

Newsletter Friday 15th July 2022

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Information for Parents



It has been a very hot but lovely few days attending different school events and seeing lots of parents. It was lovely to meet the new reception parents in person rather than via zoom!! Hopefully next academic year we can do even more activities with parents and no further pandemics! However, we are having an increase in COVID cases and a significant number of children with sickness & diarrhoea. PLEASE if your child has Covid symptoms keep them off for at least 3 days and if they have had sickness, diarrhoea or loose bowel movements they must be off school for 48 hours following the last episode.

Unfortunately, where pupils have been ill and sent in, staff have then picked up the bugs and that causes issues for the class to remain open. It is incredibly difficult but we need to look after each other.

I took the decision, along with the Chair of Governors, to close the school early Monday & Tuesday, in good time to give families time to plan. Thank you for the families that have already notified me that they are keeping their child off school on these days. Children will have their lunch and then be on transport at 12.30pm before the highest temperatures. Despite the age of the building, our school is certainly not built for these temperatures but we will be looking at black out blinds and more shade for next year if the budget allows. We do not have air conditioning and it would be too expensive to install unfortunately.

Please can I remind parents that staff will not respond to emails in an evening or at a weekend, and they will not be responding to emails over the summer holidays - they have their own families to care for. If there is something you need to contact school about please email office@wfs.worcs.sch.uk this will be checked weekly over the holidays and responded to. If it is about holiday club then please contact Lotte Tvede directly.

This is the last newsletter before we break up for summer next Thursday and pupils return Wednesday 7th September. Can I thank you for your support this year as we have begun to get back to a more normal school year and here's hoping that 2022 - 2023 will have no bumps in the road!

We have had to change the term dates for 2022 – 2023, please see the attached document.

Friends of Wyre Forest School

We're delighted that the day of our Summer Fayre has finally arrived and we hope all the students at WFS have a wonderful time today.

Thank you again to all the parents, carers and staff who donated - without your support, it would not be possible to host events like these.

We'd also like to thank all the local companies who have made donations. These include Sainsburys, Tesco, Morrisons, Smyths, West Midlands Safari Park, Hartlebury Castle, 89th Street and Wolverley Mini Golf.

Finally, we must also give a special mention to school TA, Masha, who has kindly volunteered her face painting expertise for free and one of our parents, David, who generously donated our fair banners.



Communication Team News

Hi everyone,

we know how sometimes change and transitions can be difficult for some children. To support you with this we have lots of visuals on our WFS website. Just follow the link

<https://www.wfs.worcs.sch.uk/page/?title=Communication&pid=25>



Also, here are some top tips for 'Going back to school'.



- Go back to basics...try to lower any anxieties that may surface even if your child seems to be ok.
- Simple routines, shown visuals if possible - go through and practice routines in the next days to get ready.
- Show the child photographs of the school or drive past the school just to familiarise them.
- Maybe mark on a calendar how many sleeps / days until school.
- Listen to and validate 2 worries and then talk / focus on 3 exciting things about being back to school.

ROWAN Class

Rowan Class have been continuing their litter project with regular litter picking sessions and other activities. Everyone has made a poster and also an animation to encourage people to put their litter in the bin, using their litter superhero in the starring role!

The children noticed that certain areas of the school had more litter than others and so they put their posters in these key places. Next week we are going to have a Premier where we can view their Litter Animations and celebrate.



YEW & ELM News

YEW and ELM classes have been learning about Pirates this half term. On Wednesday, to celebrate our hard work, we held a Pirate Day! Everyone dressed up and the two classes enjoyed lots of activities together. We made pirate hats and treasure maps, dug for treasure, joined in pirate games, fired the cannons and even walked the plank! In the afternoon we enjoyed a pirate music session where we had a pirate celebration, rowed the boat, hoisted the Jolly Roger and danced like pirates! Everyone had a fantastic time. Well done Yew and Elm class!



10H & 11SG News

11SG and 10H have been working very hard on their allotment area and they are very proud of themselves. We invited lots of school staff to come and celebrate its official opening. Thank you to everyone who came to join us and Mrs Garratt for cutting the ribbon!



HOLLY Class

HOLLY Class had a wonderful time on their trip to the park on Wednesday, they all behaved beautifully and loved exploring the equipment. Well done Holly Class, we are super proud of you all!



ASH Class

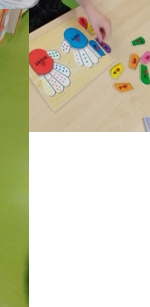
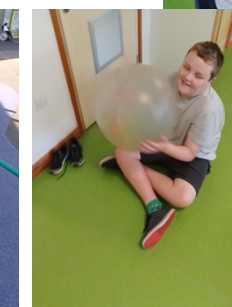
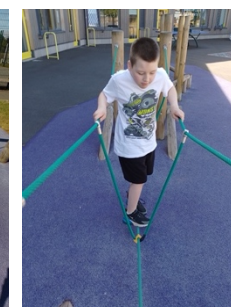
In "The world about us" ASH class have been looking at the different jobs the adults do in school. The children then got to interview the school chef, which they really enjoyed. They all had a go at writing their own questions.

Then in maths they have continued to work on subtraction, they have been using number lines and objects to help them plus their early division in maths this week also.



BEECH Class

This week BEECH Class have moved in to FIR class we have enjoyed exploring and settling into our new class and exploring and using the equipment in our new playground.



SIXTH FORM News

We had a few additional students in our Sixth Form enterprise 'Dancing Leaves' creative factory this week! All worked hard and paid attention to detail on glazing ceramics and illustrating cards. This term, we have also seen our Dancing Leaves employees (!) taking their creativity to the next level and putting their individual touches to the designs of the products. Amazing work, everyone!



It was blazing hot this week at the allotment but Class 12s practised our sun safety by applying suncream, wearing a hat, drinking plenty and working in the shade and cool allotment hut. 12s were very excited as it was final time to harvest our potatoes that we planted back in the Autumn term. We had a lovely little production line and pupils worked with independence to retrieve potatoes from the soil, weigh 500grams of potatoes, label bags and finally bag up the potatoes to sell when we get back to school. Great Job 12s, we love to see the fruits of our labour.



Sixth Form news Continued...

Alfie and Eddie in 13B took the bus with Rosie and Dan to St George's Hall Community Café in Bewdley. It was meltingly hot on the bus and waiting at the bus stop, but there was the blessed relief of a slight breeze in the café! Both students had a nice mug of tea and Alfie rapidly consumed his favourite sweet treat... carrot cake.

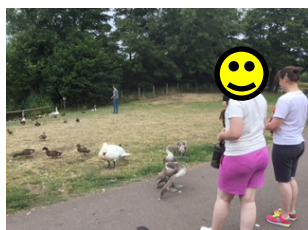


This term in ILS the students have been doing 'themed' lunches. We have done BBQ food, Picnic lunch, birthday buffet and this week has been 'film night food'. The group shopped for ingredients and cooked their own pizzas to have with nachos, dips and microwave popcorn and then watched a film in class.

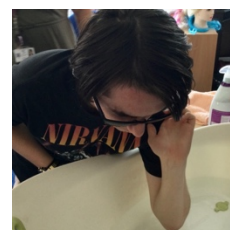
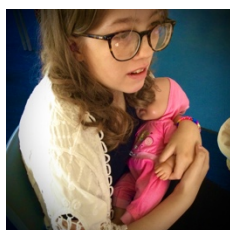


We have to be very flexible at Blossom Tree Café, Tuesday saw us find a lost dog and call his owners to collect him. Charlotte gave him treats and water whilst he was waiting to be collected.

In our Healthy Living lessons, we have been visiting Springfield Park to use the Fitness Trail. Because the weather was too hot this week, we fed the ducks, enjoyed the scenery and even gave the fitness trail signs a clean.



12S students have been looking after babies - robot ones! As part of the 'Parenting' section of their PHSCE curriculum, they have spent a day learning about and practising holding baby, bathing, changing nappy and clothes. Some students seemed to get very attached to their "virtual" babies!



As another year draws to a close, we also draw the rainbow-hued curtains on the first term of Wyre Forest School 's LGBTQ+Ally group, Harmony. The inspiring and enlightening weekly sessions have seen students designing and making badges and other LGBTQ+ themed art, engaging in open and frank discussions on related issues, demonstrating openness, curiosity and creativity.... and even planning our own mini Pride festival! The festival exceeded all our expectations, inspiring such fabulous feedback as...

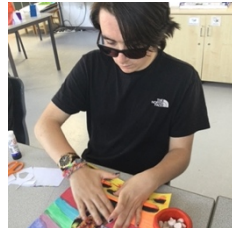
"The positive cultural shift in sixth form was palpable at your Pride event."

"There was something for everyone."

"We are SEND school Pride trailblazers!"

"If the rest of the world was like 6th Form the world would be a better place."

And next year's festival is already pencilled in our diaries!



Thursday Blossom Tree Café group had a very busy day, with regulars as well as a walking group of 30 plus. We made £108.00!!!

Some of our regulars gave the students a farewell cake and the Walking Group thanked them for all their hard work on Thursdays. The students are going to be missed and we wish them all the best for the future.



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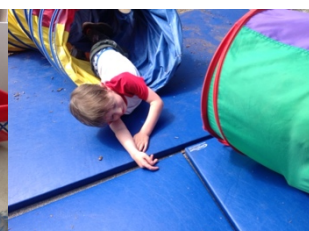
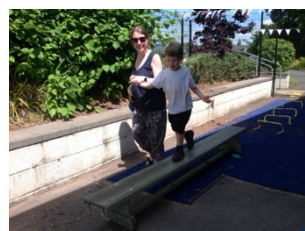
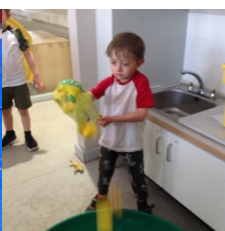
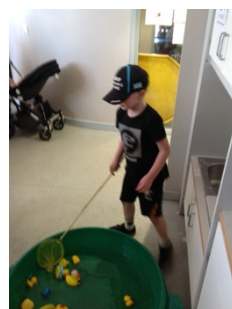
This week we have continued with our independent skills in cooking and made some delicious scones! We were able to measure out our milk, form and then roll out dough and use cutters to make the shape for our scone. We safely used oven gloves when using the oven too.

We've spent some time looking at and researching Roald Dahl, as he was the author of our text George's Marvellous Medicine. We have been watching some pieces based on his work and our favourite one we have looked at has been Charlie and the Chocolate factory.



OAK Class

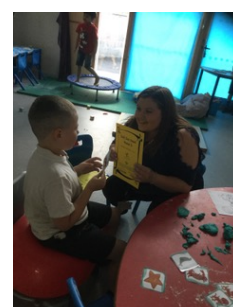
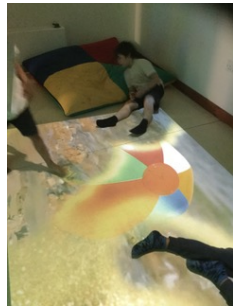
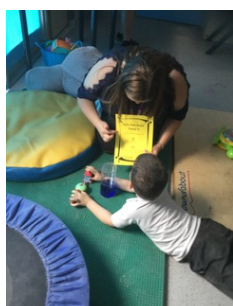
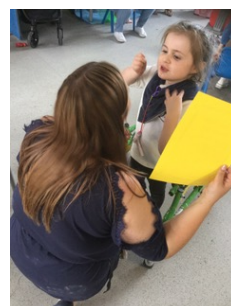
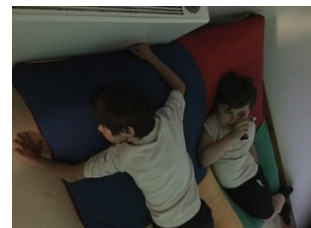
Last Friday we enjoyed lots of different activities at our sports day. We had fun with hook a duck, bean bag target throwing, hurdles, crawling through tunnels and the parachute.



PINE Class

PINE Class have had an underwater adventure this week as our story has been *Sharing a Shell* by Julia Donaldson. We have been practicing our sharing too by sharing ingredients and turn taking when making our yummy Under the Sea themed biscuits in our cooking session on Tuesday. We have been sharing our learning spaces too. Jasper and Hari shared the giant beanbag cushion when relaxing with the beach floor projection game in the Light Room and Savannah and Finley shared the Tuff Tray. Finley demonstrated how to share the themes wall, allowing his friends to choose turtles even though he wanted the hot balloons. Thank you for another wonderful week Pine Class, you are all super sharers.

We had the pleasure of welcoming parents to school on Thursday afternoon for a Stay & Play and for our Early Years Awards ceremony. It was lovely to share our memories of this academic year and to showcase the progress everybody has made. It was a lovely afternoon. Congratulations to Pine Class pupils for a fab year in Year 1.



WILLOW Class

WILLOW class have done some fantastic work the last two weeks making ice lollies! We have asked for different fruit using aided language displays and PECs and practiced using a knife to chop the fruit into small chunks. The children then requested which flavoured juice they wanted and helped to pour this into the ice lolly moulds. Our favourite part though was taste testing them and sharing our favourite fruits with communication aides! Yum! Great job Willow Class!



ACORNS – Reception Class

ACORNS Reception had their first sports day last Friday, it was an amazing turn out and all children joined in with an obstacle course, parachute, hook a duck and a bean bag throw!

We then celebrated the end of year with our Awards, stay and play and welcomed in parents to celebrate their first year at school.

We then finished the week with a trip to the Safari Park, where we saw lots of animals and then enjoyed a Happy Meal in school.



RUSSELL HOUSE News

This week we have had lots of fun, we had been to youth club, swimming and the Sycamore Centre. We were lucky enough to have a visit from the Ice-cream van 🍦. It was the perfect end to a hot day.



And Well Done to our stars of the week Rio, Chloe, Lily and Kyle you have all been fantastic.



Please note, school finishes on Thursday 21st July at 3pm, as mentioned earlier, we have updated our Term Dates for 2022 – 2023 and attached them to the Newsletter email (they can also be viewed on our website).

School starts back for pupils (not Nursery or new starters) on Wednesday 7th September 2022 at 8.45.

We have also attached some flyers for families which may be helpful over the Summer Holidays.

If you have any safety or safeguarding concerns over the Summer Holidays, please call Family Front Door on 01905 822666.