



# Newsletter 30<sup>th</sup> September 2016

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**Menu Week:** Week beginning 3<sup>rd</sup> October will be Week 1

## Data Collection Sheets



With this week's newsletter you will be receiving a data collection sheet which details the information held in school with regards to your child. If any of the contact information is incorrect please return the form to school office and we will change it accordingly, thank you.

## Primary Playground Gates – Morning

As from Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> October we will open the Primary Playground Gates at 8.40am and close them again at 8.55am. Any parents that arrive late or are still in class will need to use the front door from this point onwards.

## HAZEL Class

Hazel Class are having a wonderful time learning more about Vikings on our weekly visits to Bishops Wood. We have been working in the 'hobbit house' to make clay runes and pots and look forward to listening to Viking stories in the boat. It's an adventure every week!



## WFS Astro Turf - Fundraising



### Parents Evening Raffle

Thank you to the families and staff attending Parents Evening you have helped to raise the first £64.50 towards WFS much needed astro turf.

Also a big thank you to the two very helpful pupils for offering to stay after school to man the raffle table. I think that you would all agree that they did a great job encouraging staff and parents/carers to buy tickets.

## ROWLAND HILL Class



Pupils in Rowland Hill Class had quite a surprise during English! Our very own Mr Liggitt pretended to be the character Skellig and hid in our role play garage area. Pupils really identified with how the main character must have felt finding a mystery man in his garage. The writing that followed was fabulous!



## And talking of our own Mr Liggitt...



**BRINTON Class** has started on a course of bell boating sessions with Mr Liggitt. This is a great outdoor activity building strong bonds within the class. Pupils are working hard and following instructions to stay safe. So far pupils have come up close to a heron and paddled through a long dark tunnel; both were very exciting experiences. Each pupil has been challenged to something new and so far everyone has risen to their individual challenges!! Well done Brinton Class-keep up the good work!

## School Nursing Team Message

The school nurse and First -aid team are working to improve the health of children in school with asthma as part of 'Guidance on the use of emergency inhalers in school' Department of Health 2015.

You will shortly be receiving a questionnaire from us for to complete if your child has asthma. We are implementing a register of all children with asthma in school, and asking parents to complete a form and sign if they are happy for the school's Salbutamol inhaler to be used in the event of an emergency. Only completed forms can be added to the asthma register in school. The register will then be reviewed annually. When the register and emergency inhaler are in school, it remains your responsibility to ensure that your child has a working, in-date emergency Salbutamol inhaler in school at all times.



OCTOBER	
6	Art Trip for relevant students
7	<b>HAZEL ASSEMBLY</b>
10	Sixth Form Residential – individual students
14	<b>BEECH ASSEMBLY</b>
14	Maths Day
14	Early Years Parent Support Group at Russell House
19	Stay & Play – Early Years Hub
21	<b>PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS</b>
<b>Monday 24<sup>th</sup> – Friday 28<sup>th</sup> October 2016 HALF TERM – SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS</b>	

## Exciting project news from our Vocational Hub classes

### Design Technology with Mrs Wright and Mr Hughes



We are now 4 weeks into the half term and pupils in DT have all settled in well and are busy planning, designing and making some fantastic products.

Our Year 8 groups are completing a textile owl projects that focuses on using decorative hand stitching. It also links in with their literacy unit Skellig.

Our Year 9 pupils are making some very complex winter themed German Pyramids. This involves following some very complex instructions to make a very intricate piece of work. They have really bought into it and I'm looking forward to seeing their finished products.

Our Year 10 group have started working on the Christmas market that was so popular last year. They have been researching products that they wish to make and learning about batch production. We will keep you posted about dates for the market in due course.



We would like to welcome Nigel Kennedy Class into the DT room. We have been getting to know our new pupils and are making some three dimensional pumpkins and will be adding a variety of materials to them to create different textures. They have done a fantastic job of coming up to the room and settling in well and I'm looking forward to seeing more of what they can do in the weeks ahead.



Year 11 are starting their examination coursework. They have all worked really hard and are all making some really exciting products. I can't wait to see their final outcomes.

### Food Technology with Mrs Guy and Mrs Kirby



It has been a busy old time in the Food Tech department since we returned in September.

We are now on our fourth week, and in that time, Loree Napier Class have been looking at electrical kitchen equipment - the food processor, pancake maker, juicer, grill and liquidiser, it has been great to use labour saving devices, especially for our own cooked breakfast and orange and chocolate chip muffins.

Nigel Kennedy Class have been settling down well and learning about kitchen equipment, we had a great lesson making and decorating fairy cakes, thanks to the use of our electrical whisks.





Year 10 Catering students have also been learning how to make their own afternoon tea!

Lastly well done to our next group of GCSE catering students, who have been producing a variety of different soups, practising their knife skills and produced amazing macaroons, a first for us all! The macaroons can be sampled at the Macmillan coffee morning, so bring those spare pennies as you will have a treat in store.

### And finally.... Some FANTASTIC news from the PE Department...



#### School Games **GOLD Mark 2015/6**

The PE department has excelled this year in leaping from Bronze directly to the **GOLD AWARD**.

This year we had a special validation visit from an official from Sheffield University. He said that the school had 'undersold' themselves and that they are worthy of the highest award that can be offered.



*"All students are provided at least 2 hours of PE. We have a strong extra-curricular programme at lunchtime and after school to provide students with the opportunity to take part. Last year 63% of our students engaged in extra-curricular sporting activities in an average week. Some of our weekly clubs include lunchtime football club with Sam Hughes and Lisa Roberts, Lunchtime Dance club with Rosie Hopkins, Justine Humphries and Michaela Griffin. After school lower phase football club run by Chris Millington through the FA mash up programme and the middle/upper phase football club through partnership with Kidderminster Harriers Community programme.*

*WFS offer a comprehensive competition calendar through intra and inter school sport. WFS took part in 14 school games competitions, and took part in 6 inter school events.*

*16% of the students took part in leading, managing and officiating sports. Teachers value leadership opportunities and offer various roles and responsibilities to 'learn to lead' during lessons such as organising equipment, being a captain and evaluating their own performance. 10 students from year 11 formed our own 'School Sports Crew' who plan weekly activity challenges, support healthy living through recipes that feature in this newsletter, and support key school sport games.*

*WFS uses sports coaches to help deliver: football, sailing, cycling and swimming. Many school staff have been trained to support various other school sports. The school also has good links with several local sports clubs."*



We are really proud of gaining this award, and look forward to progressing things even further next year.

