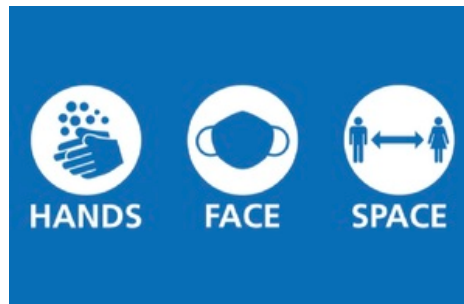


## Newsletter Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2020



**IMPORTANT  
NOTICE**

### Important Information for Parents...



As you are all aware, it's been another busy week at Wyre Forest School! We've taken Government guidance and decided to close the school on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December, therefore the last day pupils are in school will be **Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2020** and they will return on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2021.

We sent every Parent an email with a letter attached explaining what to do if your child develops symptoms on either Friday 18<sup>th</sup>, Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> Or Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> December – A copy of the letter is included in this newsletter.

It's been all hands-on deck this week as we have no catering staff. Mrs Birch and Mrs Hardiman from the office staff and Deputy Head Mrs Kehoe have been preparing toast for all of our children, whilst myself, Mrs Kehoe (again!) and Assistant Head Mrs Thompson have been serving lunches and washing up after all the meals!



We are going to have to swap our Party Day and Christmas Dinner Day due to the current catering arrangements. **Party Day** is now on **Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December** and **Christmas Dinner Day** is now on **Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December**. We have let Santa know and he has swapped his diary around to accommodate us.

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.**



### Have you managed to download and log-on to the Marvellous Me app?

We sent all Parents a Joining Code by email and some 'walk through' instructions of how to log on, please email the school office if you would like them re-sent to you. [office@wfs.worcs.sch.uk](mailto:office@wfs.worcs.sch.uk)

### Sixth Form News

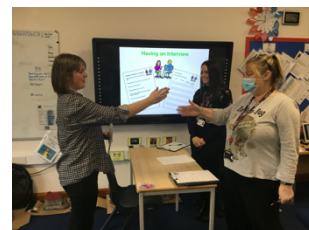
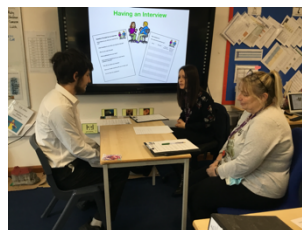
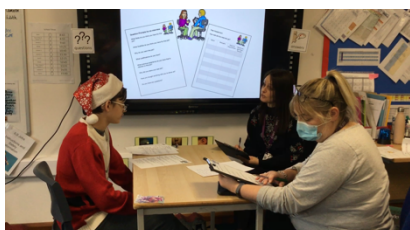
Class 13K aka 'Santa Squad' have been working on a secret projector to help him out whilst Covid restrictions are in place. They were so excited to be involved and are definitely on his good list!



For the next few weeks 13K are taking part in a Metro Bank Webinar. This week they have learnt where money comes from and why it is important. They are really enjoying virtual meetings.

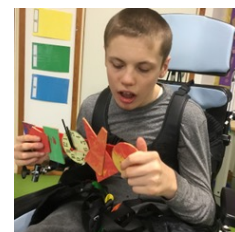
In Careers & Transition sessions this term, Class 13K have been practicing applying for jobs.

This week we have been role-playing job interviews. The students came in smart outfits, prepared for their interviews really well and conducted themselves perfectly. They all got the job! (with only some minor areas for improvement) Next week they have requested to role-play what you ***shouldn't*** do in an interview! We can't wait to have some fun!



### 10L

Class 10L have been making clocks in their DT lessons!



## 10PWG



We have created snowmen jars using a selection of different jam jars!

### 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 school website. You can now check out all the 25 days 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



### Kidderminster Foodbank

#### Christmas and New Year Opening Hours 2020-2021

Email [info@kidderminster.foodbank.org.uk](mailto:info@kidderminster.foodbank.org.uk)

**Phone Number 01562 746600 *please note this phone is only manned during Foodbank opening times***

**Monday 21<sup>st</sup> December 12.30 - 15.00**

**Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> December 12.30 – 15.00**

**Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> December 12.30 – 15.00**

**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January 12.30 – 15.00**

**Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> January 12.30 – 15.00**

**then returning to the normal pattern of 12.30 – 1500 on Wednesdays and Fridays**

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**Please keep Wyre Forest School updated if you or anyone in your household decides to take a covid test, before we break up, and please read the letter below to find out what to do if your child displays symptoms on Friday 18th, Saturday 19th or Sunday 20th December. Thank you**



WyreForestSchool



WyreForestSchool  
Communication Specialist

9<sup>th</sup> December 2020

Dear All,

I know several parents have said they are keeping their children at home next week so that they will be well over the Christmas holiday and will be safe to see Grandparents etc. As a school I cannot condone this but personally, with an elderly mother, I totally understand. I hope I will be able to see my mom over Christmas as I haven't seen her for such a long time and as both mom and I live in South Staffordshire (Tier 3) it's been really difficult.

We will not be pursuing families for non-attendance during this difficult time. Let's hope the vaccine rolls out quickly and we can get back to normality as soon as possible.

As you may have heard in the news the Government have given us permission to close the school on the 18th December. This means I will be on call to support the track and trace until 23rd December and not the 24th December as previously planned.

**Our last day will be Thursday 17th December and we will return Tuesday 5th January.**

Russell House will also close on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> and all residents will go home that night on their usual transport.

We have also made Transport aware of this change.

I apologise for the short notice of this and the impact it will have on you, but I hope you know we have worked really hard to keep as much of the school open as possible whilst keeping staff and pupils safe. This has had its toll on staff and we are struggling to safely staff classes. This day will help enormously.

If your child displays symptoms on Friday 18th, Saturday 19th or Sunday 20th you must email me at [head@wfs.worcs.sch.uk](mailto:head@wfs.worcs.sch.uk) and go and get a test. You then need to notify me of the test results at [head@wfs.worcs.sch.uk](mailto:head@wfs.worcs.sch.uk) Fingers crossed this does not happen and I do not have to contact families to self-isolate over Christmas.

Thank you so much for your continued support - it really means a lot.

Kind Regards

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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

**THURSDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2020**

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>

Don't forget – **Christmas Lunch will now be on 17<sup>th</sup> December 2020**

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](mailto:suzannegiles-pulley@hotmail.co.uk)**

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