

Newsletter Friday 2nd December 2022

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Information for Parents



This week we have welcomed Demi Wooldridge as the new teacher in 6th Form and Bryony Kemp who will be working with several pupils. Today we also say goodbye to Laura Morris who will be starting her maternity leave early. We wish Laura all the best and we will keep you posted about baby! Lyndsey Guest will be the new teacher in January and Mrs Kehoe will be the Pathway 1 Leader until Laura's return.

I'm excited about the Christmas Fair tomorrow – I do hope you'll be able to make it. The Friends of Wyre Forest have worked tirelessly for this and raise as much money as possible for our school.



9th December we will be holding a Christmas Jumper Day and raising money for Night Stop [Wyre Forest and South Worcestershire Nightstop and Mediation Service | Helping homeless young people \(wyreforestnightstop.org.uk\)](http://WyreForestandSouthWorcestershireNightstopandMediationService.org.uk) The people from Night Stop have spoken to 11P and they were so touched by this that they have decided this should be our charity to support.

Please read the dates at the bottom of the newsletter to see what activities your child is involved with as we lead up to Christmas. It will be lovely this year to see more of you in school and I am particularly looking forward to the Nativity by Early Years. When I have seen this Christmas can officially begin for me.



On Thursday 15th December Pathway 1 will be holding a Christmas Stay and Play.

Parents will be invited 1.30 until 2.30 and pupils can wear Christmas clothes.



Christmas Jumper Day – Friday 9th December

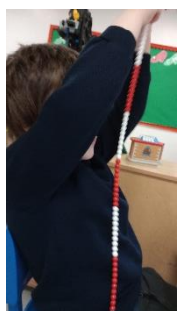


We are holding Christmas Jumper day at Wyre Forest School on Friday 9th December. Children are invited to Wear Christmas clothing for the donation of a silver coin please, and all donations will be going towards Wyre Forest Night Stop who have been in and worked with some of our older children recently.



We are aware this is one of the Nativity Days for our younger children and they may already be wearing other clothes, if they want to bring a Christmas jumper in to wear after the performance that's absolutely fine.

HAZEL Class

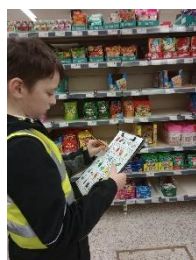


Hazel class have continued to explore a range of concepts such as heavy / not heavy and long / not long.

They really enjoyed exploring the long objects and the different weights of the objects in the Christmas bags!



POPLAR Class



This week Poplar class walked to the Co-op shop at Franche as part of our independent living skills learning. Whilst we were there, we had a shopping treasure hunt so that we knew where all the different foods were located and then we found our ingredients for our cooking lesson. The children queued at the till and paid for their items individually. Everyone was very sensible and enjoyed looking at all the Christmas items on display. Well done Poplar Class!

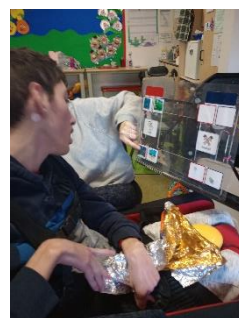


CEDAR Class



Cedar class have been making choices from our favourite toys. We practiced looking between photos and objects, sometimes we practiced choosing between objects. We took our time to think about what toys would be the most fun and choose between photos of our favourite toys.

This week, we started to choose what games we would like to play using a press switch. This was very exciting and helped us focus on asking to play the different games. Lovely communication by everyone!



HOLLY Class



Holly class have done some brilliant role play in their new shop area this week, taking it in turns to create a shopping list and shop for their items, as well as experiencing being a shopkeeper exchanging money and serving customers.



John Muir Award



As part of their John Muir Award 11P have been exploring the work of Andrew Goldsworthy who creates art using natural materials and objects. They tried to recreate some of his work in the school grounds and it looked really effective!



On Monday 10SW, as part of their John Muir Award, were spotting animal homes and considering how they are suited to specific animals. It was a beautiful autumnal day and the class really enjoyed going for a walk and getting some fresh air after all the rain of recent weeks.



11P News



In 11P, we have been learning about homelessness and we were visited by a local charity, Wyre Forest Nightstop, that supports young homeless people. Alice and Jo came and told us all about the charity's work and then asked us to have a go at building a shelter of our own out of cardboard boxes, umbrellas, bin bags and newspapers. Our shelter had to be able to keep us warm, dry and comfortable. It was much trickier than we realised! We had great fun and we learned so much. We will be raising money for Wyre Forest Nightstop, so keep a lookout for how you can get involved!



We are so proud of Jayden. He only began horse riding in September, and he is progressing amazingly! So much so, he now thinks that he would like to become a horse riding instructor.

Well done Jayden!



ACORNS – Reception



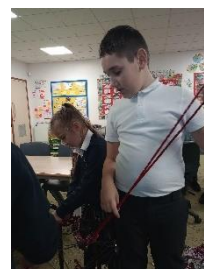
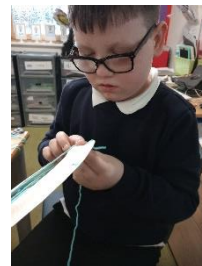
This week, Acorns Reception have been VERY busy getting ready for our Early Years Nativity. We have been trying on costumes and getting into character as the animals in the story of the birth of Jesus. We have been doing our videos and we even went over to big school to adjust to using the hall. There has been singing, there has been dancing and there has been lots of fun being had! We are very excited to show our special grown ups all that we have been doing.



ROWAN Class



In art lessons, Rowan Class have been learning how to weave. We started by working together to make our own giant-sized looms, before learning how to weave different materials by passing the strips of paper, material or pieces of wool under and over the loom threads. Once we had mastered how to weave, we focused on making smaller looms and more intricate woven pieces using different materials. Everyone persevered and we are looking forwards to weaving using natural materials in the outdoor learning area next week. Our other weaving projects are top secret! To give Rowan Class parents and carers a clue they will look lovely on your trees at Christmas!



YEW Class



This week Yew class have been practising their ball skills in PE, trying really hard to track and receive the ball from a partner. On Tuesday, we made pinecone bird feeders to put in the forest school. In cooking this week we made strawberry yoghurt pops - yum!



ASH Class

Ash class have continued to work hard this week and have enjoyed all there lessons, In maths they have been talking about capacity and showing us when containers are "Full" "half full" and "empty".



In art they have still been looking at photo montage, but this week they have created their art wort by using overlapping techniques.



They also had great fun in their cooking lesson this week and they all made some very delicious shortbread.



FIR Class

This week fir class had a lovely time swimming. We used pecs and ALDs to choose different items in the water. We also worked on kicking our legs, retrieving items from under water and pushing and gliding off the wall of the pool. We also have worked hard with mark making and phonics.



BIRCH Class



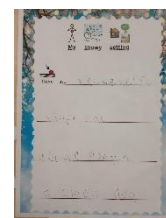
This week we have been practising our stacking skills, enjoying our time in OT therapy room with all our class friends, forest school was a little bit more chilly this week but we still had fun in the hammock...

We also want to wish Laura Guest all the luck with her maternity leave that starts now !!!!!



CHERRY Class

In Cherry Class, we have been focusing on capacity in Maths, thinking about when something is full, empty, nearly full or nearly empty. We had great fun with this, playing in the sand and water! We also started to look at safe and unsafe substances in mental health and wellbeing. The children produced some fantastic writing in literacy, where they described their lovely snowy settings.





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 a Christmas advent calendar. Click on the link below to have a look.

<https://www.signalong.org.uk/filemanager/Advent%20Calendar%202022.pdf>

Many thanks, Beverley (WFS Signalong Tutor)

Russell House News

This week we have seen the return of our naughty Elf's Tickle and Pickle, they put on a lovely Elf breakfast for us.

They have been playing hide and seek, zip wired on tinsel even took photos on Gerrys phone.

We look forward to seeing what they have in store for us next week.



Thank you



Thank you very much to **Midland Cars Online** who have very kindly donated a Christmas tree to school and to Russell House.



Other news and events

Christmas Sensory Survival Kit

With Christmas around the corner, we thought it might be helpful to share a **Christmas Sensory Survival Kit**. To help those experiencing **sensory intergration or sensory processing differences** better manage the sensory challenges of the season.

This is published by Sensory Intergration Education.
Please see attached PDF document.



Ice Queen – relaxed performance at The Swan Theatre

Ice Queen – relaxed performance at The Swan Theatre The Swan Theatre are putting on a quiet Christmas performance of the Ice Queen for children with sensory needs and their families this December. The performance will be held in the smaller studio venue of the Vesta Tilley Studio rather than the main theatre. Tickets are £5 each or £15 for a family of four. Details of dates and times and how to book are on the poster. Group bookings can be discussed with the box office if you would like to plan a school trip. Tickets are limited so act now to avoid disappointment.

For more information on the production, please visit the [Ice Queen | What's On | Worcester Theatres](#)



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>don't forget to click on the link in the email sent home!</i>
9	Christmas Jumper Day - <i>details in newsletter</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	Christmas Dinner for pupils
15	Pathway 1 Christmas Stay & Play – 1.30pm
16	Last Day of 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