

Newsletter Friday 23rd October 2020



**IMPORTANT
NOTICE**

Important Notices for Parents...

Thank you for your continued Parental support this last half term, it really has been appreciated by everyone at Wyre Forest School.



Covid-19 Compliance

Last Friday we had our COVID-19 compliance monitoring visit from the Local Authority and we passed with flying colours and no actions. However, as the autumn weather starts and 'normal' coughs and colds are about, and parents are hurrying to get their children into school or out of school, I feel it would be beneficial to all of us to wear masks (unless exempt).



Therefore, please could all parents wear masks (unless exempt) when dropping off or collecting their children from 2nd November 2020.

As Parents of children with Special Needs, you will be aware that not all disabilities are visible, and Parents may not be wearing masks for this reason. If you are exempt and you would like to wear a lanyard, a number of supermarkets stock the distinctive lanyard, including Marks and Spencer, Sainsbury's, Argos, Tesco, and Morrisons. You should be able to collect one from the customer service desk at any of their larger stores, but if in doubt, it is worth calling in advance of your visit.



Current situation and keeping everyone informed.

Due to the current situation, we are trying not to send out letters etc, we are contacting Parents via text and email more often. Please make sure the school office has your up to date mobile numbers, not only for contact in an emergency, but for text messages which often have important information/dates on.



Pupil Workbooks

Some classes may send home pupil workbooks this week. We will leave it to your discretion how long you quarantine the books before opening them.



School Website additions

Within the 'Our Learning' area of our website we have added a Curriculum Statement, showing how we are currently working within teaching and learning and the curriculum. We have also added our Remote Learning Policy that sets out expectations for supporting parents should their child(ren) be away from school due to self-isolation or another lockdown situation. www.wfs.worcs.sch.uk

Food Technology Lessons

After half term, many of the pupils will be involved in either life skills cooking, food technology and/or activities including tasting food from other cultures. To enable this learning to take place we rely on parental donations. **If** your child will be involved in these sessions you will receive a donation request letter. Without enough donations these lessons cannot go ahead.



HPV (missed) Vaccines

This is only applicable if your child is in Year 9 now. Back in April, when your child was in Year 8 they were due to have their first HPV Vaccination in school, however, obviously that didn't happen, so the Vaccination Team are trying to catch up with all missed pupils. The current Year 9's will be offered their first HPV Vaccination on Thursday 17th December 2020 and consent forms will be going home to all Parents of current Year 9's before that date.

A guide to help parents of children with special educational needs launched.

A guide to help parents and carers understand the support available for children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) has been launched in Worcestershire. It has been put together through a collaboration with professionals, parents and carers and follows the publication of the revised SEND Graduated Response last year.

The SEND Graduated Response was designed to help ensure children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities across Worcestershire reach their full potential.

This new user-friendly guide is intended to inform and guide parents, carers and young people when making key decisions and help with accessing SEND support. To find out more information or to download the document, please visit:

www.worcestershire.gov.uk/graduatedresponse

On the website, you will also find a short animation and presentation from Herefordshire and Worcestershire SEND Information & Advice Service.



PSHCE activities



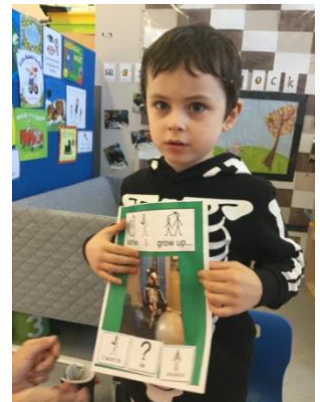
Last week was national Hate Crime Awareness week. Pupils in Upper School and Sixth Form took part in a variety of PSHCE activities and assemblies where they discussed hate crime and how to deal with it. Class 13K held a zoom meeting with PCSO Catherine Palmer who is a youth engagement worker with West Mercia police. They listened very well showing good body language and asked questions afterwards. They will be having more meetings in the future. Catherine gave a clear message that none of us should accept hate crime whether we are a victim or a witness. It is everyone's duty to report hate crime.

Fundraising

Max, from BEECH Class, and his mum, used lockdown to get creative and do some fundraising. A big thank you to them for donating money to BEECH Class for new sensory items.

OAK and PINE Class fun!

To end our topic 'With a Little Help from our Friends', OAK and PINE Classes have been dressing up as people we might want to be when we're older, the children's ideas have included a range of occupations including an astronaut, a nurse, a firefighter among many others.



Pumpkin!

This little chap was home grown on the allotment that Sixth Form attend. He's been allowed into our bubble but we are not being 'covid complacent'!



Russell House News

It's been a very spooktacular week at Russell House, all students have enjoyed taking part in lots of autumnal and Halloween activities. We started the week with a lovely evening walk collecting leaves and sticks to make autumn pictures and some hanging wall art.

We have also enjoyed a scavenger hunt, trick or treating around the house where we had a special visitor otherwise know as Uncle Fester from The Adams Family. To end the week, we had a Halloween party where students enjoyed singing, dancing and playing bingo.

