

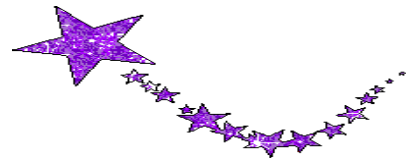
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https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=wyre+forest+school

Information for Parents – Lots to read!!! (Again!)



Wear something sparkly to school day....

Wednesday, 23rd June is National Thank a Teacher Day.....at WFS we could not just thank our teachers, as it is all the staff in the school that make WFS the great place it is from the admin team, to the site managers to the TAs, to the teachers – everyone has a role in providing the very best we can for our pupils. Therefore, on the 23rd June, we would like to say thank you to all our staff. We would like everyone to wear something sparkly, or if that's not their thing to wear funky sunglasses. If the pupils would like to bring in some cakes/biscuits, in a wipeable container, to have for afternoon tea in their classrooms, they can do this too.

Some of you will be aware that Mrs Garratt has been nominated for a National Teaching Award in the category of The Lockdown Award for Learner and Community Support, on this day, we will find out if she has won an award. It doesn't matter to us if she does or not, she's already our Lockdown Hero.

Looking forward to seeing everyone sparkle. Jo Kehoe
& Brian Thomas



COVID UPDATE - URGENT

Following the Prime Ministers announcement on Monday that social distancing etc will not be removed 21st June, but will continue until at least 19th July, we will not be changing any of our measures in school. We have all worked so hard to keep the pupils, staff and in turn your families safe, that to jeopardise this before the summer holiday would be foolish. In fact, even if the measures are lifted 19th July, we will continue them until we break up 21st July, to give everyone a chance of a happy and healthy holiday. Please remember if you or any of your household are showing COVID symptoms YOU MUST self-isolate immediately and get a test immediately - do not delay.

Unfortunately, this means that our end of year celebrations will be muted and somewhat curtailed. Any events will take place within classrooms, or on their bubble playground and no parents will be able to attend. The leavers party will not be able to take place for this year. Thank you for your continued support - I feel blessed to know that our whole WFS family is behind us.

Our risk assessments will not allow for our traditional transition in 2021, in fact we haven't had a traditional transition since the summer of 2019 and the children came back amazingly in September. We will have transition booklets for those who would benefit from this and each new class team will produce a video that we will put on our YouTube channel - this can be watched over and over again!

At the beginning of the week you all received an email with the name of your child's teacher for September. It is always an anxious time, but lots of careful consideration is taken, to make sure we are making the right decision for each child (not for the Parents). Over the next few weeks the Pathway Leader, and Class Teacher will be in touch to chat with you.

Early Years Leader - Victoria Glass
Pathway 1 & 2 Leader - Laura Guest (Assistant Headteacher)
Pathway 3 Leader - Zoe Wilkes
Pathway 4 Leader - Sian Ackerley
Post 14 Leader - Rebekah Thompson (Assistant Headteacher)

We are very, very excited to be launching our new curriculum in September. This has been two years in the making and will meet the needs of our children, even more than we currently do; ensuring we are preparing them for adulthood, whatever that looks like for the individual child. You have been given a brief overview from Mrs Kehoe (Deputy Head and lead for curriculum/teaching & learning) and more will follow in September. I know you will all be pleased to see the focus on independent skills and an even greater focus on the EHCP.

I am delighted to announce the Laura Guest has been promoted to Assistant Headteacher for Pathway 1 & 2 and meeting pupil need (whole school). She will join the Senior Leadership Team in September. The Senior Leadership Team in September will therefore be:

Rebecca Garratt - Headteacher (strategic lead)
Jo Kehoe - Deputy Headteacher (day to day running of the school, curriculum, teaching & learning)
Alison Hopkins - Assistant Headteacher (Safeguarding & Family Support)
Rebekah Thompson - Assistant Headteacher (Post 14, Careers & Preparing for Adulthood)
Laura Guest - Assistant Headteacher (Pathway 1 & 2 & meeting pupil need)
Abby Baker - Head of Care (Russell House)
Lyn Cole - School Business Manger

Public Notice on the proposal to increase places at Wyre Forest Special School

We would like to inform you of the proposal of Worcestershire County Council to increase the number of places at Wyre Forest Special School from 271 to 300 pupils from September 2021. Full information can be found on this link.

https://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/info/20585/school_organisation_and_provision_planning/90/education_reviews_and_consultations/21

A four-week representation period is required following such a notice. The formal representation period will run from Monday 7th June 2021 to **noon on Monday 5th July 2021**.

Anyone wishing to comment must do so in writing by the closing date of the representation period. Details on how to comment are available at the above link.



Communication Team News

This week, sign of the week is HOT. Please follow the link.



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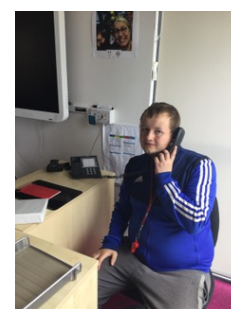
Transition Event at Kidderminster College 5th July 10am

Kidderminster College send their apologies, there is a change of date for the transition day. **All pupils on the Progression and Access to FE courses should attend college on 5th July at 10am.** This will be a special transition event for learners on the supported courses. If you require further information, please contact Kidderminster College directly.

Class 13B News

This week's class secretary in 13B has been Owen! He's been a Superstar and had some great feedback from staff.

The students have enjoyed a Chinese buffet this week and totally immersed themselves in the whole experience!



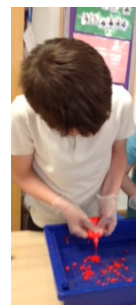
ELM Class

ELM class made blue buttercream icing for cupcakes and designed their own cakes for Alzheimer's cupcake day. Pupils enjoyed mixing the ingredients and adding the sprinkles!



HAZEL Class

In HAZEL Class we have been looking at the solar system. Everyone chose a planet or a star to create using marble oil paints. They filled a tray with water, added the colours they needed and dipped in a paper plate to create their planet. They look amazing, well done everyone!



OAK & PINE Class

Our theme for this summer term is 'Here comes the Sun' we are talking about going on different types of holidays, going to the seaside, set up a cafe and even looked at what happens to ice especially in this warm weather. We even had a cheeky ice lolly with our friends!

Freddy enjoyed mark making in the sand, Sonaz spoke about texture when making starfish

They've been having snacks outside a bug hunt in Forest School and have been busy starting their transition booklets all about themselves ready for September.



RUSSELL HOUSE News

This week Russell House students have enjoyed making the most of the glorious weather. We started off the week with our return to Youth Club where students enjoyed air hockey, pool and decorating biscuits.

All staff and students then had great fun getting the paddling pool out and having a big water fight. On Wednesday a small group of students decided it would be a nice idea to have our "let's talk" session while out in Worcester, which we did with an ice cream by the river.



Russell House Student of the Week is Alex for having a settled and positive week with us.



DT News



Year 11 have been busy in DT completing their coursework where they have had to design and make their own project. These have included Xbox games storage, shoe racks, stools and a laptop desk.

Rates of Covid infection are increasing yet again in Worcestershire and we all still need to take care so that we can all enjoy a happy and safe summer. Please remember to socially distance and mask up everywhere, ***including the school grounds***. I know it is difficult but with patience and tolerance we can do it.