

## Newsletter Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> October 2020



**IMPORTANT  
NOTICE**

### Important Notices for Parents...

The remaining Nasal Flu vaccines will be given on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October to pupils from Reception to Year 7 whose Parents have given consent.

School Vaccination  
Part of  Vaccination UK

**SCHOOL  
CLOSED**

Polite Reminder: School is CLOSED to all pupils on Friday 16th October for a Professional Development Day.

### Self-isolation reminder for parents

Schools are requested to remind their families that if anyone in the household develops COVID-19 symptoms all their household including all children must self-isolate until a test result is received.

- A negative result means children can return to school (*unless they have been identified as a close contact of someone else*)
- A positive test result means children must self-isolate at home for 14 days from the onset of symptoms or 14 days from the test date if the parent was asymptomatic.



### Staff Absence.

If a member of WFS Staff tests positive for Covid-19 we will of course inform Parents immediately. Staff can be absent from school for a number of reasons, that we would not divulge with Parents.

## ‘Smart Watches’

Smart watches will be classed the same as mobile phones and children will be asked to hand them to their Class Teacher at the start of the day and collect at the end. They are too much of a distraction to their learning and those around them to be left on during the school day. Thank you.

## SEND Information, Advice and Support Service (SENDIASS)

SENDIASS provide free, impartial, confidential and accessible information advice and support on all matters relating to children and young people with special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND). They support children and young people, parents and carers and professionals and work on a self-referral basis. This means that they cannot take referrals from professionals but if you are aware of a family that would benefit from their service please sign-post to them.



In April, SENDIASS Worcestershire and SENDIASS Herefordshire merged and launched a new website [www.hwsendiass.co.uk](http://www.hwsendiass.co.uk).

They hope that this website will provide SEND families with lots of useful information and resources and will sign-post them to other relevant support services. They also have a COVID section with information on home learning, returning to school and managing children’s anxieties. Please spread the word amongst the families you support. Their website also has a section for professionals where they have tried to pull together all the relevant guidance you may need in one place. This is a work in progress, and they will continue to add to it. If you have any comments or suggestions for the website, please contact them on the above email address.

They also have Facebook and Twitter platforms where they share regular SEND updates and resources. Please take a look.



[www.facebook.com/hwsendiass](http://www.facebook.com/hwsendiass)  
[www.twitter.com/hwsendiass](http://www.twitter.com/hwsendiass)

## Photos to School

Please can we also ask Parents NOT to send photos of your child’s body when telling us about a rash or an illness. We are happy to take verbal information from you. Thank you.

## Autumnal Colours

Chloe took this photo one morning this week from Russell House showing the gorgeous autumnal colours and wanted to share it with everyone.



## HAZEL Class have been zooming!

On Monday, HAZEL Class learnt all about online safety from the comfort of their own classroom. Mr Harper from 8H contacted Hazel class via zoom to talk about a range of online safety subjects. HAZEL Class learnt about online gaming, talking online, watching videos, age ratings, and what you are and aren't allowed to copy from games and videos. The zoom call was a great success and there were some fantastic answers amongst the enthusiastic pupils!

Below are some quotes from some of the pupils;

*"My brother plays Fortnite and he's only 12. Is this safe?"*

*"I always tell adults when I'm worried."*

*"It's never good to talk to strangers."*

*"I don't want to play a game that's mean or scary."*

The conversations we had were all mature and made the pupils really think about what they are accessing online and if it's appropriate.

If you are in doubt with your child about their online safety, please talk to your class teacher and they will do their best to help you.



## PINE Class work!

In PINE Class this week we have been reading a story all about a penguin who doesn't like to talk. Some of the children have made a penguin with play dough in class - here are Jayden, Sonaz and Sabina's creations!

Also, we wanted to showcase some fantastic drawing. Freddy has been drawing lots in class and at home but we can't work out what he's drawing. Mum has explained that this is from a Peppa Pig episode about pets. You can see; a fish, a monkey, a stick insect and a gecko! Kailub has also drawn a bird on the etch-a-sketch. We have some budding artists!

