

Newsletter Friday 24th June 2022

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Information for Parents



It has been a very special day today as we have celebrated the amazing achievements of the Year 11, 12, 13 and 14 pupils who are leaving us and heading for exciting adventures. We are all very proud of every single one of them and know they are as independent as they can possibly be and are ready for the next chapter of their lives; be that a mainstream college, specialist college, volunteering, social care provider or assisted living. We have a lot of characters that will be missed - good luck all of you.

Many Parents do not want to think about life after WFS, but next year we will be beginning the conversations earlier than we currently do, so we can begin the process in a slow, supportive way but most importantly recognising the pupil's aspirations and strengths. We have a fabulous independent careers person - Jake, and he will support families with difficult decisions and conversations. As it is in mainstream schools, it is the Parents responsibility to start looking and planning for the next stage of their child's life, and we will provide help, guidance and support where we can. In February we will once again be hosting our 'Life Beyond School' event where lots of providers attend. If your child is aged 12 or over, I would definitely recommend coming to this event.

Can I remind parents that staff cannot always talk to them during teaching hours because they are working with the children - they will get back to you at their earliest convenience.

Over the last two weeks we have had some lovely weather and we have seen a display of fabulous hats, sunglasses and sun cream. Unfortunately, we have also seen some significant sunburn. Sunburn increases your risk of skin cancer. Sunburn does not just happen on holiday. You can burn in the UK, even when it's cloudy, this link maybe of interest <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/seasonal-health/sunscreen-and-sun-safety/>

We are full at Russell House for 2022 - 2023. If you are interested in having a look for future years and want to put your child's name down provisionally, please let Carla Mole know clm115@wfs.worcs.sch.uk Having your child's name on the list does not guarantee a place but we will try and work them into our plans. We only take pupils aged 8 and over and we only have one room suitable for a child with physical needs or limited mobility. We have to ensure we can safely evacuate all children in the middle of the night if there is a fire. A detailed impact risk assessment on how they will manage with group living and how the existing residents will manage, is carried out every time someone new attends Russell House.

As you may have seen in the press, schools are struggling to recruit and we are no exception. We are also unable to get supply staff, which we use as a last resort, as they also can't recruit. The wages school staff receive cannot compete with supermarkets etc and we are governed by salary scales and a decreasing budget. Therefore, if staff are ill, and a class has low staffing, and we cannot pull from other classes and the class staffing levels are unsafe, we have no alternative but to close the class.

Do you shop at Tesco?

Tesco are including Wyre Forest School in their token scheme. We are hoping to win in order to get money towards an Inclusive Playground for Children with Special Needs.

An Inclusive playground will allow all pupils, regardless of need or disability, access to an outdoor play area where they can access every piece of equipment. There is more information at the end of the newsletter, but please vote for us! The vote will run from the first week of July until 31st September 2022

Dress Down and Bring a Donation Day for our Summer Fayre!!! Friday 1st July

We're really looking forward to our upcoming Summer Fair and as part of the preparations, the school will be holding a 'Dress Down' day on Friday 1st July. In return, we would be so grateful if you would consider kindly donating any of the following items:

- Raffle and tombola prizes e.g. unwanted gifts, toys, games, smellies
- Bric-a-Brac
- Second hand children's books
- Sweet treats e.g. chocolate, biscuits, sweets (no nuts please)
- Second hand school uniform (no white tops please)



Every single donation - no matter how big or small - is very much appreciated and will help to make a special day for our children.

The Friends will be outside the main school gates collecting all donations at morning drop off on Friday 1st July. If your child is on transport and you would like to make a donation, please could you advise your transport contact that your child has a donation, thank you.

If you have any further questions or require more information please feel free to contact friendsofwyreforestschoo@gmail.com

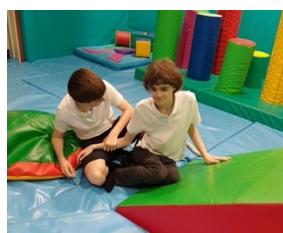


HOLLY Class

HOLLY Class have really enjoyed exploring our new role play airport this week, they have been flight passengers, flight attendants and check in staff. They have also made their own passports.

BEECH Class

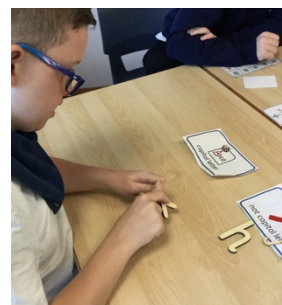
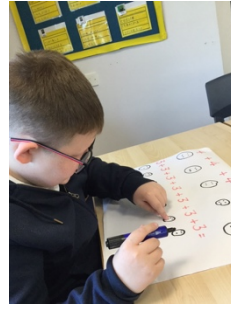
BEECH Class had a great time in soft play this week especially playing on the musical board listening to the different sounds and sharing space with our peers.



ASH Class

This week ASH Class have been working really hard. They have talked about "who" is in their family and how living with our families makes us feel. They enjoyed making a model of their house.

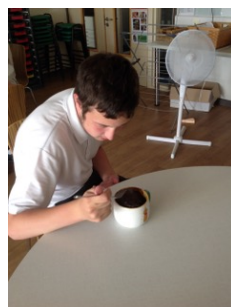
In maths they have been working hard on adding up groups of numbers, and talking about how many we would have altogether. Then in literacy they have been looking at when we need to use a capital letter.



SYCAMORE Class

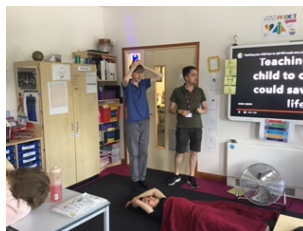
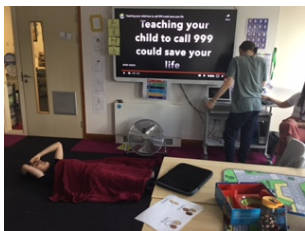
We've had a really busy week in SYCAMORE Class and we went on 2 school trips. We visited the Worcester Warriors for an inclusive sports day, we played cricket, rugby, Boccia, football and dodge ball. We had a great time. Our second trip was to the Wyre Forest Fire Station for a young citizens challenge. We met with lots of different people who work in roles that protect us such as fire brigade, police, water rescue and road safety. We learnt about ways to keep ourselves and others safe.

We have also been very busy in the kitchen and made ourselves some sandwiches and chocolate mug cakes! They were all delicious, we particularly enjoyed our mug cakes!



Sixth Form News

Class 13B took part in some role play about how teaching your child to call 999 could save your life. We watched a video and then re-enacted the scene. They were all fabulous.



Ann from the HSBC visited this morning to talk to 13B about Fraud. We looked at real money and Ann described some of the ways we could be scammed



Dancing Leaves

Thank you to everyone who has supported our Summer Pop Up Shop. The students have enjoyed making summer themed cards and clay items and selling them. They have all worked really hard.

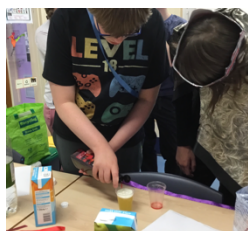
YOUNGmINDS

Mac has made Wellbeing Mugs and bird feeders to sell at the Dancing Leaves Pop Up Shop. He has raised an amazing £40.00. This will be donated to the charity Young Minds. Well done Mac!

Sixth-Form Pride Festival:

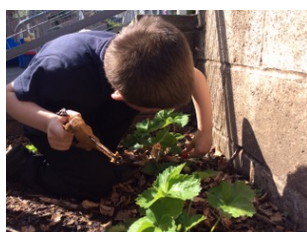
Students from the Harmony group led various activities at our Sixth-Form Pride Festival to celebrate Pride Month. Students had the opportunity to move around the rooms and try activities, for example badge making, biscuit decoration, mocktails and disco dancing! It was great to see everyone having fun!

A very enjoyable afternoon was had by all involved!



ACORNS - Reception Class

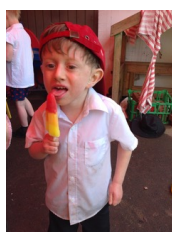
This week ACORNS Reception class have been tending to their garden, we have been watering our growing fruit and veg and are so excited to see that tomatoes, cucumbers and strawberries have been growing. We loved tasting our freshly grown strawberries.



OAK Class

OAK Class are enjoying their topic on 'Here Comes the Sun!' We have been blessed with sunny weather and have been exploring capacity by filling and emptying through lots of sand and water play. We have also enjoyed making our own sandcastles and pretending we are at the beach by having a paddle outside! We have made marks in the sand and also written labels for our stories 'Shouty Arthur at the Seaside' and 'Rosie's Holiday'.

As last Friday was so very hot, we also tried some ice lollies to help us to cool down and have also engaged in some play with ice which we found melted very quickly. We are getting increasingly cooperative with putting on our sun cream and sun hats to keep us safe.

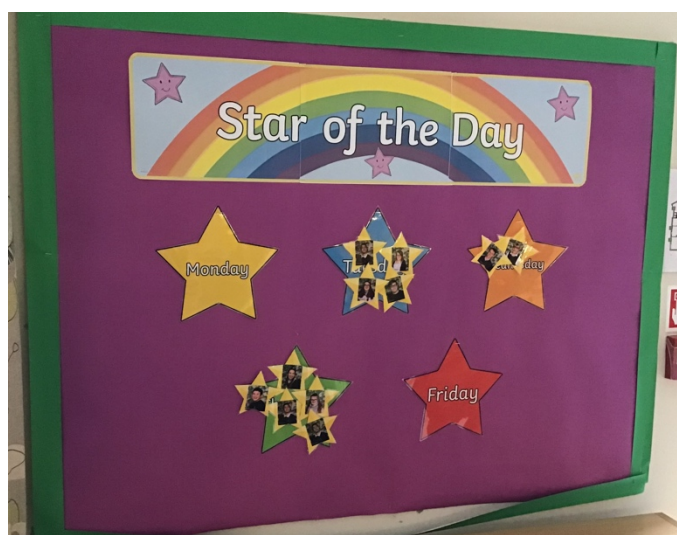


RUSSELL HOUSE News

Recently some of our students enjoyed an evening out bowling with students from the Vale of Evesham school. This gave students the opportunity to socialize and make new friends. A fun filled evening had by all!



This week we were lucky enough to be invited to the circus. We have a lot of fun. We have also been working on our new sensory garden and friendship garden.



Well done to Lily, Rio, Kayde, Lincoln, Caitlyn, Jonathan, Olivia, Chloe, Jack our stars of the day this week you have all been fantastic.

We've also celebrated a couple of Birthdays this week!



Survey for Parents regarding West Mercia Police

To whom it may concern,

In order to ensure that your voice is at the heart of policing, I am contacting you to encourage you to have your say in the latest survey I am running.

As your Police and Crime Commissioner, as part of my ongoing commitment to take feedback from communities and use it to shape my decision making, I am seeking views well in advance of setting next year's budget. The survey, which is open until 11th July, will seek to understand what your concerns are and whether or not you're happy with how visible and accessible West Mercia Police are.

I encourage you to take this opportunity by using the following link: <https://www.westmercia-pcc.gov.uk/pcc-is-encouraging-communities-to-share-views-on-policing/>

Many thanks for your time.
Best regards/yours sincerely,
John Campion
Police and Crime Commissioner
West Mercia



HSBC UK DISABILITY HUB: STOURPORT

Stourport Sports Club

Sunday 26th June
10 – 12
All disabilities welcome!
£5 pay on the day.

July 2022	
5 th	1.30pm Pathway 1 Sports Day
6 th	(NEW) Sixth Form Parents Coffee Morning (letters have gone home) Pathway 3 Sports Day with Picnic Lunch Forest Pathway – Sports Day with Picnic Lunch
7 th	Pathway 2 Sports Day
8 th	Early Years Sports Day - Afternoon
14 th	Pathway 4 – Sports Day
15 th	Post 14 & Post 16 Sports Day (am) Friends of WFS Summer Fayre (pm) Reports home to Parents
20 th	Pathway 3 – Awards in Classes
21 st	End of Year Awards in Classes (not Pathway 3) LAST DAY OF TERM. – School finishes at 3pm

More details regarding Sports Days will come home directly from classes.

Please note all of the above dates / times are subject to change.

TESCO

Community Grants

Please vote for us with your token every time you spend at Tesco!

Voting will commence in store from the first week of July 2022 and continue until 30th September 2022.

Wyre Forest School

An Inclusive Playground for Children with Special Needs

Kidderminster

An Inclusive playground to allow all pupils, regardless of need or disability, access to an outdoor play area where they can access every piece of equipment.

The project with the highest number of votes across your region will receive £1,500 (or the amount that was requested up to this value), the second placed project £1,000 (or the amount that was requested up to this value), and the third placed project £500. To re-iterate, if you are first in the vote, you will receive the amount that you requested in your application (or the amount that was requested up to £1,500).

Stores which will vote on your project

Please see below a list of stores taking part in the voting on your project.

2368	Cookley Kiddmnstr Exp	DY10 3SA	Express
2770	Kidderminster	DY11 6SW	Superstore
3263	Foley Pk Kiddmstr Exp	DY11 7BQ	Express
3265	Spennells Kidmstr Exp	DY10 4DZ	Express
4512	Bewdley Load St Exp	DY12 2AW	Express
5165	Bewdley Hill Kidd Exp	DY11 6BS	Express
5634	Kidderminster Com Exp	DY10 1QG	Express
6638	Stourport	DY13 9AH	Superstore
6777	Kidderminster S R Exp	DY10 2PR	Express

To check the location of any of the above stores, please go to the Tesco website here: <http://www.tesco.com/store-locator/uk>

To vote, you will need to make a purchase within store of any value. You will receive one token per transaction and it's not necessary to purchase a carrier bag in order to receive a token.

In the highly unlikely event that voting is suspended in certain locations due to government guidelines, we will notify you and the following action will be taken. At the end voting period, if voting has taken place for at least four weeks, the votes will be counted and grants awarded as per the standings at that point. If voting has taken place for less than four weeks, we will award each of the groups in the vote £1,000 (or the amount that was requested up to this value).