

Newsletter Friday 19th March 2021



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Communication Team News



This week, sign of the week is EXCITED. Please follow the link to watch the video.

<https://www.wfs.worcs.sch.uk/page/?title=Sign+of+the+Week&pid=333>

We have created a "Talking to children about COVID-19" page in the communication area on our WFS website. The page has lots videos and easy to read information about different aspects of COVID-19. Go and check it out !!! Just follow the link:

<https://www.wfs.worcs.sch.uk/page/?title=Talking+to+Children+About+COVID%2D19&pid=340>

Information for Parents;

- Please remember that the Disabled Parking Bays at school are for Parents are blue Badge Holders and display their badge.

• I am sure that you have seen that the mental health of young people has been featured more and more in the media and the government are asking schools to increase their focus on mental health of young people. At Wyre Forest School we already do support our young people with all aspects of their emotional development including wellbeing and positive mental health. Despite this we are always keen to get better at what we offer and before Easter we will be sending a questionnaire out to parents to gain your thoughts on this too. It will be sent out using a 'survey monkey link' and if you have not accessed 'survey monkey' before you will simply need to click on the link and then it will direct you to the survey.



- Don't forget, if you would like a home covid testing kit for your secondary aged pupil, please let their class teacher know and we will send a kit home with them. More information about tests for others is in the letter below from Worcestershire County Council.



Public Health
County Hall
Spetchley Road
Worcester
WR5 2NP

Dear Parents,

Household members and childcare bubble - access to free twice weekly Lateral Flow Testing (LFT).

Thank you for all your support as parents with schooling over the last few lockdown months. We are keen to reduce the transmission of COVID-19 in Worcestershire and home LFT testing is one of many actions we can take as a community to achieve this reduction in COVID-19 cases.

With the return to school for pupils, adult household members of children and young people in nursery, school, or college and those who have formed a childcare bubble, can now access free Lateral Flow Tests (LFT) for twice weekly testing at home.

The tests are for use by adult household members only. Children/young people in Y7 and above can also access LFTs for use twice weekly - these are provided by schools/colleges.

Adult householders or your childcare bubble can obtain test kits (or be tested) in the following ways:

- through your employer if they offer testing to employees
- by collecting a home test kit from a local test site - You can collect 2 packs of home test kits at a local collection point. Local test sites are now dual sites PCR testing in morning and LFT testing or collection in afternoon - open from 1.30pm to 7pm <https://find-covid-19-rapid-test-sites.maps.test-and-trace.nhs.uk/> (no booking required)
- by ordering a home test kit online: <https://www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests>

To book an LFT at a local test site, visit this link:
https://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/info/20870/coronavirus_covid-19_symptoms_and_how_to_get_a_test/2344/coronavirus_covid-19_i_do_not_have_symptoms

By testing twice weekly, we can identify people who are infectious earlier and reduce the transmission of the virus and so progress, step by step out of lockdown. Your support in reducing infections in Worcestershire is valued.

If you have tested positive within 90 days, you do not need to re-test.

If you or your child develops any symptoms of COVID-19, however mild, they should remain at home for at least 10 days from the date when their symptoms started. Anyone with symptoms is eligible for testing and this should be arranged via <https://www.nhs.uk/ask-for-a-coronavirus-test> or by calling 119 .

Kind regards

Worcestershire Public Health Team

CHESTNUT Class

CHESTNUT children have been getting used to the school routine again, and have thoroughly enjoying being back! This week they have explored the hammock at forest school, and had a pretend picnic.



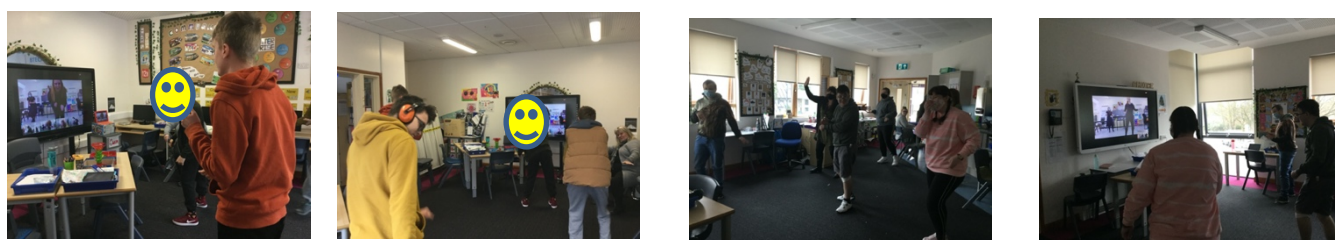
WOODLANDS Class

Children in WOODLANDS have been making jungle animals, 'choosing' and working on their physio skills.



WFS Dance Club

We have had dance club on Zoom this week - back by popular demand! We did some dances to songs from Shrek and the 80's this week. It was wonderful to see each other, dance together and learn some new moves.



12S



Class 12S have had lots of fun making Mother's Day cards, which included a voucher offering completion of household jobs, to be redeemed by Mum.



OAK Class

This week Oak Class have read the story of Snow White and enjoyed exploring the story props. We have practised our cutting skills using 'poisoned' apples and knives.

As the weather has begun to get warmer, we have enjoyed playing in the water tray exploring under the sea creatures.



Russell House News

Russell House would like to welcome Gerry and they have been out to the Wyre Forest with Mrs Garratt and Molly our well being dog.



HAZEL Class

This week HAZEL continued with their emotions work in PSCH (after exploring the story, The Colour Monster) and finished their happy characters! These are the characters that made them feel yellow and warm like the sunshine. The children chose a character that made them feel happy - it could be real person like parents or friends or a favourite movie or game character. Some of the children chose themselves which was lovely. Here are Maddi, Kayla, Connor, Riley, Josh and Ethan and showing off their happy characters. The split-pins made them move!

Ethan will be 9 on Monday! Happy birthday Ethan, love from all of your friends and teachers in Hazel class.



ACORNS - Reception

This week's story was The Three Little Pigs. The children have enjoyed listening to the story, building houses and making pigs. They have also enjoyed spending time outside, in Forest School and in sensory circuits.



Food Tech with Year 8's



Year 8's have been adapting their flapjack recipes this week, to make it a healthier option. We are hoping everyone enjoyed tasting them at home, and they agreed with additions of ingredients that their children chose!



13K - Pizza Please!

13K have been making pizza in ILS. They also took part in role play as part of the lesson by phoning a friend and ordering the pizza with different toppings.



Message from one of our Year 11 students "I just want to share with parents and carers, as part of my BTEC home cooking skills course work, that cooking at home is a great idea because you practise your skills, and get better. When you cook from scratch you know what's gone into the dish, and there aren't additives. It tastes better than shop bought. Thank you"