

Newsletter Friday 4th November 2022

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Information for Parents



Another busy week has flown by at WFS. Huge apologies to NURSERY and ACORNS Reception families for the closure. This was due to blocked toilets and issues with water. Unfortunately, we do not own or have keys to do maintenance of the Early Years Hub as it belongs to St Johns. Their site manager was on holiday, and we had no way of sorting the issue out. This, as you can imagine, is incredibly frustrating as both John and Steve our site staff would have sorted it within hours!!



Dear Parents, Carers and Friends of Wyre Forest School,

We need your help! We are now, unlike many schools, fully staffed, but as and when staff are poorly, we are struggling to get agency staff to fill the gaps. This puts pressure on classes and the staff.

We are looking for Parents, Carers, Aunts, Uncles, siblings aged 16 and over etc to join our 'Casual Supply' team. This would mean we would call you in a morning (around 8am) and you would let us know if you could or could not work that day. We would need you in by 9.15am and the day would finish at 3.10pm (or earlier by negotiation).

You would get paid as a Grade 1 Teaching Assistant which is £11.68 an hour.

You do not need any formal qualifications, just a willingness to join our team, an understanding of the importance of confidentiality and an openness to learn. You need to come as a member of the WFS team and not as a mom or a dad! Many of our Casual Staff are taken on as full-time staff when positions become available.

If you are interested in joining our 'Casual Supply' team, please email Tracey Birch tbirch@wfs.worcs.sch.uk to express an interest. We will then send you an application form, arrange a short interview/chat, process your paperwork etc You will also have an enhanced DBS check carried out. This is the **most detailed and in-depth criminal record and barring check that can be carried out in the United Kingdom** because keeping our children at WFS safe is paramount.

If you think you would like to join us to do as little or as much casual work as we can offer, PLEASE get in touch.

We are also looking for additional lunchtime playworkers (1 hour a day) to work over lunchtimes – again if interested contact Tracey Birch tbirch@wfs.worcs.sch.uk

We have a busy few weeks ahead of us. 6th Form are busy selling poppies for Remembrance Day – those children who are able to will be involved with a service at 11am on the 11th of November. Every year we do this and feel it is important to do.

Children In Need is 18th November and Natalie Mason is organising this on behalf of school – more details are in this newsletter

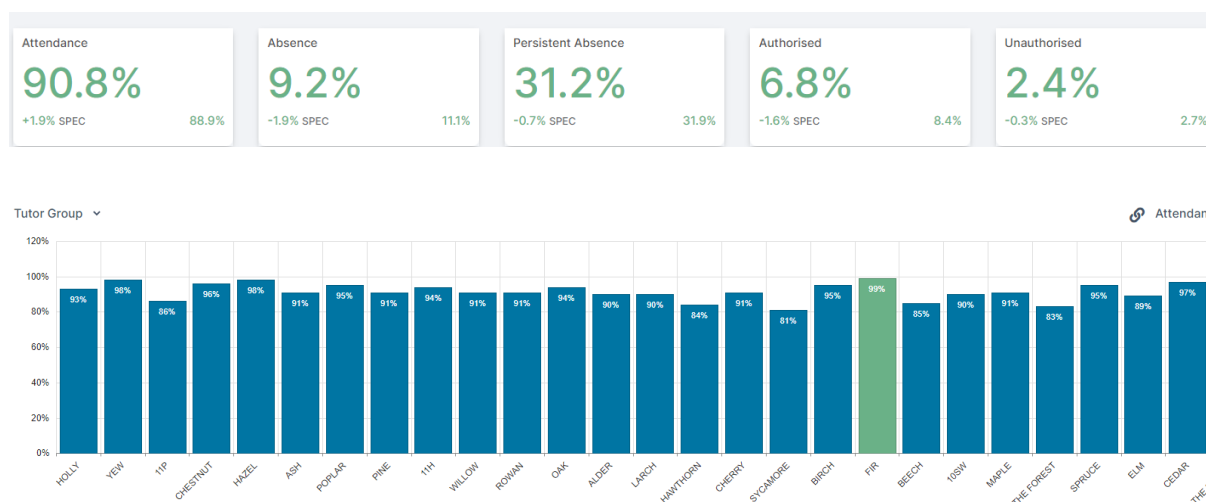
On 23rd November it is school photo day. As always, we do not have siblings from other schools on this day. As you can imagine it is quite an operation that Kathryn organises amazingly well.

As we get closer to Christmas, different Pathways will be holding different events, many of which you will be invited to. We do hope you can attend. Next week we will let you know the arrangements for Christmas Dinner day – always a very popular event.

We hope you will join The Friends of Wyre Forest on December 3rd for our Christmas Fair. This year we will be holding it on a Saturday so more families and friends can come and enjoy the event. I'm very much hoping that Father Christmas will also make a guest appearance.

Finally, this weekend is Bonfire Night and as I have always had animals, it is not a time I enjoy, and I know many of our children find the noise of the fireworks challenging. If you are having bonfire parties, please stay safe and enjoy.

Attendance Figures



BBC Children in NEED



On Friday 18th November, we will be celebrating BBC Children in Need Day with other schools nationally. Everybody is welcome to come to school wearing either something Pudsey themed (the more ears the better!) or PJs for a £1 donation to the charity. Cash donations to be handed to class teams on the day please. We will be having lots of class-based fun including a dance-a-thon and Pudsey themed arts & crafts. Let's raise lots of money for a wonderful charity!

TESCO

Community Grants



Tesco Community Grants - Wyre Forest School - An Inclusive Playground for Children with Special Needs.

Many thanks to everyone who popped tokens in to support our request for a new playground – we came second!!!

Thank you for your application to the Tesco Community Grants programme and I am pleased to tell you that **Wyre Forest School have received an award of £1,000.00.**



Thank You!!

A big thank you to everyone who donated food for WFS School harvest festival collection. All the food collected was given to Wyre Forest Food Bank, who were very grateful for the large donation.

Wyre Forest Food Bank wish to express their thanks to the children, parents and staff for their kindness.



FLU Vaccinations

A Flu Vaccination link will be emailed home to **ALL** children in Years **Reception to Year 14** next week. Any students 18 or over do not qualify for the nasal spray however so they will have to have the flu injection. If 18 or over, Parents will need to decline the nasal option which will then bring up the injection consent for them to complete.

Please complete the consent form for your child, **even if you do not give consent.**

Vaccinations will be held in school on **Thursday 8th December 2022.**

If any parents do have issues with the E-consent link, please contact the Vaccination UK Worcestershire office on 01527 390030.

Please ensure you have sent your e-consent response by Friday 25th November, thank you.

Friends of Wyre Forest School

As many of you know, our Christmas Fair will be taking place on Saturday 3rd December between 11:30am and 2:30pm. We are desperate for volunteers and would love to hear from you if you're able to offer support either in the run up or on the day - please get in touch with Ruth via friendsofwyreforestschool@gmail.com.

In preparation for the Christmas Fair, we will be collecting donations on Friday 18th November and would be extremely grateful if you would consider donating:

- Tombola prizes - chocolate, sweets and bottles (alcoholic or non-alcoholic)
- Second hand toys, games and children's books
- Unwanted Christmas jumpers
- School uniform (no white tops please)

Every donation - no matter how big or small - makes a difference and is very much appreciated.



FIR Class

This week in FIR class we have enjoyed swimming practicing floating and kicking our legs in the water. We have been working on exploring textures, developing our fine motor skills and working with peers.



ROWAN Class



ROWAN Class have been learning about healthy eating and linked to this we have been finding out about how important it is to have lots to drink every day. We filled jugs with 2 litres of water and measured how many drinks we would need in a day to drink this amount. The pupils then designed and decorated their own charts to help them to remember to drink lots every day.



We also worked together to find out which drinks are healthy. Children chose a drink that they like, looked on a chart to find out how many teaspoons of sugar is in their chosen drink and then filled a pot with the amount of sugar that is hidden in their drink choice. Everyone agreed that water is the healthiest, with no sugar and we were all surprised at how much sugar is in our favourite drinks.!



HOLLY Class

HOLLY Class have been dressing up as Victorians this week and exploring different artefacts.





BIRCH Class

In BIRCH class we have been enjoying our forest school session with shelter building, frozen berries sensory exploration and collecting conkers. We have been loving our books inside and out. Making lots & lots of bubbles with our foot spa in class, some of us like it on our feet, some of us like bubbles on our faces !!



OAK Class

OAK Class have had an exciting start to the new half term. We enjoyed dressing up for Halloween on Monday and have engaged in a range of spooky activities including exploring pumpkins and reading the story 'Where is Mrs Witch?'. We were so glad to see our friends after the break, that we have demonstrated some super turn taking and developed our relationships through peer massage. We have also launched our new topic 'Food, Glorious Food!' by making our own painted toast, learning to use the toaster safely with adult support. What a busy first week back!



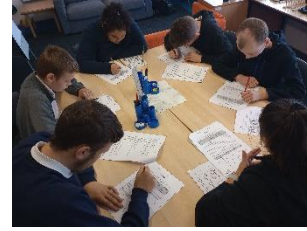
CHERRY

This week in CHERRY Class, we have practised our cycling skills on the bike track! We started looking at number bonds in Maths by having a go at bowling! We also pretended to be doctors and nurses in mental health and wellbeing and talked about how we feel when are poorly. We made a right mess with some sensory play in the bubbles!



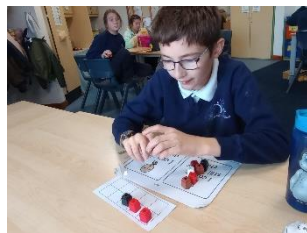
Class 10SW

10SW had a visit from Hannah Pettigrew of Sports Leaders UK. They learned about table cricket, set up a pitch in the classroom and had a go at playing the game. This was part of achieving a Table Cricket Leaders Award. All students were thoroughly engaged in the session, and we look forward to seeing the formation of some amazing Sports Leaders!



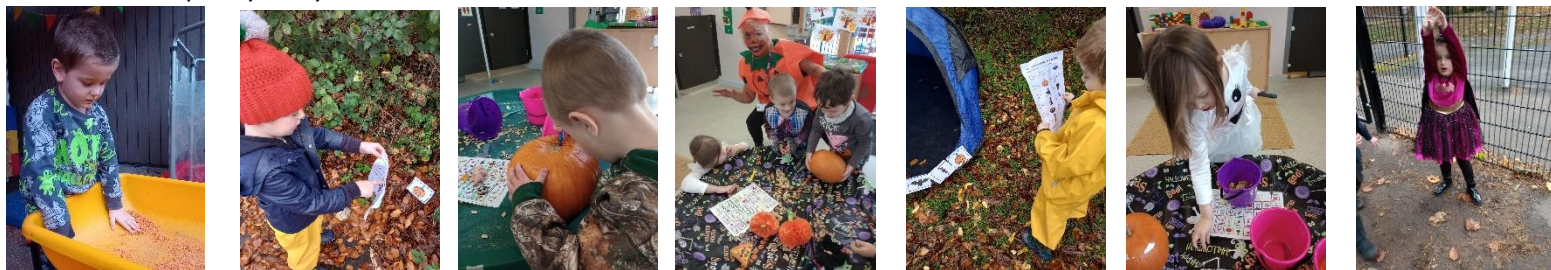
ASH Class

Ash class have all worked really hard this week in all their lessons. In Maths they have been working on number bonds, they have been brilliant. In literacy they have been using describing words to talk about what different characters look like. Finally, in phonics they have been practicing saying and writing different letter sounds.



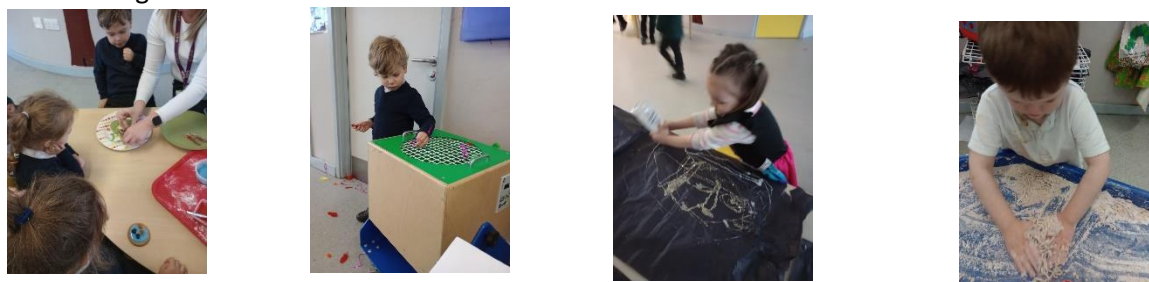
PINE Class

We were very lucky to come back after half term for it to be Halloween, we embraced this and came in dressed in our spooky costumes and had some fun filled Halloween activities to play. We had our very own scavenger hunt in Forest school, explored real pumpkins, variety of sensory trays and had a spooky story.



ACORNS - Reception

This week, ACORNS Reception Class have gone Bonfire Night crazy! We have used a wind machine to blow feathers, pom poms and sparkly streamers to create fireworks that fly up into the air. Here Oscar loved mark making in the cocoa powder to draw swirls and lines like the pretty fireworks. Sapphire made her own fireworks display using PVA glue & colourful glitter. Everybody loved joining Stacy for sensory cookery making Bonfire Biscuits and Chocolate Sparklers. Well done Reception Class for a great week.



Russell House News

The week before we broke up, we celebrated Halloween, we had a party and enjoyed making chocolate apples and cornflake cakes. We hope you all had a spooky half term



NOVEMBER 2022	
11	11P Parents to come in 9.30-10.25 – see note below
11	Remembrance Service in School for children
14	OAK & PINE Hearing Screen in School
15	Post 14 & Sixth Form Careers Event at Sixways, Worcester.
18	Children in Need
21	OAK & PINE Hearing Screen in School
23	School Photo Day
26	Friends of WFS Christmas Fayre – POSTPONED to 3rd December

DECEMBER 2022	
3	*** Friends of WFS Christmas Fayre ***
5	Christmas Gift Wrap for students with Friends of WFS
6	Reception Christmas Trip – Apologies - Cancelled
7	Pathway 3 – Christmas Craft Workshop – 1.30pm
8	Nasal Flu – Years R-11 – <i>details to follow</i>
9	9.30am EYFS Nativity
12	2pm – EYFS Nativity
13	Pathway 2 – Carols & Christmas Craft – 1.30pm
14	Pathway 4 – Christmas Quiz – 1.30pm
15	Pathway 1 Christmas Stay & Play – 1.30pm
16	Last Day of Term

11P – Parents Note

On Friday 11th November, Ann from HSBC will be working with 11P. Parents / Carers are invited to join us from 9.30-10.25 am .

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