

# Newsletter Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2023

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## Information for Parents



Please can someone put the brakes on!! The weeks seem to be flying past and I can't believe we're in March already.

Yesterday, World Book Day, was fabulous. The pupils and staff looked amazing and as usual Mrs Phillips had organised such a brilliant day with lots going on - thank you Mrs Phillips. Look out for the photos - there are some awesome costumes, although Mrs Kehoe did get a funny look when she did her shopping after school yesterday 😊

On Wednesday two classes were closed due to strike action. The NEU is currently set to strike again 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> March. We will notify any classes affected as soon as we know what is happening.

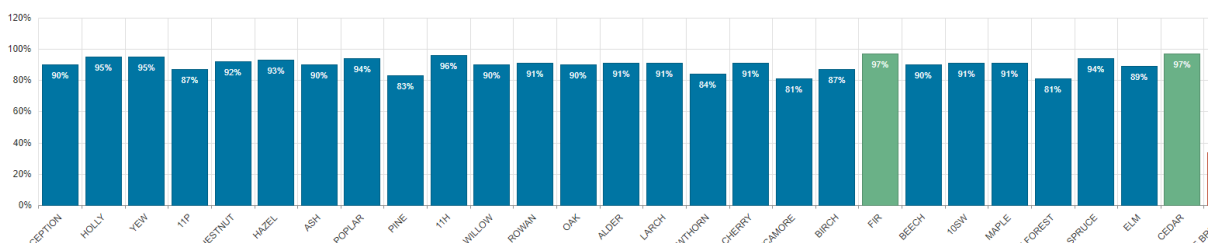
Please can I ask that only Blue Badge holders park in the disabled bays and that the badges MUST be displayed. If we can try and prioritise these bays for wheelchair users, it would be much appreciated. We have visually impaired, hearing impaired, physically impaired children and children with no sense of danger at our school. If you can be mindful of that when you drive around our car park so that everyone feels safe.

Next week is National Careers Week, 17<sup>th</sup> March is Comic Relief so look out for further details. 21<sup>st</sup> March is World Down Syndrome Day so PLEASE wear your odd socks to show your awareness. 27<sup>th</sup> March is Autism Awareness Week and there will be lots of activities in school. Also, look out for Easter activities where you can come into school.

27<sup>th</sup> March work on a new playground begins which is very exciting. It should be finished when we return after Easter, and I can't wait to see the children using it.

Also, congratulations to Beth Burns, Lucy Campbell and Vicki Boden-Turner who have all had their beautiful babies.

Our attendance is still above National compared with other Special Schools, well done.



## CEDAR Class



Cedar class have been working hard at their physio activities. A good stretch is good for everyone! We've stretched out on our classroom mats with lovely straight legs and we've had fun interacting in the hall. We have been grasping parachutes and pompoms, reaching, and exploring with 1 or 2 hands. Tracking moving objects. Some of us have been propelling ourselves around the room in the Rabbit Walker.



## ROWAN Class

This week we have started our new topic "On the Farm" in Literacy we have read Mr. Men on the Farm Rowan class have enjoyed listening to the story, have retold the story in their own words as a group and also hunted for capital letters within the text.



In World about Us we have looked at what types of foods farm animals eat. Researching using our iPads to find out what animals eat and then discussed them as a whole group. Rowan class were fantastic at this and could even start to categorise this information into herbivore's, carnivores, or omnivores.

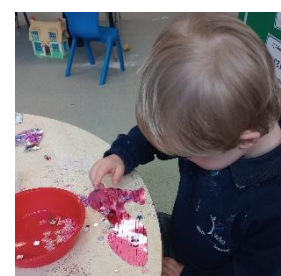
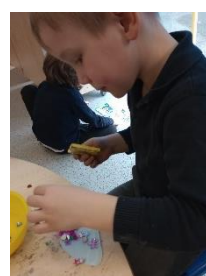
During play activities the children have also had fun building a wooden barn, using Lego to make a farm with the animals and play doh to cut animal shapes.



## OAK Class



Oak class have started their new topic of fairy tales for this term and have been busy making their own glass slippers using sequins and glitter.



## 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/carer 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 and haven't already returned your form, please do so as soon as possible. Letters were sent home earlier this week.

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

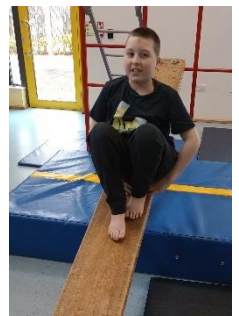
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### FIR Class



This week in fir class we have been using the climbing frame in PE developing our abilities to climb on, over and through.



We have also been doing some great turn taking both in class and in swimming and been looking at symbols and being able to recognise what they are.



## ACORNS – Reception



This week, Acorns Reception have been exploring the story, The Gingerbread Man to begin our Traditional Tales topic. We have been enjoying reading the story with our friends, played with the number cards, re-created the story with Play Dough and even made Gingerbread Men that tasted yummy! Well done Acorns for a great first week back.



In Acorns, Rosie's class have started off their learning all about traditional tales, looking at the Three Little Pigs. We really enjoyed making our chocolate houses made of sticks and putting Percy Pigs on them.



Kidderminster College

Well done to all those pupils who have made applications and attended interviews and taster days at colleges.

All pupils who will start at Kidderminster college in September should attend their KIT Day on 8<sup>th</sup> March 4pm-6pm.

# What is a KIT Day?

A KIT day gives you the opportunity to **meet** your potential classmates and course tutors and **take part** in activities related to the course before college starts in September.

Your KIT day will be **two** hours long and will take place at Kidderminster college on **Wednesday 8th March**.



Students from Dancing Leaves made some bespoke cards.

They addressed envelopes and sent them to organisations who attended the Life Beyond event.

### Easter egg hunt for Pathway 1 and 2.

Pathway 1 pupils and parents/carers are invited to come to an Easter Egg hunt on the 28<sup>th</sup> of March at 1:30pm and Pathway 2 pupils and parents/carers are invited to come to an Easter Egg hunt on the 30<sup>th</sup> March at 1:30pm.

Pupils will be sharing Easter bonnets or hats that they will make in school and will need your help to search for Easter Eggs around the Forest school. Please feel free to bring a blanket and a little picnic for you and your child to enjoy with us too.

We look forward to seeing you then.



### **Russell House News**

We have had a fun week back at Russell House. We have been baking at youth club, had fun at the park, visited cricket club and went shopping. We welcomed our outside advocacy team Our Way, they brought some lovely arts and crafts for us all to do.



### **6<sup>th</sup> Form Newsletter**

Please follow this link and enjoy our 6<sup>th</sup> Form Newsletter

[Sixth Form Newsletter 3/3/23 \(office.com\)](https://www.office.com)

More colourful photographs from the Hindu festival of Holi





World Book Day at WFS is always brilliant, but this year was spectacular! Here are just a few of photos from the day, but there will be a bumper World Book Day edition next week. A massive thank you to W H Smiths in Kidderminster for providing our school with the World Book Day books- you made it extra special!



MARCH 2023	
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 Nursery & Reception
15	Sixth Form Coffee Afternoon 1.45pm
16	Mother's Day/carer gift shop for children
17	Comic Relief
20	Vaccinations for Year <b>9 ONLY</b>
24	Early Years Family Support Group 1.30pm at Russell House for Parents of children in ACORNS Nursery & Reception
27	EYFS Easter Egg Hunt
28	Pathway 1 Easter Egg Hunt & Picnic 1.30pm – parents/carers invited
30	Pathway 2 Easter Egg Hunt & Picnic 1.30pm – parents/carers invited

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**