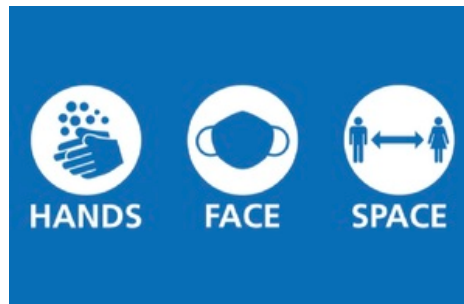


Newsletter Friday 4th December 2020



**IMPORTANT
NOTICE**

Important Dates for Parents...



As we go to the last two weeks of term, we are all working really hard to limit the potential spread of Covid as we do not want any of our staff or families poorly over Christmas. I would therefore ask for your help to ensure you and your families are following the Tier rules - we have attached a link so you can see what exactly the new rules are. The staff at WFS who have had COVID are still really poorly and we wish them a full recovery. As the staff are mainly linked to our Nursery Assessment Class, we have had to close this class until January. These children are on split placements with other nurseries which was an added risk factor.

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/938047/COVID-19_Tier_Posters_2020_Final_High.pdf

We are delighted that families entitled to free school meals will receive vouchers over Christmas - we will provide you with more information when its available.



As I have said previously, we thank you for wanting to send Christmas cards and presents in, but we'd prefer if you didn't this year. Our staff charity this year (instead of sending each other cards) is <https://www.mind.org.uk/> if you would like to donate to them (the donate button is on the website).

Please can I remind parents that staff will not accept requests on Facebook (staff who are parents are very careful with this) and they certainly will not respond about pupils or school life over Facebook. If you want to talk about your child or an issue please contact school. Before COVID, during COVID and after COVID, Safeguarding is mine and WFS Staff number one priority. I make no apology for this and we will continue to be the voice for our children and try to protect them the best we can.



Some Parents maybe thinking in the future their children will go to a residential college or independent living. Russell House is a brilliant stepping stone for this and in September 2021 we will have a vacant room. If you are thinking this might be suitable for your child give Abby Baker Head of Care a call 01562 512721 and we can link you to families who currently attend.

The next two weeks will be a balancing act of ensuring we are Covid compliant but also to make Christmas in school as enjoyable as possible. I for one will especially miss the Kidderminster Male Voice Choir singing to a packed school hall, dancing around the dining hall to Christmas music on Christmas dinner day and going in and out of classrooms on the party afternoon causing havoc!! I will save all this up and Christmas 2021 will be epic!

Please make sure you are checking texts and emails from school ***daily*** as things are happening very quickly at the moment, especially if we have a positive case of COVID-19 (results that may affect the day to day running of the school can come through very late).

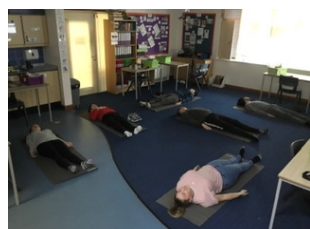
Please make sure we have up to date contact details for yourself.

Sixth Form News

Sixth Form Allotment lessons are currently been taking in the classroom. Cameron is continuing to paint his house for the Model Village in our wildlife and flower corner of the allotment. We will post ongoing pictures, watch this space.



As part of Health and Wellbeing in PSCHE Class 13K practice yoga and meditation on a Friday afternoon. They are really enjoying it and successfully manage all the poses. They are also keeping a sleep diary which has really helped some students get more sleep. We have seen positive results in class. Namaste.



As part of 13K's Community Lessons they took part in a Zoom meeting with Caroline from 'Ourway'. The students prepared questions to ask about the Ourway Youth Club and the SafePlace Scheme. The scheme ensures if our young people are worried or get lost in the community they know where to go for help and support. There is a SafePlace app to download on mobile phones.



HAZEL Class

The children in HAZEL Class watched an assembly all about working as a team and then tried out some team challenges in the classroom. The children had to pass the hoop up and down the line by moving it across our bodies without using our hands. It was tricky at first but soon everyone remembered the importance of working as a team. Everyone played the under and over game and the children were fantastic at watching their friends and listening to each other.



BIRCH Class

BIRCH Class have enjoyed the story "Where the Wild Things Are" during our fantasy topic. The children have been busy making their own wild thing characters from salt dough and clay, it was lots of fun! Great work BIRCH Class.



ELM Class

Elm class enjoyed keeping warm with a hot chocolate drink as the weather got colder at Forest School.



MAPLE Class



Children in MAPLE Class have been around and measuring shadows and taking part in a Chinese Dragon dance!



WOODLANDS Class

In WOODLANDS Class Riley has been practising his handwashing and Owen has been working on his PECS



ASH Class

Ash class have been learning all about clouds this week. They really enjoyed making clouds in the classroom and watching them as they began to rain!



Communication Team News

Hi everyone, in addition to the advent calendar you can find at

<https://signalong.org.uk/>

We have produced videos of the signs for the calendar. You can check them out on our WFS website in Learning/Communication or follow the link

<https://www.wfs.worcs.sch.uk/page/?title=Signing+Advent+Calendar&pid=328>

Best wishes

Beverley Thorne, Communication Lead



Christmas tips for parents and carers



The National Autistic Society

Christmas is a very exciting time, however for many the changes that it involves can lead to additional stress for individuals and their families. Have a look at the hints and tips from the National Autistic Society as there may be a couple of strategies that could help to make Christmas a little easier.

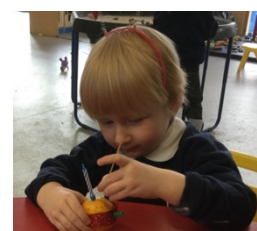
<https://www.derby.gov.uk/media/derbycitycouncil/contentassets/documents/sendlocaloffer/autism/Christmas-tips-for-parents-and-carers.pdf>

Class 8C

Class 8C have made a fabulous Christmas Countdown Calendar for their classroom - Well Done 8C!

ACORNS - Reception

Acorns have been looking at (and making!) Christingles this week!





OAK Class

Children in OAK Class have enjoying decorating their Christmas tree.

Friends of Wyre Forest School - AGM

To all Parents, Carers and Staff

You are all invited to join us at our first Zoom AGM on Monday 7th December at 8.30 PM.

If you would like to attend, please email Chloe Smith (Chair) on chloejsmith@hotmail.co.uk and I will send you an invitation via email, and the relevant documents (agenda, minutes, and reports). The main business of the meeting is to vote in the Committee. We currently have a vacancy for Secretary, so please let me know if you are interested! The meeting is not expected to last longer than 30 minutes. Hope to see you then.



Christmas Appeal from a member of staff.



2020 has been a difficult year for many and with that in mind, Kate has launched a Christmas appeal to help local families in need still have a lovely Christmas - we are supporting with Christmas presents for children and festive food hampers for families within the Wyre Forest area. If you feel you, or someone you know would benefit from this then, please email in full confidence to KWheatley@wfs.worcs.sch.uk or join our Facebook group "a very merry mint Christmas" (see link below).

https://m.facebook.com/profile.php?id=1189189761482569&ref=content_filter

Check out these online courses starting in January 2021 for Parents and Carers

Nurture Course for Parents/Carers of Children with SEND

Thinking about Employment for Parents

Time For You- Your Turn To Learn

Managing Mindfulness for Parents/Carers of those with SEND

More info can be found at www.worcestershire.gov.uk/courses



Choose from
Roast Turkey with
Chipolata & Stuffing
or
Veggie Sausage (v)

Served with
Roast Potatoes, Carrots,
Peas & Gravy

Followed by
Sponge Cake & Chocolate Sauce
or
Strawberry Ice Cream

LET'S BE
FOOD
SMART
FOR BODY AND BRAIN

Christmas Lunch
Wednesday 16th December

Don't forget – Christmas Lunch is on **16th December.**

Cost is £2.30 unless you are entitled to Free School Meals / Universal Infant Free School Meals – Please let the class team know if your child would like a lunch, thank you.

Other than those pupils who have a special diet at school, there will be no alternative on this day, i.e, no sandwiches or jacket potatoes.

Wyre Forest School
Christmas On line Market

With Christmas 2020 being very different we are going to hold our Christmas Market on line this year in the hope of raising funds for school whilst supporting our local small business and crafters and we need you. So if you are a crafter or businesses we need your help to keep the Christmas cheer alive while we support you in these tough times

So if your need to sell or promote your goods or makes this year and want to reach a wider local community and help raise funds for our school please get in touch with Suzanne Giles-Pulley & not the school direct.

Please Email:-
suzannegiles-pulley@hotmail.co.uk

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The Facebook group where everyone is welcome to join to browse our stalls from the comfort of your own home and Christmas shop safely while supporting our school and local crafters and businesses is called Wyre Forest School Christmas Market 2020. The link is below. :-

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/804388543677313/?ref=share>