



Newsletter Friday 7th January 2022

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Information for Parents



Happy New Year to you all. I hope you had a happy and healthy Christmas and New Year. On behalf of myself and the staff, thank you so much for the lovely cards and gifts we received (Molly enjoyed hers too). You shouldn't go to the trouble but rest assured it is very much appreciated.

Here I am 2 years since COVID first hit the headlines and we're still battling with it - I never imagined it would be with us this long. We are being hit hard with staff having to self-isolate, wait to get PCR tests etc and that has a knock-on effect to the classroom. We will always ensure safe staffing levels, but we cannot simply just 'put classes together' as the education secretary Nadhim Zahawi has suggested we do. We have to take into consideration the pupil needs, including medical needs, personal care and so on. This may mean that we have to close classes and go to remote learning - this will obviously be a last resort.

The guidance changes so quickly but we would appreciate mask wearing on the school site if you can and where Year 7 + pupils can wear masks we are asking them to do so, particularly in communal areas and transport. Also, if your child is ill in anyway please keep them at home. We cannot afford to have staff off with other things at the moment and we have several vulnerable pupils for whom just getting a cold or tummy bug can be dangerous. We will also have more news about further vaccinations for COVID-19 soon.

If you require Lateral Flow Tests for your child you must now request them from the class teacher - these are for your child only (secondary aged pupils only) and not for adults or other children in the household. We need to make sure staff can keep testing in order to keep the school open and we are struggling to get enough LFT kits to do this, therefore kits are ONLY for staff and pupils of WFS. PLEASE make sure you leave the LFT for the required time as the second positive line can take over 20 minutes to appear. Some staff and families have put the test in the bin, only to realise later when adding items to the bin that it has actually changed to positive.

We are currently in discussion about Parents Evening and the Life Beyond School event that we are due to have 16th February - watch this space but it may have to be virtual. We will follow PHE and WCF guidance.

We said "Goodbye and all the best" to Tracy H from CEDAR Class and Aimee H from Russell House before Christmas, and we welcome Charlotte W as a new Teaching Assistant joining the Wyre Forest Family.



The menu for week commencing 10th January 2022 will be Week 2

Clarification on the changes to the self-isolation period for individuals who test positive for COVID-19

Since Wednesday 22 December, the 10-day self-isolation period for people who record a positive PCR test result for COVID-19 has been reduced to 7 days in most circumstances, unless you cannot test for any reason.

Individuals may now take LFD tests on day 6 and day 7 of their self-isolation period. Those who receive two negative test results are no longer required to complete 10 full days of self-isolation. The first test must be taken no earlier than day 6 of the self-isolation period and tests must be taken 24 hours apart. This also applies to children under 5, with LFD testing at parental or guardian discretion. If both these test results are negative, and you do not have a high temperature, you may end your self-isolation after the second negative test result and return to your education or childcare setting from day 7.

Anyone who is unable to take LFD tests will need to complete the full 10-day period of self-isolation.

PINE Class



PINE Class have had a lovely first week back to school and have settled well back into routine. We enjoyed exploring in the light room on our first day back and Hari enjoyed trying to catch the fish on the floor and Savannah loved to watch the pretty lights change and tracked the animals on the big screen. Everyone enjoyed making Harry the Hog pig biscuits in cooking linking to our story of the week, The Hog in the Fog. Here we can see Finley, Isla and Savannah reading the story together and Finley kept getting lost in the fog, just like Harry the hog! Jasper engaged very well in threading activities and enjoyed threading lots of different coloured blocks. Well done everyone.



SIXTH FORM News

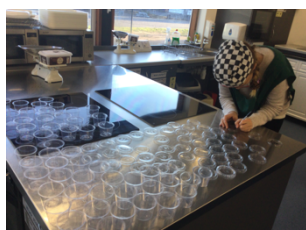


Every Friday, some Sixth Form pupils' access vocational learning and one vocational area is a pizza enterprise business.

Over the last term pupils have been learning how to set up a small enterprise business and the practical aspect of this enterprise is now underway.

As a team we have come up with the name Hot Toppings and the pupils have contributed to making our beautiful logo and we are also offering a spicy and non spicy sauce.

This term we will be offering staff the opportunity to order a pizza for lunch at the price of £5.



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**February
or
March**

FREE
for
Parents
and Carers

**Two Part
Online
Workshop**

Autism and Anxiety

on-line training for Herefordshire and Worcestershire families

Two FREE on-line training workshops for parent/carers of autistic children aged up to 18 or children waiting to be assessed for autism
(both parts must be attended)

This training is aimed at Herefordshire and Worcestershire parent carers of children up to 18 years who have been accepted for assessment on the ASD diagnosis pathway or who have received a diagnosis of autism.



**Two FREE on-line training workshops
for parent/carers of autistic children up to age 18 or children
waiting to be assessed for autism (both parts must be attended)**

Autism and anxiety session 1

- An overview of the autism spectrum
- How autism is diagnosed
- How autism impacts daily life
- Introduction to autism and anxiety

Autism and anxiety session 2

- What anxiety is
- Common difficulties which create anxiety
- How it can affect individual children
- Ways to support autistic children who are anxious

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Session 1 (parents must attend one of both sessions)

Via WebNinja - Thursday 3rd February 9:30am - 11:00am

Via WebNinja - Thursday 3rd March 9:30am - 11:00am

Session 2

Via WebNinja - Thursday 10th February 9:30am - 11:00am

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To book please visit our eShop:

<https://shop.autismwestmidlands.org.uk/collections/events>

You will be sent a link to join the sessions once booked.

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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.