

Newsletter Friday 23rd September 2022

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Information for Parents



The school term is flying past at an alarming rate and all pupils (old and new) have settled fabulously and it is very much business as usual – they really are a credit to you. We continue to work to always improve, whilst at the same time battling rising energy costs, food and resources costs, staff recruitment issues and our own staff having ‘family/personal’ issues. With such a large staff team the normal trials and tribulations of life are played out in front of us, and we therefore have to be very flexible with staffing. Both staff and pupils are amazing at this.

We understand there have been some issues with Marvellous Me and we’re trying to get them to sort out any problems with the app. We apologise for any inconvenience caused – please let us know if you continue to have problems.

Ofsted have released their most up to date inspection handbook and one of the key areas we need to work on as a school is reducing the number of pupils who are persistently absent (an attendance of 90% or less). We do understand that there are medical reasons etc, but we have to make a concerted effort to improve. Every half term Parents of pupils with an attendance of 90% or less will be contacted by letter and offered help (obviously where we know there have been medical reasons, we will not send a letter). Pre COVID our attendance was much better, and we need to get it back to great.

Due to our attendance figures being low, we will not be authorising any term time leave for pupils, unless for exceptional circumstances.

We are looking for 95%+ for whole school attendance and as you can see, we are already below that after a few weeks back.

Headline Figures (28/08/2022 - 21/09/2022)

Attendance

92.7%

-0.8% Last 7 Days

Absence

7.3%

+0.8% Last 7 Days

Persistent Absence

27.8%

+11.1% Last 7 Days

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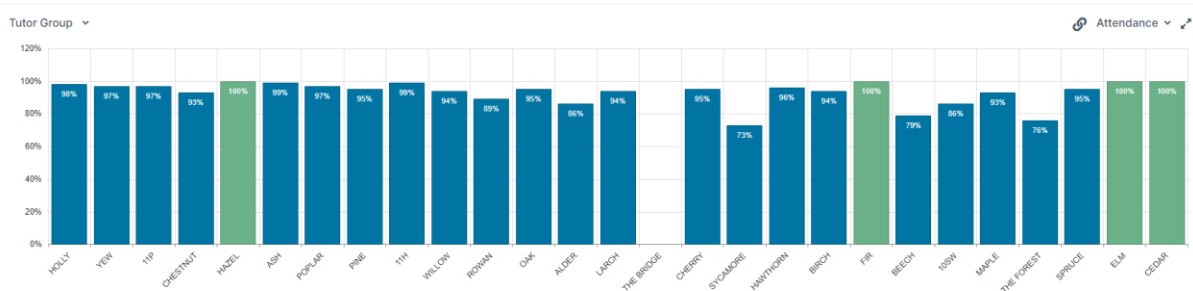
4.9%

+1.0% Last 7 Days
Unauthorised

2.4%

-0.2% Last 7 Days

Well done to the classes with 95%+ attendance



Please remember Parents Evening 5th October – details will be sent home soon.

Training for parents/carers SENDIASS are now running FREE daytime and evening, face to face workshops and online information sessions for parents/carers in Worcestershire. You can find details of upcoming workshops below and the following flyer for distribution. Our Face-to-face workshops will now be held in our brand new SENDIASS Training Room. If you have any questions about any of our workshops, please email Sally on SENDIASSTraining@worcestershire.gov.uk

Friends of Wyre Forest School

We'd like to extend a very warm welcome back to all the students and families at WFS. We were delighted to see so many of you at our Summer Fair in July, which raised over £600.

For those of you who don't already know us, we're a friendly group of parents and carers who fundraise throughout the year for our school community.

If you'd like to join us, please contact Ruth via friendsofwyreforestschool@gmail.com.



Communication Team News

Hi everyone, check out the website, signalong.org.uk. The website has a section called 'Freebie Friday'. This is where you can download and print a free signing resource. The free resource available this time is story cards. Click on the link below to have a look.

https://signalong.org.uk/filemanager/20.05.29_story_cards1.pdf

Many thanks, Beverley (WFS Signalong Tutor)

Free Resources - Freebie Friday!

Introducing Freebie Friday where we will be posting free resources for you to download & share. Remember to check regularly for different resources. Share, like and leave your comments on Facebook & Twitter page.

Back To School Poster

Download



POPLAR Class

In POPLAR class we all enjoyed taking part in an interactive dance class. The children put on their best dancing shoes and really enjoyed taking part via zoom with other children from Wyre Forest. We are looking forward to next week's class when we can learn some new moves!



CEDAR Class

CEDAR class are settling back in well after the Summer break. This week we have enjoyed music and a sensory cooking session exploring flour and sugar using our hands and utensils.



FIR Class

In FIR class we have been getting used to being back at school and exploring our environment and different activities and spending time with our peers.



ROWAN Class

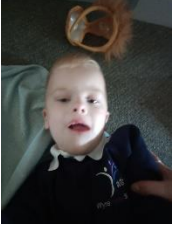
Well done to everyone in ROWAN Class for settling in so well back at school. Everyone has been learning to follow the new routines and we have had lots of fun playing circle games and getting to know each other.

We worked hard to draw and paint our self-portraits for a display and our paintings were so good, we were able to guess each portrait correctly in a 'Guess Who?' game. The children worked together to think of rules for our classroom, agreeing that we want everyone to try to be calm, to take turns, be kind and to share. We wrote and illustrated our rules for the classroom wall to help us to remember them. We are looking forwards to learning and playing together this new school year.



ACORNS – Reception

It has been our first ever full week of school in ACORNS Reception class, and we have all been so grown up adjusting to it. We have built lovely relationships with grownups and new friends, we have accessed our favourite activities and we have been learning all about our expectations in class, tidying up and sitting at the table. It's safe to say that by the end of each day, we are all very tired and ready for bed.



ASH Class

ASH Class have a good week and have worked hard in all their lessons.

In Maths they have been practicing number bonds up to 10 and working hard using a number line. They have also had a great time in PE warming up and stretching, they then had great fun playing different ball games.



HAZEL Class

It has been a great start to the year for HAZEL Class.

The children have loved our new yoga sessions and getting back to the pool for fun swimming sessions. We have welcomed concept cat back to the class and our word to learn this week has been 'tall'.

We drew around our bodies measured how tall we are, we created tall towers, compared different toys to see which was tall and looked around school for tall objects. Good work Hazel class!



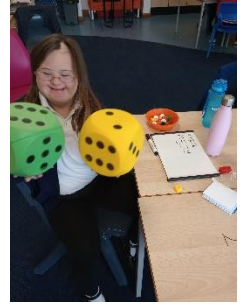
Pathway 3 News

Pathway 3 enjoyed taking part in an online dance lesson with their peers. They are looking forward to developing their skills and learning more moves on next week's lesson.



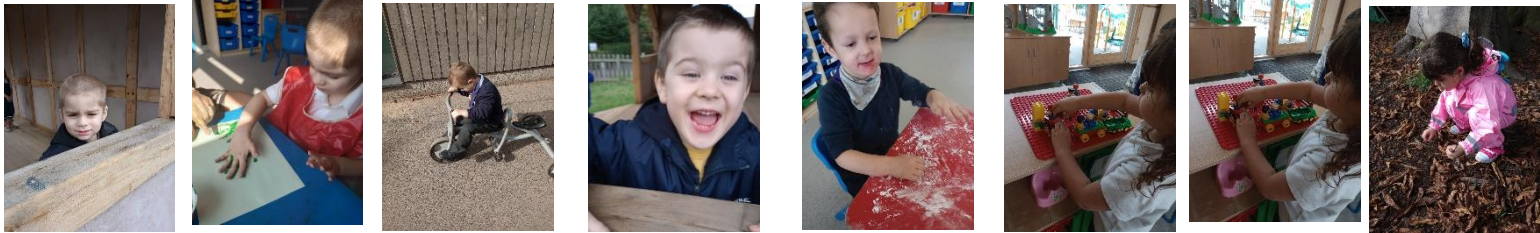
CHERRY Class

CHERRY Class have settled in well and have enjoyed adding in Maths, practising phonics in literacy, and using the classroom toys and games to create some lovely new friendships!



PINE Class

We have been making handprints for our class tree, getting messy during write dance and riding bikes outside and exploring the new building in Forest School.



OAK Class

OAK Class have had a brilliant start to the new term. They have been building relationships with new adults, new peers and getting to know our new routines. Some of our favourite moments from the past two weeks have been during forest school, forest play and PE, we have been very busy so far and are so excited for the year ahead.



11P News

In 11P, as part of our My Future lessons, we have been learning about local colleges and what they can offer each of us. We found out about upcoming open days and evenings, and we decided to put all of the information on one poster, so it is easier to read. We are learning that it is important to visit colleges to help us to decide our next steps. This poster was designed and created by Emma in 11P. Great job Emma!

COLLEGE OPENING DAYS

Dudley college
Opening days
Saturday October 15 10:00 am to 2:00pm

Kidderminster college
Opening day
Monday October 10 2022 10am till 4pm
Wednesday November 9th
From 5:30- 7:30 pm



Halesowen college
Monday 15 October
Opening days
10:00 to 4:00pm.
9th November
4pm till 7pm.



How college
Opening days 15th
October all
campuses,
Bromsgrove,
Redditch and Worcs
11:00 am- 2:00 pm.
11th January 2023
5pm till 8pm.



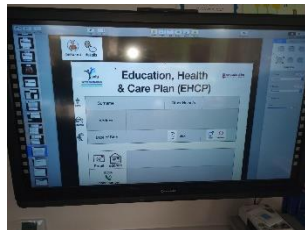
SIXTH FORM News

We held the 'Great 14B Bake Off' - one team made flapjacks and one made unicorn rocky road. Their efforts were judged by Mrs Kehoe, and it was declared that both were delicious, but the rocky road was the overall winner.

Some of the class have been having great fun using the wheelchairs to play a game of chase!



Pupils in Class 12S have been learning about what an EHCP is. This half term we will explore the information which is within an EHCP and how that information helps shape our education, we are even having a go at writing our own EHCP.

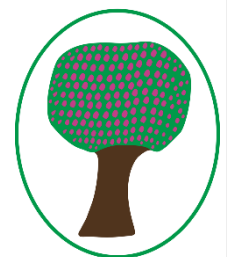


13K students have been settling back into school and enjoying getting ready for the opening of Blossom Tree Cafe. Students new to sixth form have been learning about the roles and have all applied for the role they would like to try.

We are looking forward to getting back to the cafe next week and welcoming customers old and new.

Our opening times are: Tuesdays 10am – 1.30pm, Wednesdays 10am – 12.30pm and Fridays 10.30am - 1.30pm.

Blossom Tree Cafe, Springfield Park.



BLOSSOM TREE CAFE



Russell House News

This week we have been very busy and enjoyed lots of different activities. We have been swimming, visited the Wyre Forest, shopping, and the Sycamore Centre.

HSBC UK DISABILITY HUB: STOURPORT

Stourport Sports Club
 Sunday 25th September 10 – 12
 All disabilities welcome!
 £5 pay on the day. The last 3 dates for this year this are
 October 30th, November 27th, December 18th



Starting Well in Worcestershire

The Starting Well Partnership are hosting a range of events this autumn to support Ukrainian families living in Worcestershire.

These health promotion events will give families the opportunity to meet with key professionals from the Starting Well Partnership who can provide help, support and guidance for you and your family to live happy, healthy and fulfilled lives.

Date	Time	Venue
24th September	10am-12pm	Kidderminster Library, Market Street, DY10 1AB
26th September	2pm-4pm	Bromsgrove Library, Parkside, Market St, B61 8DA
26th September	2:30pm-4pm	Redditch Library, Market Place, B98 8AR
27th September	10:30am-12pm	Evesham Library, Oat Street, WR11 4PJ
30th September	2pm-3:30pm	Droitwich Library, Victoria Square, WR9 8DQ
30th September	2pm-4pm	Malvern Council House, Priory Road, WR14 3DR
6th October	1pm-2:30pm	Pershore Library, Church St, WR10 1DT
7th October	10am-1:30pm	The Hive, The Butts, WR1 3PD

Please pop along to your closest event.

You can find more information about the Starting Well Partnership on our website
<https://www.startingwellworcs.nhs.uk/contactus/>

OCTOBER 2022	
5	Parents Evening (3.10pm – 6.10pm)
14	Early Years Stay and Play – 1.30pm
20	Post 14 Coffee Morning – 9.30
23-28	HALF TERM

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

Please can we remind all Parents & Carers to keep the school office updated with any change of details, i.e, telephone numbers, addresses, list of contacts. Thank you