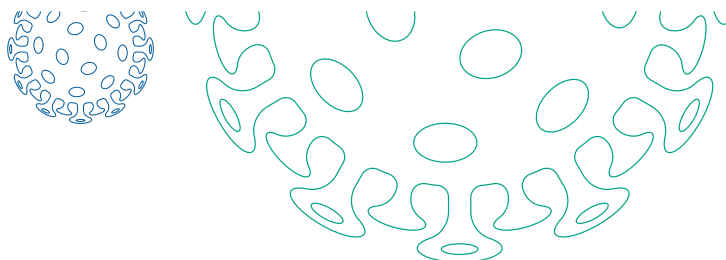
World

Next week for Sport Relief we're all going to get on our bikes and complete a 'WFS ride around the world' using our purpose-built bike track. Each class are going to complete as many laps as possible throughout the week and see how far we can get!

On **Friday 13th March**, pupils can dress up as their favourite athlete or wear sporty clothing if they want to for a donation of £1 towards the Sports Relief cause.



Public Health
England



Advice on the coronavirus for places of education

How serious is the coronavirus?

- it can cause flu-like symptoms, including fever, cough & difficulty breathing
- the infection is not serious for most people, including children
- there is currently no vaccine
- most people get better with enough rest, water to drink and medicine for pain

How likely are you to catch the virus?

- you can only catch it if you have been close to a person who has the virus
- the chance of being in contact with the virus is currently low in the UK
- if you have travelled to areas where many people are infected, your chance of catching the virus is higher, i.e. China and any affected areas

How can you stop coronaviruses spreading?

If you need to cough or sneeze



Catch it
with a tissue



Bin it



Kill it
by washing
your hands with
soap & water or
hand sanitiser

You should wash hands with soap & water or hand sanitiser



**After breaks
& sport
activities**



**Before
cooking
& eating**



**SCHOOL
ETC.**
On arrival at
any childcare
or educational
setting



**After using
the toilet**



**Before
leaving
home**



Try not to touch your
eyes, nose, and mouth
with unwashed hands



Do not share items that come
into contact with your mouth
such as cups & bottles



If unwell do not share items
such as bedding, dishes,
pencils & towels



Stop germs spreading with our e-Bug resources on hand and respiratory hygiene lesson plans for KS1, 2 and 3: campaignresources.phe.gov.uk/schools

What should you do if you feel unwell?

Keep away from others and stay at home to stop the infection spreading. Avoid public transport if you think you have symptoms of coronavirus. If you become unwell at a place of education, tell a member of staff and let them know if you have travelled to any other countries in the last 14 days.

If your staff member or parent thinks you have symptoms of coronavirus, they should call **NHS 111** for advice. Follow the UK Government advice for childcare or educational settings gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-to-educational-settings-about-covid-19. Parents can visit **NHS.UK** to find out more information. Teachers and support staff should follow the UK Government advice.

Staff, students and pupils who have returned from Iran, specific lockdown areas in northern Italy, special care zones in South Korea or Hubei province China (returned in the past 14 days) should self isolate, and NOT attend education or work for 14 days.

See **NHS.UK** for advice on coronavirus.

If there is an emergency, call 999 immediately

