

# Newsletter Friday 21st October 2022

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## Information for Parents



After half term we are having the trees that are along Habberley Road cut back and made safe. As they are on school property, we have to pay for this to be completed which as you can imagine is an expense we really could do without! This is taking place on the 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> November and on the 4<sup>th</sup> November there will be temporary traffic lights erected so they can finish the job safely. This is going to cause a lot of disruption, but they were unable to do this in half term.

We are sorry that holiday club has been cancelled but I am sure you wish Lotte a speedy recovery from her fractured leg.

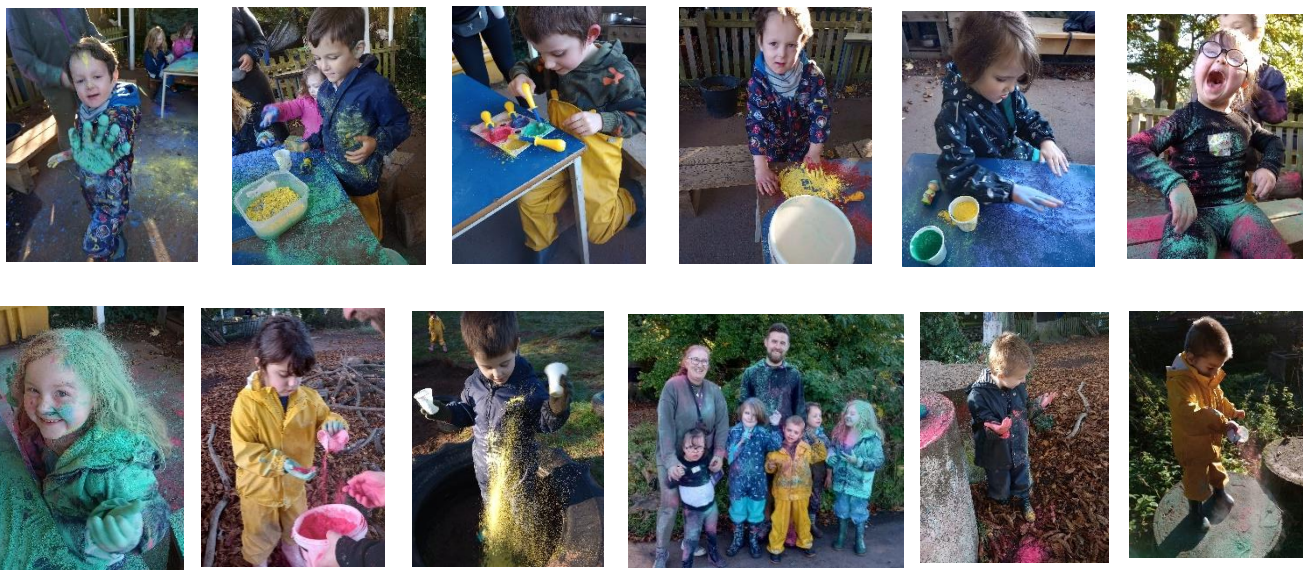
Mr Harper organised an eSafety event to help support parents with the huge challenge we are facing regards social media and mobile devices when pupils are at home and we are then asked to sort at school. We cannot police what happens outside of school but work hard in school to try and educate the pupils. We are, however, very disappointed that no one attended the workshop. The workshop was to help parents understand how to keep their children safe online.

After half term any child who has attendance of 90% or less will be receiving an initial letter outlining the need to improve their attendance. We totally understand that many of our children have medical needs and we obviously will take this into account. We have a big percentage (30%) of our school population that come under the governments definition of being persistently absent. Schools are under increasing pressure to improve attendance after COVID and we are still some way away from where we need to be. If you need any help or support with attendance, please talk to Alison Hopkins. We will look again at Christmas and hope that children highlighted will have improved their attendance. Please remember where there are medical reasons we will take this into account. Achieving 90 per cent in an exam or test is a fantastic result but if your child is at school for only 90 per cent of the school year then they will have missed 19 days - almost four whole weeks of school.

Mrs Kehoe has been working for Worcestershire County Council for 25 years, although she claims she's only 21 so I'm not sure how that happened!! Well done Mrs Kehoe and thank you for all the work you have done for the children of Worcestershire over the last 25 years.

Have a lovely half term and remember the clocks go back 30<sup>th</sup> October and we are back to school on Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October.

## OAK & PINE Class



In Forest School this week Oak and Pine have been exploring powder paints as part of our learning about the Hindu festival of light Diwali. We enjoyed getting messy and making marks out at forest school. We explored how the different colours mixed and merged as well as having lots of fun! Making this mess linked beautifully with our story of the week The Colour Monster as we all ended up looking like mixed up monsters! We have also made Rangoli patterns and Diva lamps this week so we have had a very busy end to the half term.





## HOLLY Class

Holly class have been really enjoying building construction toys together this week and playing and sharing beautifully. Well done Holly Class!



## PATHWAY 2

Pathway two have all enjoyed joining in with a Halloween disco in our classrooms! We particularly enjoyed musical mummies and putting the hat on the witch! Great work everyone!

## BEECH Class



Beech class have enjoyed a yoga session with a Halloween theme. Everyone had a really good go at all of the poses but we all found the spider a bit tricky! The children practiced looking at the visual and then trying to get their bodies to do the same. They really enjoyed the skeleton dance especially. Great work Beech Class!



## SYCAMORE Class

In Sycamore this week we have been reading Jack and the Beanstalk. We have worked together to make our own beanstalk out of card, paper and paint. We have enjoyed mark making with our hands and carefully using scissors to snip small green leaves.



## WILLOW Class

In Willow class we have loved measuring with both non-standard units of measure and also with a ruler! Great work willow class!



As we have worked really hard this half term, the children requested a spa afternoon! We had mindfulness, massage and even had cucumber on our eyes as we relaxed! We had a lovely time!



## POPLAR Class

This week in polar class the children have been working hard to finish off their themes in art and literacy. In literacy the children have produced a page for the book, "The Day the Crayons Quit" and then presented this to the class. In Art the children have produced some Fauvism inspired fruit bowls using white paint to make the colours lighter. Well done Poplar class!







## HAWTHORN Class

Hawthorn finished their Space topic this week. We dressed up as news reporters and interviewed Neil Armstrong about the moon landing. We also composed our own pieces of music for the planet of our choice, using the Planets by Holst as inspiration.



## EVENT

Tickets must be pre booked.

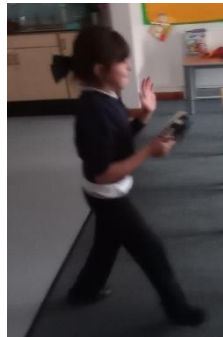
To purchase please click on the link below:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/halloween-sensory-play-tickets-420588049177>



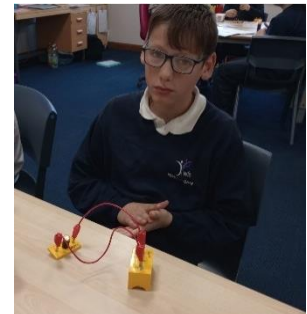
## HAZEL Class

Hazel class LOVE music sessions! The children have been working on moving their bodies to music, keeping a steady beat and responding to loud/ quiet and Slow / fast. Next term we will be exploring Disney music, This will bring lots more opportunities to explore instruments, movement and emotions through music.



## ASH Class

Ash class have had fun this week, in mental health & well-being we have continued to talk about taking risks and fire safety. The children enjoyed dressing up as firefighters and putting out a pretend fire.



In science they have been taking about electricity, and the children have really enjoyed making a circuit using wires and a battery and making a bulb light up.





## CHERRY Class

We've had a really exciting week in Cherry Class, starting with our Diwali assembly on Monday! Everyone was so brave for coming up to the front of the hall, in front of all their friends! We showed everyone our fantastic Diyas we made.



We also practised our under-arm throw in PE, made Ghost crafts for Halloween and looked at where rain comes from in World about us! Well done, Cherry Class!



## Friends of Wyre Forest School



We will be hosting our next fundraising meeting on Thursday 3rd November at 9:30am at Russell House and would love you to join us. All parents/carers are welcome, so if you'd like to get involved and help with our Christmas fundraising, please get in touch with Ruth via [friendsofwyreforestschool@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofwyreforestschool@gmail.com).

Also, please don't forget, one of the easiest and free ways to support our school is through AmazonSmile. Simply login to your Amazon account through the AmazonSmile website ([smile.amazon.co.uk](https://smile.amazon.co.uk)) or activate AmazonSmile in your Amazon app and select 'Friends of Wyre Forest School' as your chosen charity. Amazon will then donate 0.5% of all eligible purchases.

## Poppy Appeal



We will be selling poppies for 2 weeks after half term.

Available to purchase will be poppies, pencils, erasers, sharpeners, rulers, clip on keyring poppies, with a suggested donation of 50p.



OCTOBER 2022	
23-28	HALF TERM
NOVEMBER 2022	
14	OAK & PINE Hearing Screen in School
18	Children in Need
21	OAK & PINE Hearing Screen in School
23	School Photo Day
26	Friends of WFS Christmas Fayre – <b>POSTPONED to 3<sup>rd</sup> December</b>