

Newsletter Friday 17th July 2020



**STAY ALERT
CONTROL
THE VIRUS
SAVE LIVES**

Due to COVID-19 we are operating a virtual school. Please contact office@wfs.worcs.sch.uk and we will get back to you as soon as possible.

Many, many, thanks to all our Parents and Carers for keeping the newsletters going during these strange times by allowing photos and 'lockdown' stories to be shared every week – we have really enjoyed seeing what our pupils have been getting up to!



Autism Tips -Preparing your child for September

- Share transition information from school frequently, emphasising that it is good to go back to school and that lots of things will be the same e.g. places, people and activities.
- Acknowledge your child's worries, but have a greater focus on the positives of returning to school. e.g. Talk about 2 worries followed by 3 things that will be good.
- Take care not to let your worries pass on to your child unknowingly.
- Start to ease your child back into some of the getting ready for school routines over the summer.
- If your child hasn't been out during lockdown and it is now safe to do so, start going out over the summer, so that your child is reassured that it is safe to leave the house.

Some children may find it helpful to look at a calendar and count down the days of the holiday until we go back to school.

CHERRY Class have held a Virtual Sports Day – Egg & Spoon Zoom!!!



ASH Class

ASH Class ended the term with a Zoom party on Thursday. There were balloons, hats, party food, piano playing and even magic tricks!!! Everyone had great fun & it was a lovely way to end the term.



Bubble Class News



One of our groups has been busy making mosaic jars, they glued different coloured tissue onto the jar and covered them in PVA. They then decided who they wanted to give them to as a gift.



Our second bubble group have been decorating foil covered plates, they scratched their design into the foil then painted it.



We've had an early Birthday celebration in our bubble! We played socially distancing party games! We played Stick the nose on the Wolves football logo and musical statues.



This week our Bubble class have been making bird feeders out of milk bottles, they enjoyed decorating them and making them brightly coloured to attract the bird's attention. We finished them off by putting bird seed in them. Hopefully the birds will enjoy their tasty treats!!

We have also made some sun catchers, we used PVA glue and black paint to make an outline and paint them in different colours, when they are put up on the window the sun shines through and they look like stain glass windows.

Everyone has worked hard and done a great job. Well done guys!



WOODLANDS – Around the World!

WOODLANDS Class have finally finished their travels in America! Owen planted the sunflower seeds the first week of lockdown this is how tall they are the last week of school AND enjoyed an American tea!



Signing Choir

Another brilliant Zoom signing choir took place with lots of grown-ups joining in too this week. We had great fun practicing songs and learnt a new one too... We're all going on a summer holiday! A big well done to signing choir for all their hard work and a big thank you to Cilla for teaching us all the signs!



HAZEL Class

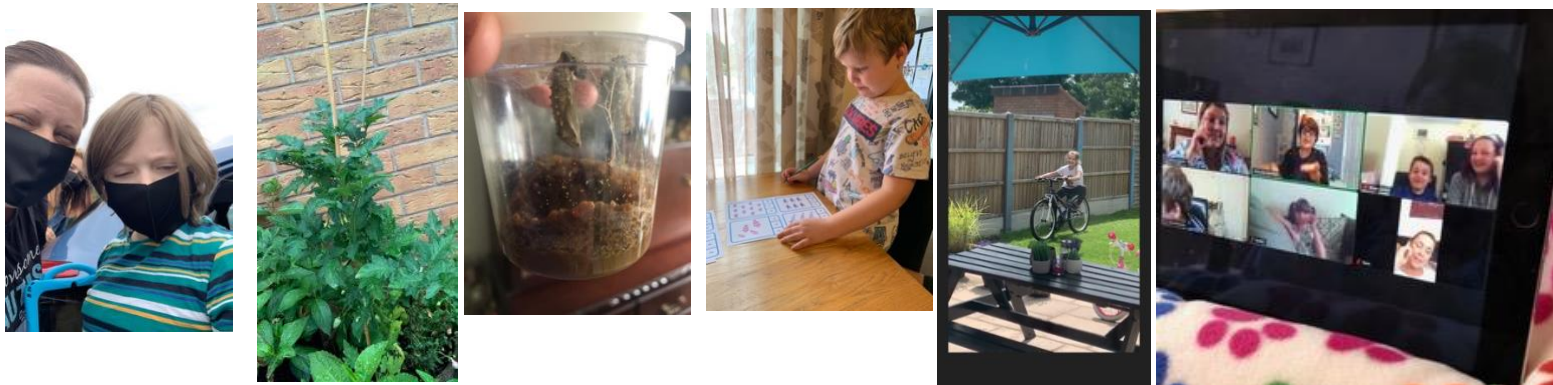
The HAZEL class caterpillars are finally beginning their metamorphosis! It is very exciting as this is an important transformation for them. Once they hatch out, they will be Painted Lady butterflies. Each caterpillar is beginning to form their individual chrysalis. Can you see them hanging from the lid of their tank?

Wyll has been practicing socially distancing when enjoying safely visiting his favourite cafe and as shown in this picture with his Mum and sister, he has been adjusting to wearing a mask in public. Well done Wyll for being so sensible and careful. Wyll has also been very busy, caring for his own caterpillars and growing a tomato plant!

Josh has been doing some amazing number tasks and this week has been asking Mummy for more work tasks to do! Wow Josh, you are fantastic at completing home learning tasks, well done.

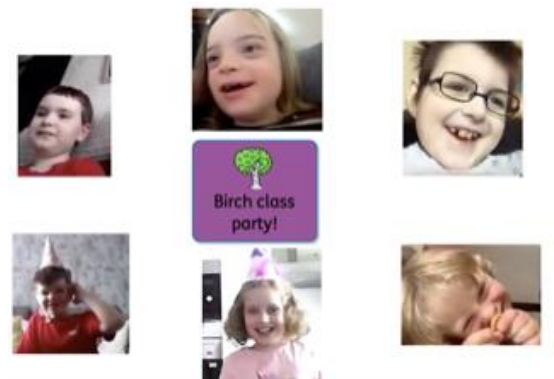
Rebecca has successfully ridden her new bike without stabilisers today! Her hard work and resilience have paid off. Well done Rebecca!!!!

Finally, Hazel class had their last signing session with Cilla from the WFS Communication Team and it was fantastic! We learnt how to sign You've Got a Friend in Me from Toy Story and to celebrate our upcoming school holiday, Cilla taught us the signs for We're all Going on a Summer Holiday and everyone signed it perfectly. You were fantastic Hazel class and all of the staff hope you have a safe, sunny and superb summer!



BIRCH Class

BIRCH Class came together for their final zoom where we had a party! Imogen had a delicious cake to eat, Callum had a dance to baby shark, Archie brought his whole family all dressed in brilliant hats, Levi taught us all the actions to heads, shoulders knees and toes, Riley got very crafty making a party hat using ice painting and Kyle taught us a new song, Jake and the Neverland pirates! We can't wait to see you all in September, have a brilliant summer!

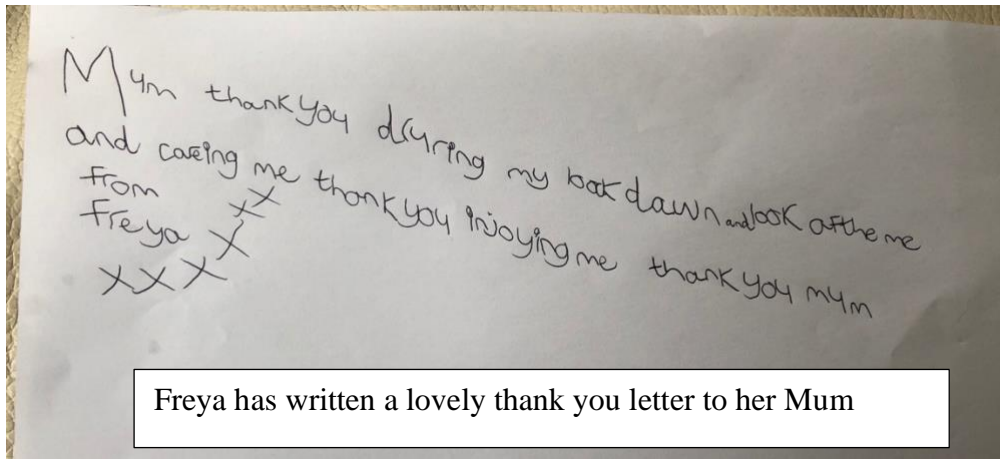




Filip helping out at home!



Tom and Aaron are raising a 'Mocktail' to themselves for all they've achieved during their time at WFS Good Luck Guys!



Freya has written a lovely thank you letter to her Mum



Leah caught her first fish!

Hungry Families

Shopping List based on a family of 4

- 5 x 420g cans baked beans
- 2 x 120g can tuna in spring water or brine
- 1 x 300g can sweetcorn
- 3 x 420g cans chopped tomatoes
- 1 x 300g can butter beans
- 4 x pizza bases
- 300g pasta shapes
- 300g rice
- 1 kg potatoes
- 300g mushrooms 1 bag salad leaves
- 8 x cherry tomatoes
- 1 x pepper - any colour
- 1 x red or brown onions

- 1500g 5% fat minced beef (Quorn mince for veggie)
- 1.285kg mature cheese
- 2 x tbsp Parmesan cheese
- 4 x Sausages (Meat or Veggie sausages)
- 3 x cloves garlic
- 2 x tbsp tomato puree
- 1 x jar mixed herbs
- 1 x tsp chilli powder or flakes
- 20g fresh parsley
- 1 small bottle olive oil
- 4 x plain pancakes
- Or pancake mix

Menu

Pizzas
Sausage and bean cassoulet
Cheese and mushroom pancakes
Chilli bean con carne
Tuna pasta bake

**5 meals in one week...
all containing Baked Beans!!**

This Project is supported by
local Food Banks

Summer Plan

The Baked Bean Project

27th July Redditch and Bromsgrove

3rd Aug Wyre Forest

3rd Aug Wychavon and Malvern

10th Aug Worcester



Information from our Communication Team at Wyre Forest School

The graphic features the title 'Wyre Forest School Learning and Communication' in purple. It includes the school's logo 'wfs WyreForestSchool' in the top right. Three speech bubbles contain information: the first bubble shows a website navigation menu with 'Home', 'Our School', and 'Our Learning' (highlighted), and a 'Communication' section with the text 'Information and resources to help you understand and support your child's speech, language and communication.' and the URL 'www.wfs.worcs.sch.uk'; the second bubble shows the Twitter logo and the text 'Follow us on twitter'; the third bubble shows the YouTube logo and the text 'Check out our WFS YouTube channel'. A fourth speech bubble shows a navigation menu with 'Home', 'Our School', 'Our Learning', 'Russell House', and 'For Parents' (highlighted), and the text 'Information for parents and families' with the URL 'www.wfs.worcs.sch.uk'. A small illustration of a bridge is in the bottom right corner.

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Are you a parent or a carer in Worcestershire?

Do you have children with additional needs or communication difficulties?

It is a difficult time for everyone. As adults it is difficult for us to take in all of the information and change that Covid-19 has caused in our lives.

It is even harder to help children and young people cope with all the uncertainties and disruption. Children who are feeling anxious and unsettled often show this in many different ways, including through their behaviour or communication.

We are here to help you.

You can email us for support - one of our team will call you back.

You can find resources related to Covid-19 on our website below. We are adding new resources every week.



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Website: <http://www.hacw.nhs.uk/sltcovid19>

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Getting through COVID-19



And Finally...

A competititon!

Lockdown Competition!

What have you been up to during Lockdown?

Hollyfields Care Home are holding a photo/drawing competition to see what our local community have been doing during lockdown.

To help our residents feel more connected to the events outside of the home, we were wondering if you would like to send us drawings or photos of what you have been achieving over the past few months. Perhaps you have taken up a new hobby, instrument, or have been restoring furniture perhaps learning to fix your car, going on a walk, taking up exercise, home schooling the children or redecorating your house. Maybe your children would like to take part too and tell us what they have been up to during lockdown.

Would you be happy to share a picture with us and a little information about what you have been doing, what you have enjoyed whilst doing it and anything else you think might bring a smile to people living here? We thought we might make things a little interesting by turning your stories into a competition and award small prizes for the winning entries.

The categories we are looking to award prizes for are most interesting, most unusual hobby, most creative, most difficult and most fun. Or if cooking: best presentation, most unusual dish the judges most want to eat/cook. Or if a garden photo: Most beautiful, best wildlife garden, best kept etc.

If you can send your pictures in by **15th August**, once we have all the pictures we will build a photo board for all the residents to see what everyone has been up to and assist with judging. Please note, we may use the photos on our website and say a little about the winning entry as well, so please only send in photos you are happy for us to share publically.

If you win, we will contact all winners to plan to receive their prize! If you have any questions or would like any more information please just give us a ring on 01562514810

Send your Entries to: Hollyfields Care Home, Habberley Road, Kidderminster, DY115RJ – Marked with **Lockdown Competition!**

Thank you in advance and good luck!