



# Newsletter Friday 19<sup>th</sup> November 2021

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## Information for Parents



I hope everyone is well and life is not getting too busy on the lead up to Christmas. It was with a heavy heart that I have had to close Beech class this week and next week because all the staff team and several children have tested positive for COVID. Our staffing is very difficult at the moment with little or no flexibility. We are even struggling to get supply staff and this is not always appropriate for our children. Several of our staff have been quite ill and even after the isolation period has finished, they have needed more time to fully recover. We have also had to

close 11SG for 3 days. These decisions are not taken lightly and are discussed with LORT, Public Health and Worcestershire Children First.

If you are notified of a positive case within your child's class ideally, we would ask for everyone to Lateral Flow Test daily. Please remember you can test up both nostrils rather than throat and nostrils if this is easier - it certainly is for me!

LFT's can be used for testing both nostrils rather than the throat and one nostril, we have a limited amount of the 'nasal swab only' LFT's that have been delivered to school and some classes have had a pack sent home with them. If you feel that your child would be supported in testing and keeping safe using the nasal swabs, please let us know via the office email [office@wfs.worcs.sch.uk](mailto:office@wfs.worcs.sch.uk) and we can send a box home whilst our current stocks last. We will be trying to get more of these types of LFT's in the future.

The over 40's are now able to book their booster and I certainly will be registering to get mine. The children who went for their vaccinations in school did very well. Not everyone went through with it but they all tried their best.

The Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation (JCVI) has advised that all healthy 16 to 17 year olds should be offered a second dose of the Pfizer vaccine. The decision is based on a review of the latest evidence and has been accepted by the Government.

The second vaccine dose should be given 12 weeks or more following the first vaccine dose. For those in this age group who have had the COVID-19 infection, the second vaccine dose should be given 12 weeks or more following the first vaccine dose, or 12 weeks following a positive COVID-19 test result – whichever is later. Those 'at risk' will continue to be offered a second dose 8 weeks after their first dose.

16 and 17 year olds will not be vaccinated through the schools programme, but through vaccination centres, community pharmacies and GP led primary care network sites. The national booking service will be available from Monday 22 November for 16 and 17 year olds to book their vaccine.

Last Thursday on Remembrance Day your children were an absolute credit to you and I hope you enjoyed looking at our special Remembrance Day newsletter last week.

We have a vacancy for a new Parent Governor and the information is being distributed with the newsletter today. You will need to attend six full governing body meetings a year at WFS starting at 6pm and possibly some committee meetings in school time. If you would like to chat more about this then please ring me or email me and I will get back to you.

**Christmas 2021** This year we are going to be doing lots of in class activities and staff will be inviting you to virtually take part if you can.

Keep your eyes on the balcony at the beginning of December!

**Friday 10th December** Christmas Jumper Day for those that want to.  
**Tuesday 14th December** Christmas Dinner Day - More information to follow soon if your child usually has sandwiches and would like a Christmas Dinner on this day.  
**Wednesday 15th December** We are hoping that Santa is going to pay us a special visit and hopefully with a sack of presents. We're also going to have our Christmas Party so children can wear their own clothes if they would like to. Please make sure they are clothes that you don't mind getting dirty etc.  
**Thursday 16th December** Special Christmas activities day and last day of term.

We welcome Charlotte to WFS as a new Teaching Assistant and we very much look forward to her joining our team. We have had some promotions and changes to the Senior Leadership Structure at WFS. Remember any issues speak to class teacher in the first instance.

Rebecca Garratt	Headteacher – strategic lead
Jo Kehoe	Deputy Headteacher – day to day running of the school, curriculum and teaching and learning
Alison Hopkins	Deputy Headteacher – day to day running of the school, families and safeguarding
Rebekah Thompson	Assistant Headteacher – Post 14, 6th Form, Careers and preparing for adulthood
Laura Guest	Assistant Headteacher – Pupil Needs and pre-formal and informal learners
Aimee Pearce	Assistant Headteacher – Behaviour Culture and Well Being
Elaine Griffin	School Business Manager

## Harvest Festival

Thank you to everyone who donated food items for the local food bank this Harvest. The items donated have been taken to our local Sainsbury store who accept all donations, not just items bought in store, for the local Trussell Trust food banks. It really is an easy way to donate to this wonderful cause.

The Trussell Trust also regularly list items that they need on their website if you would like to continue to donate to this wonderful charity.

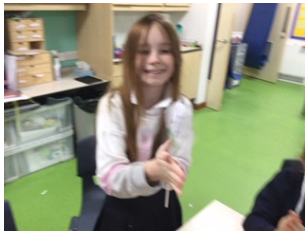
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### ROWAN Class

ROWAN Class have been learning the importance of keeping our bodies clean. This week we found out about how germs can make us poorly if we don't wash our hands properly before we eat and after we use the toilet.

The class enjoyed covering their hands with glittery germs before washing their hands and then checking if they had washed them properly to get rid of all of the germs. We have also been learning about animation and enjoyed making simple moving images. We made two types of Thaumatrope and decided that the stick method definitely worked better. It was very exciting and we are looking forwards to making simple stop start movies in the coming weeks.



### YEW Class

YEW Class have been making fruit kebabs this week!



### Class 10H

How clean is your bathroom?

Well done 10H! The students have been learning about how to clean a bathroom, what cleaning products you use, the different cloths that are need, and how to go about the different tasks. Make sure you ask your child to help when next cleaning your bathroom!

Ms Jilli Guy

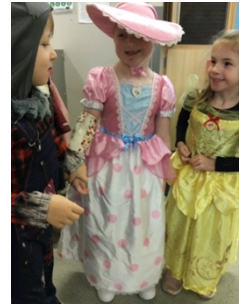
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## OAK Class

To launch World Nursery Rhyme week OAK Class dressed as their favourite nursery rhyme characters. The staff came as farm animals and Old Mac Donald and we explored the farm theme in our play. We used a choosing board to sing familiar nursery rhymes as part of our phonics sessions. We always love to sing in Oak but we have been extra vocal this week!



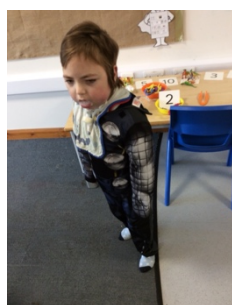
## PINE Class

PINE Class enjoyed dressing up and listening to different nursery rhymes for nursery rhyme week. We also had lots of fun making fruit salads in cooking following our story 'The very hungry caterpillar'. We picked our favourite fruits, practiced our cutting skills, stirring and pouring.



## ELM Class

This week in ELM Class we are continuing our topic on superheroes and have been working on independent skills by dressing up in our favourite super hero costumes.





## CEDAR Class

CEDAR Class have been enjoying parachute time to work on communication and interaction. We have been using different songs and actions, and requesting 'more' and choosing which song to do next. Cedar class have also been doing lots physio work during floor time, working with adults to do our physio programmes and doing lots of stretching and reaching using different sensory items.



## ACORNS – Reception Class

In ACORNS Reception Class we have been learning all about nursery rhymes for World Nursery Rhyme week! We've all had an amazing time!



On Monday we dressed up as Humpty and his Kings men! We built a wall for Humpty Dumpty.



We took part in Little Miss Muffet themed sensory playing with oats, spiders, spoons and bowls. We painted rainbows on our slope and singing "Sing a rainbow".



We explored fish and numbers for '1,2,3,4,5 once I caught a fish alive', we used the Big Mack button to listen to nursery rhymes. We played with water, spiders and drainpipes for 'Incy Wincy Spider' and then finally we sang about '10 green bottles' outside...what a busy week!!



## MAPLE Class

This week in PE, Maple class have been practising our throwing and catching skills with big and small balls. We could use one hand and two hands to catch the ball!

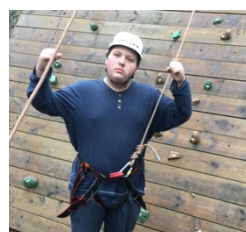


## Sixth Form News

Sharon from Kidderminster College came into school on Wednesday to speak to the students about the different courses they have on offer. Sharon explained what the Progression Course was all about which our students usually move onto. The students asked Sharon lots of questions such as 'how they'd find their way around college' and 'do they offer Equine Courses'. The students interacted with her brilliantly.

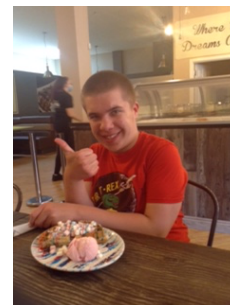


Sixth Form students have been challenging themselves! Although NCS is not residential this year, they started their journey with three visits to the Boundless Outdoors activity centre at Bell Heath. Activities included high ropes, low ropes, archery and various problem-solving tasks. As you can see by their faces, our enthusiastic young people relished and thoroughly enjoyed every aspect of the visits - including the sausage sandwiches



## RUSSELL HOUSE News

Gerry achieved student of the week this week for adapting well to a change in his routine well done Gerry.!



NOVEMBER 2021	
22 - 26	Relevant Sixth Form Students – NCS, Phase 3 (in school)
23	Orthoptic visit for Reception Age children.
26	School Photos – Sorry, we are not inviting Parents & Siblings from other schools in for Family photos this year.

DECEMBER 2021	
3	1pm – Beech, Cedar, Alder “To Infinity and Beyond” In class
6	Nativity 2pm (EYFS) - VIRTUAL
7	Nativity 9.30am - VIRTUAL
8	Nativity 9.30am - VIRTUAL
9	Early Years Nativity 2pm - VIRTUAL
10	Christmas Jumper Day if you want to join in!!!
14	Christmas Dinner Day! £2.34 if not on free school meals or usually bring in sandwiches
15	A very Special visitor is coming in to school
16	Last day of term
17	INSET Day – No pupils in school

**Please note, some of these event dates and details may change.**

**Please remember to keep the school office updated with any change of address, contact details etc, thank you.**