



Newsletter Friday 3rd December 2021

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Information for Parents



I hope you and your family are well. Following the change of mask wearing, with the introduction of the omicron variant to the country, we would kindly ask all parents and visitors to the site to wear masks, especially when talking to staff and to try and distance where possible. Staff are in the process of having their boosters but this doesn't mean they can't get COVID, just hopefully not as poorly. We are seeing an increase in children getting COVID, especially those under the age of 12.

Unfortunately, we have had to close two classes this week due to isolated, but high numbers of Covid in both staff and pupils. Thank you to the vast majority of parents supporting us with this - it is not been an easy decision and we have to seek guidance and advice to do this. Some parents have said they're angry that we have Covid in the school - we are doing everything humanly possible to keep it out, however the pandemic is affecting the whole world and compared to other schools, *especially* Special Schools, we have done extremely well. If these parents can offer us any suggestions that we can bring in to operation that are within the realms of current legislation and law, we would love to know and would implement them immediately. This is not easy for any of us.

Some parents have said they are keeping their children at home the last 4 days of term (we break up Thursday 16th December) in order to ensure their family is well for Christmas Day. Although I can't agree with this as a Headteacher, as a person, I totally understand. **Due to this we are moving Christmas Dinner Day to Thursday 9th December and Santa & Class Parties will take place on Christmas Jumper Day, Friday 10th December.** This way hopefully no children will miss out.

We will organise the party food so no need to send anything in.

We have notified Father Christmas of the changed date and he will be ready to fly in on his sleigh - we have promised him a mince pie and carrots for the reindeer so keep looking up in the sky on Friday 10th December and listen out for his jingle bells.

Christmas 2021

Thursday 9th December

Christmas Dinner Day – If your child usually brings in sandwiches but would like a Christmas lunch, Relish have agreed to accept cash in advance. The cost is £2.34, please send this in an envelope with your child's name and class on, thank you.

Friday 10th December

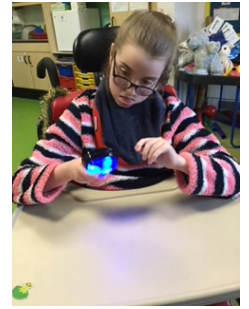
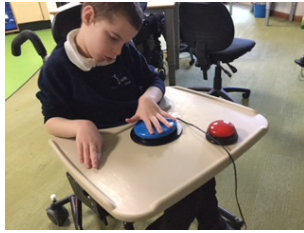
Christmas Jumper Day for those that want to. Class parties – no need to send in food. We are also hoping that Santa is going to pay us a special visit and hopefully with a sack of presents!

Thursday 16th December

Last day of term.

CEDAR Class

In Cedar we have been exploring cause and effect using switches to change our environment. We loved the lights, fan and plasma screen.



Independent Living Skills

Well done to Class 10P, who have produced some amazing Yule logs, as part of understanding about foods eaten during different festivals. The class worked super hard through clouds of icing sugar, to produce some very authentic Christmas Yule logs. I hope the students have shared their yummy cake with Parents and Carers.

Ms Jilli Guy

Independent Living



Sixth Form News

Students from Classes 13S and 12K had a visit from Mencap on Monday. Di from Mencap explained what Mencap do and the employment providers they use. All students were engaged and prepared questions to ask her.



Sixth formers have now completed their NCS programme.

During phase three they had to carry out a community action project and chose various ways to raise money to buy things for their balcony area. A cake sale and sponsored danceathon helped them raise over £80! Thank you to everyone who supported us.

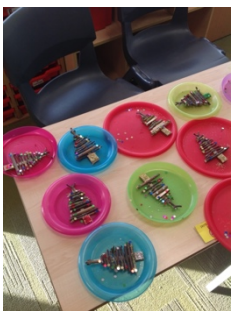
BEECH Class

This week at forest school BEECH Class used the drill with Mr Liggitt to make some Christmas decorations.



POPLAR Class

In POPLAR Class this week the children have collected sticks to make a Christmas decoration to be put on display in Worcester Cathedral. After they had chosen their sticks the children very carefully decorated them with sequins and glitter.



CHERRY Class (and guest visitor!)

This term CHERRY Class (plus a guest visitor from HOLLY Class) have been developing their cooking skills each week, so far, we have made toast, sandwiches, pizzas and this week we made cornflake cakes. They were delicious!



HAZEL Class

HAZEL Class have enjoyed exploring moving in different ways and exploring new equipment in the water.



ECO School



The children of Wyre Forest School have been working extra hard recently to look after our world. We have been saving our foil crisp and snack packets, washing them and drying them ready to send off to make 'Iron Man Survival Blankets'. We have saved a whopping 200+ packets of crisps going to landfill in just a few weeks, which will be used to make reflective blankets for the homeless.

Keep your eyes peeled for more updates from the 'Eco team'.



OAK Class

OAK Class have enjoyed the story of the Tiger Who Came to Tea. We explored the story and props as well as dressing up as the tiger too! We made and tasted sandwiches for the tiger, practising our spreading and cutting skills. We also enjoyed drawing and making our own tigers play dough tigers using orange and black.



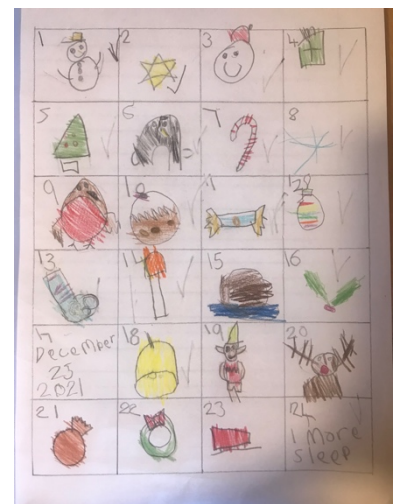
MAPLE Class



MAPLE Class are looking at the Jungle book this week. We found some dry leaves outside to create our own lion mane. We explored the different textures, colours and whether the leaves were wet or dry.

ROWAN Class

Children in ROWAN Class have been working hard on their home learning activities. We have been finding out about Superheroes ready to write our own superhero stories, learning more about the properties of shapes and experimenting to find out how materials change by making gloop and freezing and melting different things. Our favourite task has been to make and decorate our own Christmas Countdown Calendars. How many sleeps to Christmas?



PINE Class

PINE Class have had a busy couple of weeks!

We had our first Sensology session this week and everybody loved it. Savannah used the rainshaker and the mirrors brilliantly to recognise and watch herself, Isla enjoyed the pretty scarves and Jasper and Loki loved the pink sensory bottle. It was lots of fun to shake it and watch the pretty sequins shimmer inside. We could see the different sequins if we look really closely!

Our story last week was Cat's Cookbook by Julia Donaldson and everyone enjoyed making Macaroni Cheese, just like the cat! Isla & AJ demonstrated how to do brilliant stirring and Finley looked great in his chef's hat. This week, we have been reading Gregory the Terrible Eater and had lots of fun with the puppet! We even made Gregory's favourite breakfast in our sensory cooking session.

Savannah has been so brave this week and made all of her teachers very proud by doing fantastic walking in her walker during outside play. Well done Savannah.

Also, we want to wish happy birthday to Loki who was 6 last Friday and Isla who was 6 yesterday! Happy birthday to you both, love from your friends and teachers in Pine Class



RUSSELL HOUSE News

Student of the week this week is Rio for participating in the online safety course with Sam. Well Done Rio!

And a Naughty Elf has landed at Russell House, he has been playing lots of tricks on our students. We're all very excited to see what mischief he will bring next week.!





Friends of Wyre Forest School Meeting

The Friends of Wyre Forest School are holding a virtual meeting on Monday 6th December 2021 at 8.30pm. If you would like to join them, please email Chloe on chloejsmith@hotmail.co.uk - new members would be made most welcome!

GREEN TREE SCHOOL AWARD

The Woodland Trust run an award for schools called the Green Tree Award.

We have gained the Bronze Award. This has been achieved by some of the older pupils who participate in the John Muir Award and Outdoor Learning, plus intervention pupils over the last year. Well Done!!!



DECEMBER 2021	
3	1pm – Beech, Cedar, Alder “To Infinity and Beyond” In class
9	Christmas Dinner Day £2.34 if not on free school meals or usually bring in sandwiches ***NEW DATE & TIME*** Early Years Nativity 2pm & 5.30pm – Via Zoom. ***NEW DATE & TIME ***
10	Christmas Jumper Day if you want to join in!!! A very Special visitor is coming in to school Disney afternoon for MAPLE,WILLOW,BIRCH
16	Last day of term
17	INSET Day – No pupils in school

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

Don't forget our newsletters can always be viewed on the MarvellousMe app! Most parents have now joined up and are loving the great news about their child's day. Don't miss out! If you need any help getting started, contact the office and we can re-send your child's joining letter and code to you.

To keep our Wyre Forest family safe, staff continue to test twice a week. Please continue to test your child(ren) at home. When you run out of test kits please let us know and we will send more home. If you are struggling to test at home please let us know.