

Newsletter Friday 17th February 2023

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Information for Parents



This week we have had Ofsted at Russell House for three days. I cannot wait to share the report with you all and share the judgements but until then all I can say is I am beyond delighted! It was also fabulous to chat and see so many parents on Wednesday evening. The overwhelming positive comments were gratefully received.

Last week Molly and I had a lovely morning with Larch class in the forest. They were superb and got so close to a robin because they were all so quiet!! Parents of Larch class might not believe this!!!

Today we say goodbye to Adele Wrench and wish her all the very best in the next chapter of her life. Dan Archer will be the new class teacher.

Attached to the newsletter this week is some information regarding a parent governor. Please read it and if you would like to join the governing body complete the forms.

Next half term we have lots of activities, World Syndrome Day, Comic, Relief and 2nd March World Book Day. We will then be leading into Easter events so make sure you keep an eye on the newsletter.

The NEU at the moment will be striking 1st March 2023. Classes affected have already been informed - currently it is two classes.

Have a lovely half term and thank you as ever for your continuing support. It really is appreciated.

CEDAR Class



In Cedar class we have been requesting our favourite games to play on the computer and toys to explore. Lots of people liked the football song and game on the computer. Some of our friends liked Dinosaur songs. Everyone liked noisy and light up toys.



ACORNS Reception



Acorns class have been really enjoying our learning all about colour again this week, playing with our brand-new magnetic tiles. We have been naming and handling all of the colours and shapes, demonstrating a great understanding of cause and effect.



ROWAN Class



Rowan Class have continued to work hard using the iPad to find out about the habitats that insects need to live. Everyone worked hard to make the perfect habitat for bees and are very excited to take their bee gardens home and see how many bees come to visit.

As part of our insect topic the pupils made beautiful love bugs containing a hidden message to give to somebody special for valentine's Day.





In art the children have been practising quilling and used these skills to make happy Holi cards ready for our Holi festival celebrations later in the week.



Well done Rowan Class another great week's work.

HAZEL Class



Hazel class loved reading the story of the Gruffalo, we made our very own Gruffalo mask and chose which animals from the story we wanted to draw and label.
Super end to the term.



WILLOW Class

Willow class have had another wonderful week!
We enjoyed making flapjacks in cooking this week which were very tasty for our snack!





We had a brilliant end to our dance topic where we enjoyed sharing our dances to our friends as part of a dance show!

We really enjoyed some quiet painting time where we all sat together with calm music on and painted together, we all felt very relaxed afterwards!



ASH Class

Ash Class have had a great week to finish off the end of half term. The children have been talking about the people who are important to them, friends, and family. They took part in different activities and made a paper chain of all their special friends and family.

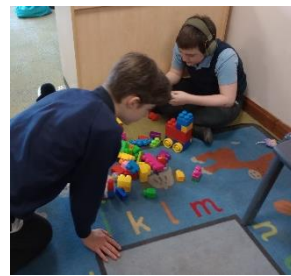


In art this week we concluded our printing topic, we finished it off by doing some tie dying using white t-shirts or socks. The children had great fun and created some amazing work.



FIR Class

This week in Fir class we have worked hard on turn taking and completing tasks together and sharing our space with our peers.



Save
the
Date



World Book Day 2023 is on **Thursday 2nd March** and we are really looking forward to it! We are encouraging all pupils and staff to dress up as their favourite book character. (We recognise and understand that some pupils prefer to wear their school uniform or their usual school clothes on this day and that is fine.) On the day, the pupils will take part in some book focused activities and have lots of book-based fun!

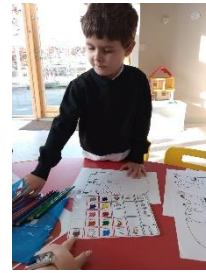
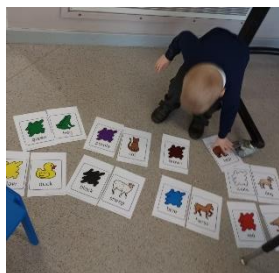
More details will follow.

ACORNS Reception



This week our story has been Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See, and the children have loved it! We have been practicing labelling our colours, identifying the different animals & enjoyed making bears out of play dough and painting bear faces and mark making through colouring to decorate our classroom.

Well done for a great week Acorns class & have a great half term!

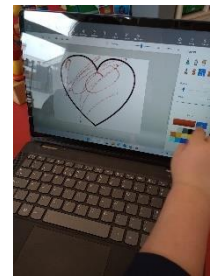


Early Years Stay and Play



Pine class were feeling the love this week and celebrated Valentine's Day in style.

We had a lovely stay and play with our parents Friday, decorating biscuits, making valentine's day cards, and exploring pink spaghetti! We made collage heart pictures, counting 1-10 with hearts and used ICT to decorate hearts. Children also made beautiful salt dough heart shaped candle holders to take home.



Acorns class really enjoyed having our parents come to our Valentine's themed stay and play last Friday. We made sweeties, wrote love letters, and blew a lot of heart bubbles.



Acorns Reception had a wonderful time with their special grownups at Friday's Valentine' Day themed Stay & Play afternoon. With our class team, we decorated biscuits, played with Play Dough mats, enjoyed a rainbow rice sensory tray and made cards & pretty finger-painted hearts. We also had a visit from Mollie the dog who enjoyed our biscuits as much as we did! Thank you to Reception parents for their attendance & engagement. It was lovely to share our classroom with you.



Early Years Stay and Play



Russell House News

This week has been a wonderful end to the half term, we went bowling in Worcester with our friends from The Vale. We had a visit from the fire department, and they showed us around the fire engine. We celebrated Valentine's Day by making yummy cupcakes. We would like to take this opportunity to thank our students and parents for their support during our Ofsted visit.



10SW and 11P

10SW and some of 11P, had a wonderful morning with Mrs Ashley, Taylors Mum, who came to talk to us about her job at Tesco. We asked so many questions, to find out all about working in customer service. We were so grateful for the chance to learn more about the working word. Thank you, Mrs Ashley.

If any other parents or carers work in hospitality or catering, we'd love to hear from you. Your knowledge is invaluable for our students. Please contact the office team, who will direct you to myself.

Thank you.

Ms Guy



HSBC UK DISABILITY HUB: STOURPORT

Come and join us –

All on Sundays

New start time - **11AM till 1PM**

£5 per rider Pay on the day

A carer can ride for free

All disabilities welcomed!

Venue –

Stourport Sports Club

The, Kingsway, Stourport-on-Severn
DY13 8BQ

This year's dates –

February 26th

March 26th

April 23rd

May 21st

June 25th

July 30th

August 27th

September 24th

October 29th

November 26th

Life Beyond School 2023

It was great to see so many parents at the Life Beyond School event. I hope you agree that this is an invaluable way to start planning for when your child leaves WFS, it's never too early to start! It was fantastic to see the pupils taking part during the day, discovering their college and social care options. Visiting providers commented on how confident and positive the pupils were. We are very grateful to those providers who supported the event, it was a pity that some of them left early. If you missed out on chatting to them, you can find out more information about Careers and Transitions in the **Moving On** and **Choices** booklets found on our school website.

We'd love to hear your comments about how we can improve the event, please send your feedback to Rebekah, Rthompson@wfs.worcs.sch.uk.

Friends of Wyre Forest School

To celebrate Mother's Day, the Friends of WFS will be opening a surprise gift shop in school on Thursday 16th March. The shop will be run by parent/carers volunteers and each gift will cost £3. There will be a selection of gifts for students to choose from encouraging decision making and independent thinking in a safe, comfortable environment. If you'd like your child to take part, please look out for more information after half-term.

If you'd like to get in touch or have any questions, please contact us via

friendsofwyreforestschoo@gmail.com



HOLI



This week Pathway 3 have been celebrating the Hindu festival of Holi. They have been looking at and exploring colours and thinking about what each of the different colours meant to them. They have created some beautiful pieces of artwork. They also took part in a whole pathway celebration with our guest visitor, Kalpesh. He taught the pupils some traditional Holi dances and ended our festival with a wonderful celebration where pupils were able to throw powder paints.

Thank you to parents for sharing this celebration with us.



More photographs to follow in the next edition of the newsletter.

**Kidderminster
Foodbank
Opening hours:
Mondays,
Wednesdays & Fridays
12.30 to 3pm**



MARCH 2023	
1	Teacher Strike Day – <i>if your child's class is affected you will have already been notified by text.</i>
3	World Book Day
8	Willow, Hazel, Sycamore Mythical Creature Art Gallery 1.30pm
10	Early Years Family Support Group 1.30pm at Russell House for Parents of children in ACORNS Reception
15	Sixth Form Coffee Afternoon 1.45pm
17	Comic Relief
20	Vaccinations for Year 9 ONLY – please remember to click on the link on the letter to say if you do or do not give consent.
24	Early Years Family Support Group 1.30pm at Russell House for Parents of children in ACORNS Reception
27	EYFS Easter Egg Hunt
28	Pathway 1 Easter Egg Hunt & Picnic 1.30pm
30	Pathway 2 Easter Egg Hunt & Picnic 1.30pm

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