

Newsletter Friday 9th December 2022

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Information for Parents



I must begin today by saying an absolutely huge thank you to the Friends of Wyre Forest school. The Christmas Fair was a major success, the secret gift wrapping was so lovely and

the Christmas cards were very special. With all the fundraising the friends have raised a phenomenal **£2269** to be spent on the outdoor environment at WFS. A special mention to SENstation for loaning all their equipment for the grotto. THANK YOU and thank you to everyone who has supported our school, especially in such economically challenging

times. The WFS family strikes again!

Thank you to the huge numbers of parents that attended the Pathway 3 Craft workshop and to the Early Years who have performed the Nativity (another one next week). When I've seen our Nativity Christmas can officially begin for me!

Today we are raising money for Night Stop [Wyre Forest and South Worcestershire Nightstop and Mediation Service | Helping homeless young people \(wyreforestnightstop.org.uk\)](http://Wyre Forest and South Worcestershire Nightstop and Mediation Service | Helping homeless young people (wyreforestnightstop.org.uk)) by wearing our Christmas Jumpers. Children can wear Christmas jumpers anytime next week too.

The staff at WFS will not be sending each other Christmas cards, instead we are raising money for the charity Mind.

Next week we have lots of activities again and I'm looking forward to Christmas Dinner Day on Thursday - another of my Christmas highlights!!

Early this week I have sent out a letter about Strep A and Scarlet Fever. It is an incredibly worrying time when your child is ill. The following links are useful; [Scarlet fever - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](http://Scarlet fever - NHS (www.nhs.uk)) and [Streptococcus A \(Strep A\) | NHS inform](http://Streptococcus A (Strep A) | NHS inform) PLEASE remember, you know your child better than anyone. Be persistent and if we can help in anyway please just ask.

The Free School Meal vouchers will be distributed today via email - if there are any issues please contact school next week.

Christmas Dinner

Christmas Dinner is on Thursday 15th December 2022.

Dinners need to be ordered by Tuesday 13th at the latest please.

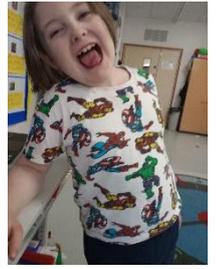
If your child would like a Christmas Lunch next Thursday, please let their class Teacher know before Tuesday, thank you. If you are not on Free School meals or have a Parent Pay Account, please send in £2.44 cash in an envelope with your child's name and class on and whether they want the **Turkey** or **Vegetarian** option.



DISNEY Day



Beech, Yew and Hazel classes held Disney Day on Friday 2nd December as a celebration of our topic before the Christmas festivities begin. We all dressed up, there were lots of Disney themed activities in classes and we all got together for a Disney party in the hall. We enjoyed showing off our costumes with a fancy dress parade, dancing and playing games. We were treated to an extra special visit from Olaf and Mickey Mouse which the children loved before settling down to watch a Frozen adventure. Everyone had lots of fun! Well done to all those involved!



Christmas Fair



WILLOW Class

Willow class have been getting super excited for Christmas and are really getting into the festive spirit! Willow class have worked really hard decorating the classroom, designing Christmas present boxes and writing their Christmas lists for Santa!



SPRUCE and HAWTHORN Class

Today spruce and hawthorn class came together as a group to do experiments with fizzy pop, mentos, bicarbonate of soda, and vinegar, to try and find out which combination gives off the best and most accurate recreation of a volcanic eruption. We all gathered data and debated to decide which reaction was the most realistic and came to the conclusion bicarb and vinegar was the winner!



ROWAN Class



Christmas has finally arrived in Rowan Class! In Literacy we have been reading and writing our own instructions to make Christmas puppets and now that we have put the tree up, we will be writing instructions on how to decorate a Christmas tree. All of the pupils are developing their weaving skills and we will continue to apply these skills to our Christmas projects planned for next week.



Everyone worked together to decorate the class Christmas Tree, as well as making some of their own decorations too. Well done Rowan Class I am sure you will agree it is busiest and most beautiful tree you have ever seen.



CHERRY Class



We have started to get ready for Christmas in Cherry Class! We have made some lovely decorations for the tree. We also made some nice wooden snowmen with our faces on them! There has been some fantastic snowy stories planned in Literacy.



BIRCH Class

This week in Birch class, We have been very busy making our Christmas craft projects, unfortunately these are top secret but will be sent home very soon!! Here are some other fun times we have had learning and enjoying our days in school.



ASH Class



Ash class had a fantastic trip last Friday with Mrs Garrett and Molly the dog, we had great time walking around Wyre Forest looking for the Gruffalo and all his friends.



FIR Class



This week we had lots of fun at soft play. We shared the resources, did some intensive interaction, and turn taking.



BCH Wall of Honour

Myles from Beech class has his photograph in a wall of honour celebrating 160 years of Birmingham Children's Hospital. The historical image is on the floor at Birmingham New Street station, why not have a look out for him if you're passing through?! Well done Myles, what a momentous thing to be a part of!

Reminder



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 Event

Our Christmas Event tickets are now live so join us on Wednesday 21st December at The Civic in Stourport! 🎄

Your ticket will give you access to:

- 👤 Our Santa's Grotto- every paid ticket receives a gift and photo opportunity with Santa!
- 🤝 Our portable sensory room- with lots of sensory equipment to engage with.
- 🤝 Sensory focussed activities including messy play
- 🍪 Christmas biscuit decorating
- 🎨 Mini face painting
- 🎨 Arts and Crafts like make your own tree decoration and more!
- ❤️ Christmas backdrop for family photo opportunities.



There will also be extras available to purchase including

- 🎫 Tickets to our raffle prizes!
- 🎁 Sales Stalls
- ☕ Hot drinks including hot chocolate with cream and marshmallows

👤 🎄 3 sessions... 🎁 ❤️

🕒 11am-12pm -- Quiet hour #1-- This session will suit those who would benefit from less noise and crowding such as individuals who suffer with Sensory overload and/or anxiety. 🕒 12pm-3pm -- General Admission-- everyone welcome!!

🕒 3pm-4pm-- Quiet Hour #2-- we are offering a second quiet hour for people who can't make the morning session but still need a quieter environment to enjoy the activities.

No official diagnosis required for Quiet sessions. Siblings of SEN also welcome during these sessions and you are all welcome to stay into the general admission session if comfortable enough to do so. Please book the session you intend to come to.

🆓 Admission for Parents/Carers is free. 🎫 Charge applies from children who are able to sit Book now with the link below...

<https://www.trybooking.com/uk/events/landing/34119>

Well Done

Adrian from Holly class has won an art competition and will have his art displayed as part of an advent calendar on the BT Tower in London on Christmas Eve.



ACORNS Reception

This week the children have been exploring the story *The Snowman* by Raymond Briggs. We enjoyed accessing the Christmas table with sensory snowmen, tinsel, bells and snowflakes and loved watching the animated story on the big plasma screen. We began our salt dough decorations which will soon turn into pretty hanging snowmen baubles. The children were great at pulling apart the dough, rolling it and using cutters to shape it. Here we can see Sapphire, Amelia, Oscar & Carter getting messy with the salt dough!



Rudolph Run

Merry Christmas! This year we have decided to join the KEMP Hospice Rudolph Run, to support local people suffering with long term illnesses and bereavement. We will be holding a fancy-dress day, when children can come to school dressed up as whatever they wish, from Superhero's to Christmas outfits to Princesses and anything in-between! All we are asking for is a donation on that day, no matter how big or small you can spare please.

We have also sent home sponsorship forms for the run itself, which will be held on either Tuesday 13th December or Wednesday 14th December. Your child's teacher will contact you, to inform you as to which of the above dates is your child's fancy dress/Rudolph Run chosen day.

Sponsorship can be anything from 1p a lap of the playground, to a flat £2 for taking part; it really is whatever the sponsor wishes to contribute! We will be collecting the sponsorship money to combine with the fancy dress donations the 1st week back in January, so please keep it safe till then! All children will take home a set of Rudolph antlers that KEMP have kindly provided!



HOLLY Class



Holly class went on a walk to the local shop this week where they brought in their own money, chose their own snack and paid for it with their money. Well done on being so grown up Holly Class!



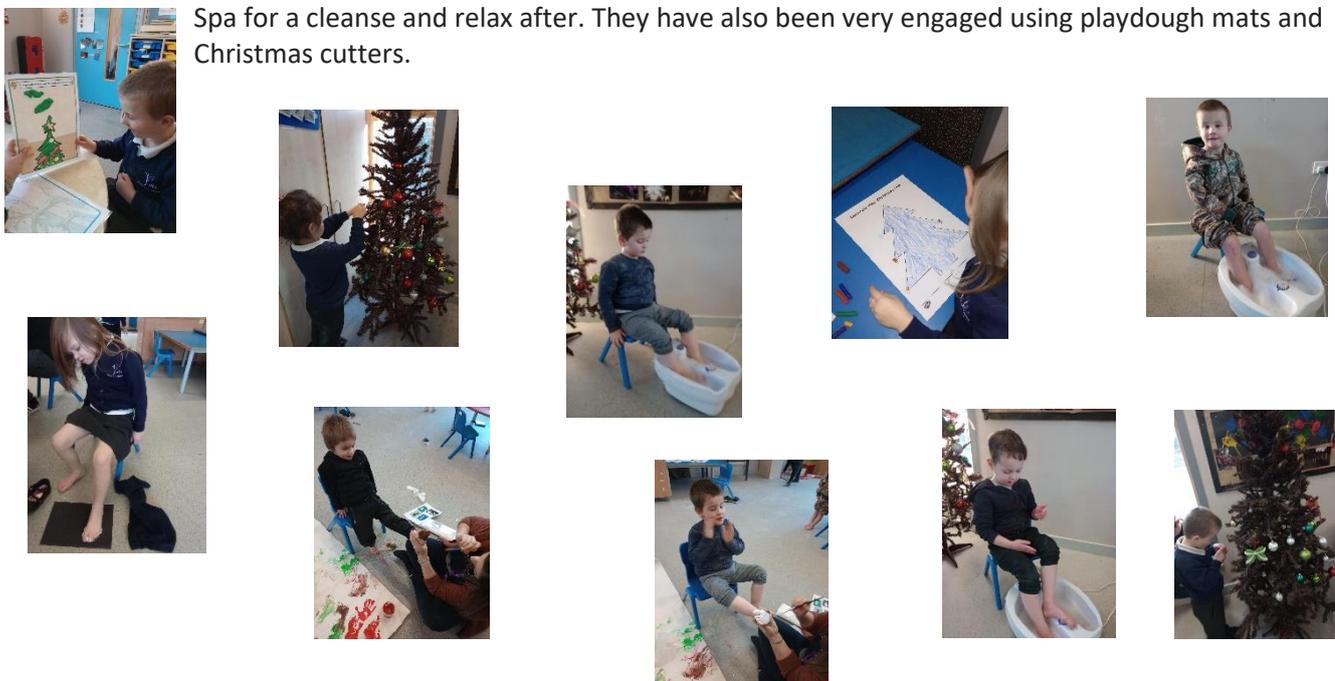
POPLAR Class

This week in Poplar class we have all been exploring different methods of weaving. In our first lesson we practiced weaving with lollipop sticks and made some Christmas decorations for a class tree. In our second lesson the children practised different stitching techniques with a needle and thread. This activity silenced the whole classroom as the children were concentrating so hard. To finish our week we put up our Christmas tree and decorated with all of the children's brilliant work.



PINE Class

Christmas has officially landed in Pine class this week. Decorating the tree has been very popular and we began making our Christmas cards. Here is a little taster and then children visited Michelle's Foot Spa for a cleanse and relax after. They have also been very engaged using playdough mats and Christmas cutters.



Support Services Available



Women's Aid is asking the public to raise awareness of domestic abuse services during the World Cup to help survivors as part of Women's Aid's Come Together to End Domestic Abuse campaign, the charity is asking everyone to play their part in ending domestic abuse during World Cup, and to raise awareness of support services.



Communication Team News

Hi everyone,
check out the website, widgit.com.

They have some great free symbol resources.

A great resource they have available on their website is a Christmas communication pack. As we know Christmas can be a difficult time for some children. This pack offers ways to support understanding and communication during the Christmas period. The pack contains:

- Communication cards- core language cards to support communication
- Social stories- to explain events and things that happen during Christmas
- Christmas Aided Language Displays- A set of 5 aided language displays linked to different topics around Christmas

Here is the link for the Christmas communication pack.

<https://www.widgit.com/resources/seasonal/christmas-communication/index.htm>

Many thanks, Beverley (Communication team)



Early Years



As Early Years Pathway missed the Christmas Jumper Day due to their Nativity performance, we will be having our own on Thursday 15th December. Pupils are welcome to come to school wearing their Christmas Jumper on that day.

The Forest

Forest class are practicing a play. We are going to video our work and share it with people at home next week. Aimee will email direct with the zoom link and further details

Russell House News

This week Santa visited youth club and made yummy brownies with us. We have also been swimming, cricket and been to see Christmas lights.

Our naughty elf's, Tickle and Pickle, have been up to no good. They messed up our bedrooms, moved the minibus, made chocolate milkshake in the loo and lots more.



Free training for parents on Autism and anxiety – 12th December

Attached are links to webinars that we provide for parents that you might find beneficial. There is a webinar for Hereford and Worcester in Autism and anxiety which is coming up on the 12th of December. It is free and it is for parents in Herefordshire and Worcestershire.

<https://autismwestmidlands.org.uk/events/autism-and-anxiety-12dec/>

Just to inform you that Kidderminster Foodbank opening hours will remain as normal over the Christmas/New Year period (Wednesday and Friday 12.30 - 3pm)



DECEMBER 2022	
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 – finish at 3pm

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