

Newsletter Thursday 17th December 2020 – Bumper Edition!!!



What a term! It's been very busy and whilst trying to keep pupils and staff safe, we've had a lot of fun. The children are an absolute credit to you and have embraced this 'new normal' and just got on with it! Well done everyone. Personally, I would like to thank you all for your continued support and words of encouragement in what has possibly been the most challenging year of my 15 years of headship! I certainly wouldn't have wanted to be anywhere else - the staff have been amazing and united in making WFS even better and always safe. I am very proud and grateful to every member of the staff team.

I wish you all a very safe and happy Christmas and never before have I meant 'and have a happy new year' as much as I do this year! Let's truly hope people are sensible over Christmas, the vaccine continues to be rolled and that 2021 is considerably better than 2020! Thank you and take care everyone.

Thank you so much for the parents who took the time to complete our COVID questionnaire. I was going to do a 'You said - We did table' But all your comments were so positive - thank you.

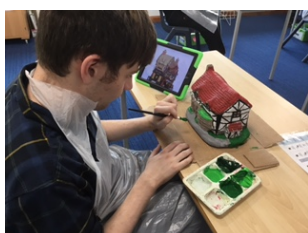
You can see the results here <https://www.surveymonkey.com/stories/SM-NJRMKGK2/>

Socially Distanced Santa At WFS.....so as you know, Father Christmas re-arranged his schedule to fit us in....we kept children in their bubbles and a good time was enjoyed by all.



Sixth Form News!

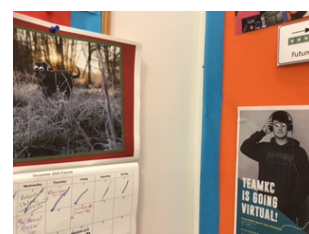
On Tuesday 24th November, Class 12S completed a sponsored exercise session to raise money for Kemp Hospice. This amazing charity help families in our local community who have suffered a bereavement. They completed this fundraiser as part of their community OCR module. We would like to thank everyone who donated and so far, we have raised a massive £139!!!



As the classroom allotment lessons continue the mini model village is progressing. We also have a few Gnomes that will make the village their home. The students can't wait to create all this in the wildflower area at the allotment.



The Naughty Elf has been misbehaving in Class 13K and placed 'googly' eyes on faces around the classroom. Students and staff are still coming across eyes, they are everywhere, it's very funny. What has your Naughty Elf been up too?

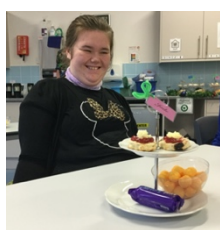


13K have taken part in the second webinar with Metro Bank. They have learnt what a bank is, why they are important and the different jobs that take place in a bank.



13B – Had a 'posh' Afternoon Tea!

13B enjoyed an Afternoon Tea on Christmas Party Afternoon, they dressed up for the occasion and enjoyed cream scones!



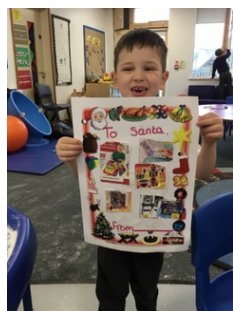
Christmas Jumper Day at WFS

There were some great Christmas Jumpers worn to school!



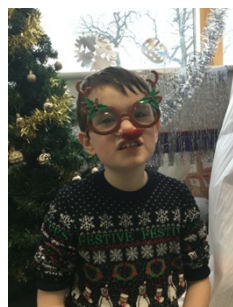
ELM Class

Pupils in ELM Class have been busy getting ready for Christmas. Letters were written and taken by the class Elf to the North Pole. They've made melted snowmen biscuits and magical reindeer food!



BIRCH Class

BIRCH class have enjoyed winter wonderland role play, Christmas crafts and a Christmas "cinema" experience watching the polar express! Merry Christmas everyone! Love from Birch class!



OAK Class

OAK Class enjoyed a special treat and borrowed Santa's sleigh! They've also had a fabulous delivery from an OAK Parent of some new playmobile toys for the Classroom - which the children really enjoyed playing with – a HUGE thank you from everyone in OAK Class, from both staff and pupils!



HAZEL Class

HAZEL pupils have had a very busy two weeks! We have been completing our woodwork project in DT using our learning from Forest School about how to use tools safely: we've made wood cookie snowmen figurines! We had to carefully cut the wood, sand the cookies down using sandpaper and then paint them and decorate them. We are so pleased with how they look.

We finished our geography work about Geographical locations and created some beautiful paintings of cityscapes. We remembered to include high rise buildings and lots and lots of bright lights and made our paintings look just like the photographs.

We have also written our own story inserts for Julia Donaldson's Room on the Broom using characters AND storylines that we have created. Here are some of the children in Hazel class showing off their brilliant story writing. Well done everybody in Hazel, your stories are absolutely fantastic.

We've enjoyed s'mores at Forest School – like I said, we've been really busy!

We also took part in Save the Children's Christmas Jumper Day and shared our truly lovely Christmas jumpers and hats! It was a very fun day.



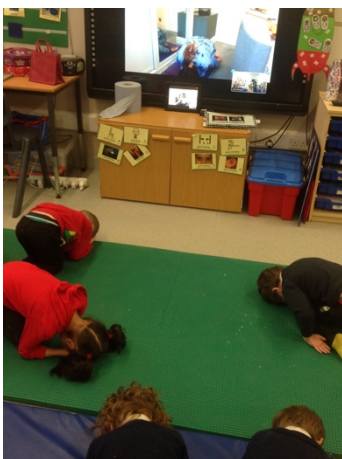
CHERRY Class



CHERRY Class have been learning about the seasons in science and colour mixing in art lessons. The children mixed their own colours which they then used to make trees from the different seasons. We have put these together to make a beautiful picture to send home. Cherry have been busy making party hats for Xmas dinner and the class party - we are very excited!

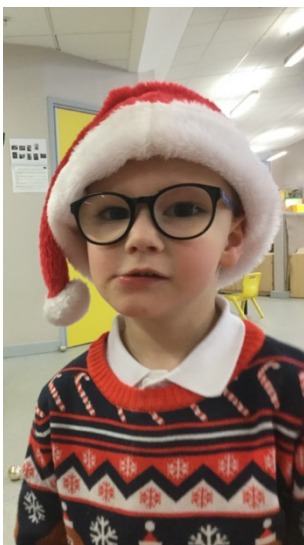
PINE Class

Remote Yoga moves with PINE Class Teacher – Charley!



ACORNS

We have had lots of fun, making gingerbread, playing party games, going on reindeer and elf hunts in Forest school and playing with Christmas toys! Hope you all have a good Christmas!





Communication Team News

Hi everyone, we know how sometimes Christmas can be difficult for some children because of the changes to their normal routine. So, to help with this we have created

- a symbol timeline of when the children are at school and when they are at home
- photographs and symbol sheets of Christmas activities which you can cut up and use individually or with a now and next board

You can find these resources on our Wyre Forest School website –

<https://www.wfs.worcs.sch.uk/page/?title=Now+and+Next+Board&pid=305>

Wishing you a Merry Christmas from the Communication team.

Beverley Thorne, Communication Lead



Covid Information whilst school is closed.



Pupils who are symptomatic up to 20th December should arrange for immediate testing and inform the school ASAP (**before** 23rd December) if the result is positive by emailing head@wfs.worcs.sch.uk.

Pupils who develop COVID-19 symptoms and subsequently test positive **on or after** 00.01hrs on Monday 21st December do not need to inform the school but will be required to self-isolate for 10 days and their close contacts will be identified through the national Contact Tracing Service (CTS). There will be no action for the school.

Pupils who will need to continue their self-isolation into the new term should inform the school of their absence in the usual way on the first day back ring the office (Tuesday 5th Jan) and notify us of your absence on 01562827785.

Under no circumstances should any pupil return to school if they are exhibiting any COVID-19 symptoms (however minor) or are **unwell in any other way**. They should arrange for a test and inform the school.

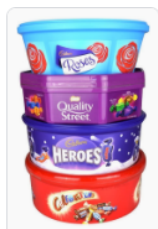
Parents of pupils who are symptomatic at any time should arrange for immediate testing here: <https://self-referral.test-for-coronavirus.service.gov.uk/antigen/condition>

Self-isolation after a negative test

We are getting reports that some families (when asked to self-isolate as a close contact of a positive case) are getting tested even if asymptomatic. Where a negative result arises, close contacts have been known to stop their self-isolation early. Anyone who tests negative during their 10-day self-isolation period must continue to the end of the isolation period as they can still develop symptoms up to day 10 and become infectious. To support this if there is concern about non-compliance, a school can report to West Mercia Police here: <https://www.westmercia.police.uk/tua/tell-us-about/c19/tell-us-about-possible-breach-coronavirus-measures/>

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.



Please remember to send in any empty sweet and biscuit tins after Christmas please for the Food Tech department, thank you.

**CHILDREN ARE BACK IN SCHOOL ON
TUESDAY 5TH JANUARY 2021 – HAVE A
SAFE AND HAPPY CHRISTMAS!**



**Kidderminster Foodbank
Christmas and New Year Opening Hours 2020-2021**

Email info@kidderminster.foodbank.org.uk

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

Monday 21st December 12.30 - 15.00

Wednesday 23rd December 12.30 – 15.00

Wednesday 30th December 12.30 – 15.00

Monday 4th January 12.30 – 15.00

Wednesday 6th January 12.30 – 15.00

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

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Socially Distanced Christmas Photos...

