

# Newsletter Friday 17<sup>th</sup> September 2021

www.wfs.worcs.sch.uk office@wfs.worcs.sch.uk

https://www.youtube.com/results?search\_query=wyre+forest+school

### **Information for Parents**



A massive welcome back to everyone. The children (old and new!) have come back brilliantly and are an absolute credit to you all. We welcome several new staff to WFS and I know you will all make them feel very welcome. Teachers; Dan, Emma & Hannah.

TA's; Abigail, Eve, Jamie, Kristiina & Martin.

I hope that if you were affected by the fire in Park Street that normal life has now resumed for you. If you need any help, please let Alison Hopkins (Assistant

Headteacher) Safeguarding & Families know. I am still amazed that no-one was hurt or lost their lives. Our children have made cards for the firefighters and we have dropped them off at the station.

COVID is still, unfortunately, within our community and I appreciate everyone's effort in trying to reduce this further. Staff test twice weekly, and some of the children also test themselves (well done). Where a staff member lives with someone who tests positive, we have made the decision for that member of staff to get a PCR test and then self-isolate until the result is back. That way we are trying to keep as many staff healthy and at work as possible. We'd really appreciate it if parents would consider doing this for their children as well. Remember just because you are double jabbed, or they are a child, doesn't mean you can't get COVID. Many people are still asymptomatic so please take care.

Thank you for supporting us to keep our WFS family safe. If you require any more covid test kits, for your WFS child please inform the office.

You will have seen on the news a lot about the vaccines for 12 to 15 year olds; I have meeting on Monday about it so as soon as I know anymore, I will let you know. Well done to those pupils who have had the vaccine to help stop the spread of this deadly virus.

You will of seen on the news the issues surrounding delivery of items is also affecting schools. Companies do not have the delivery drivers they need and it has had a knock-on effect to us. The hydro pool has been closed but we're hoping for it to be back open asap. Please remember it is a hydro pool and not a swimming pool.

You may have noticed that the senior school staff are now parking within the compound and that we have moved the minibuses. This is so we can create more yellow bays for disabled blue badge holders. We will hopefully (and finally) get this sorted soon.

We always put the safeguarding of pupils at WFS as our number one priority. I make no excuses nor apologies for this and I would rather have uncomfortable conversations that 9 times out of 10 are

unfounded in order to protect that one child when it is true. We are delighted to now have Donna Lester and Hannah White supporting Alison Hopkins in order to have greater capacity to support and help families with lots of different things; housing, transport, behaviour at home, early support etc etc Please don't be afraid to ask for help, and you certainly won't be judged. If we all work together, we can make it better for the children.

We pride ourselves on good communication at WFS and although we had glitches with Marvellous Me to start the term, I'm hoping everything is now back working properly – if you need your Parental code to log in resent, please contact the office. Staff will not (nor should not) respond to emails after 5pm or at a weekend. Staff at WFS give their all to the children and families, and this can be to the detriment of our own families. We have children, some of which have special needs, we have dependents, we have ill relatives and hobbies to pursue. I know you would rather staff who are recharged and healthy teaching your children than exhausted burnt out ones. If you do email, staff will get back within 48 hours. If you need an urgent reply, telephone the school office.

We have Parents Evening at the end of the month, but the advice is not to hold it in person whilst COVID transmission rates and cases are so high in Wyre Forest. Class teachers will be in touch to see if you would prefer zoom or telephone. It's not ideal, but we will find ways to make it work.

Remember, any problems talk to us! If we don't know we can't fix it. We are human and won't always get it right first time, but together we will work in partnership for your amazing children and the family that is WFS.

#### **HOLLY Class**

Holly class have been enjoying starting their circus topic, role playing circus characters, exploring circus themed tuff trays and selling tickets to each other for the show.











## **Sixth Form**

13B have a new job for their pupils; this term they will be trying the role of Postal worker, delivering items to classes and helping the office team out popping letters in to staff pigeon holes! This weeks' Postal Worker has been Josh!







**Russell House News** 

Student of the week this week is Rio for settling in so well – Well Done Rio!!

SEPTEMBER 2021	
28	
29	Parents' Evening 3.30pm – 5.30pm
30	

OCTOBER 2021	
1	Black History and Diversity Week
6	Pathway 4 Fire Service Visit
7	
8	Harvest Festival – tins/packets for food bank
15	Flu Vaccines – Reception to Year 11
25	HALF TERM
26	HALF TERM
27	HALF TERM
28	HALF TERM
29	HALF TERM

NOVEMBER 2021	
15	Anti-Bullying Week
WK3	
	Early Years start of World Nursery Rhyme Week
16	
17	6 <sup>th</sup> Form Coffee Morning
26	School Photos

DECEMBER 2021	
3	1pm – Beech, Cedar, Alder To Infinity and Beyond
6	Nativity 2pm (EYFS)
WK6	
7	Nativity 9.30am
8	Nativity 9.30am
9	Early Years Nativity 2pm
10	1pm – Willow, Maple, Birch Disney
13	
WK7	
14	Pathway 3 Christmas Singalong
17	INSET

JANUARY 2022	
4 T3	INSET
WK 1	

FEBRUARY 2022	
8	Safer Internet Day
9	
10	2pm – Early Years Stay and Play
16	Parents Evening and Life Beyond School 3.30pm – 5.30pm
21	HALF TERM
22	HALF TERM
23	HALF TERM
24	HALF TERM
25	HALF TERM

MARCH 2022	
3	World Book Day
4	Celebrate World Book Day?
21	Down's Syndrome Day
WK 4	

APRIL 2022	
1	
Sat 2	World Autism Day
4	World Autism Week
WK 6	Early Years Easter Egg Hunt Week
5	
6	Pathway 3 Easter Performance
11	EASTER HOLIDAY
12	EASTER HOLIDAY
13	EASTER HOLIDAY
14	EASTER HOLIDAY
15	EASTER HOLIDAY
18	EASTER HOLIDAY
19	EASTER HOLIDAY
20	EASTER HOLIDAY
21	EASTER HOLIDAY
22	EASTER HOLIDAY

MAY 2022	
26	2pm – Early Years Stay and Play
30	HALF TERM
31	HALF TERM

JUNE 2022	
1	HALF TERM
2	HALF TERM
3	HALF TERM
7	New Reception Tours
8	
9	World of Work Event Year 7+ (SA)
14	New Reception Tours
21	New Reception Tours
22	New Reception Parents Welcome Evening
23	Year 11 – 14 Leavers Party
24	Year 11 Leavers Celebration

JULY 2022	
1	1pm – Elm and Yew Pirates.
8	1pm Chestnut and Hazel Princess and Princes
15	Summer Fair REPORTS HOME
18	Pathway 3 Awards
WK 7	
19	
20	Pathway 4 Awards
21	6 <sup>th</sup> Form Leavers Celebration – LAST DAY OF TERM

Please be aware these events etc are subject to change

"I would be more than happy to offer free entry to any child (no matter of age) to your event if they can confirm they are from Wyre Forest School. We are charging for over 10's but I would not wish to initiate any charges for the children from your School.

If they want, they're more than welcome to join in on stage for a little set, sing, dance quite literally anything, this is all about laughing, fun and entertaining one another. If not, just sit back and enjoy the great outdoors and some variable music!

Please ask any of the parents to contact me personally, should they have any questions"

Kevin Taylor Director 07958 113205 Dangerous Sheep Events Ltd www.dangeroussheep.com







# Open Days 2021

Queen Alexandra College (QAC) will be hosting the following Open Day events for potential students and their families/carers:



Wednesday 22nd September 9.30am - 12.00pm

Thursday 30th September 9.30am - 12.00pm

Thursday 14th October 1.30pm - 4.00pm

Thursday 21st October 9.30am - 12.00pm

Wednesday 10th November 9.30am - 12.00pm

Tuesday 30th November (Online) 10.00am - 12.00pm

Thursday 9th December 9.30am - 12.00pm

These events provide the opportunity to meet our staff and students plus discover more about QAC. Please note you must reserve a space as numbers are limited.

- It's being independent
- It's making friends
- It's rising to the challenge
- It's learning and achieving
- It's having fun
- It's QAC



Call us on 0121 803 5484 to book your visit.