

Newsletter Friday 8th December 2023

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Information for Parents



I am so looking forward to the WFS Christmas Fair on Saturday 11.30am - 2.30pm and I do so hope we will see lots of you there. I have heard that Santa has changed his plans to make sure he is with us on Saturday which is incredibly exciting. I am also very pleased that our friends from Moule Close will be having five stalls at our Fair this year which is fabulous. We all work so closely together for the benefit of our children that joining together makes brilliant sense.

The 'Friends of WFS' have worked incredibly hard on organising this fair and having lots of you here will make them incredibly happy - it's bigger and better this year if that could be possible.

Thank you 'Friends of WFS' we really appreciate it.

See you Saturday!



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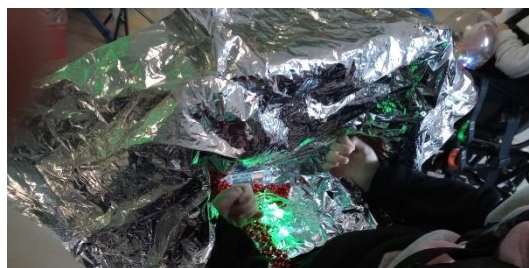
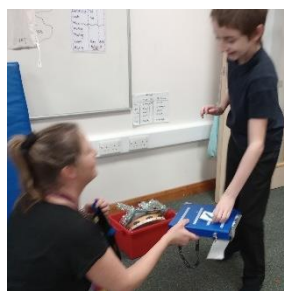
Friendly reminder – please return Christmas Lunch order forms by Monday 11th December at the very latest, thank you.

We raised **£300** for BBC Children in Need with our Pyjama Day & Dance-a-thon!



CEDAR Class

We like our Shark In the Snow story. We especially like changing our image with the wintery hats and gloves. We particularly like to feel the woollen, bobbly and fluffy textures. Some of us like to place our hands inside the gloves! Hats have not been as popular with some of the class, preferring to just feel and wear the gloves. While others laughed and giggled as we dressed up to keep warm during this cold week of wintery weather!!! Next week, the music that accompanies our story will become more Christmassy!! I wonder who will be the first one to notice? "Let it snow, let it snow!!"



POPLAR Class

In creative arts Poplar Class have been using salt dough and playdough to create our own Christmas ornaments. We used a rolling pin and different Christmas cutters to create our ornaments. Well done Poplar Class.



6th Form News



Blossom Tree Café were nominated for a No Barriers award.

On Thursday evening, two sixth-form students, along with two staff went along to an awards ceremony at Wyre Forest District Council Offices where they accepted an award on behalf of everyone who is involved with the café. We are so proud of all of the students.

Reminder of opening times, please come down and support.



Café Opening Times

 CAFE	Monday - CLOSED
	Tuesday - 10.00am - 1.30pm
	Wednesday - 10.00am - 1.30pm
 CAFE	Thursday - 10.00am - 1.00pm
	Friday - 10.30am - 1.00pm
 CAFE	Saturday - 10.00am - 1.00pm
 CAFE	Sunday - CLOSED

PEAR Class

In maths in Pear Class this week we have been enjoying filling and emptying containers and using language such as full, almost empty and empty. The children have really enjoyed transferring water from one container to another. Splish Splash.



PARENT POP-IN



PARENT POP-IN WFS PARENTS & CARERS

EVERY MONDAY
FROM 2PM IN OUR
FAMILY HUB

COME ALONG TO ACCESS
SUPPORT AROUND SEND,
FINANCES, BEHAVIOUR, SLEEP,
HOUSING, TRANSPORT AND
MUCH MORE!

THE SUPPORTING FAMILIES TEAM CAN NOW BE
CONTACTED VIA EMAIL AT
SUPPORTINGFAMILIES@WFS.WORCS.SCH.UK

SUPPORT HELPLINES

COPING AT CHRISTMAS

Christmas can be tough. That's why it's important to know
there's always someone you can talk to.



0300 123 3393
Helpline
mind.org.uk



Text SHOUT to 85258
24/7 text service
giveusashout.org



116 123
24/7 helpline
samaritans.org



Text YM to 85258
24/7 text service
youngminds.org.uk



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Helpline for men
thecalmzone.net



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Under 35s Helpline
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6th Form Newsletter

Please follow this link and enjoy our 6th Form Newsletter

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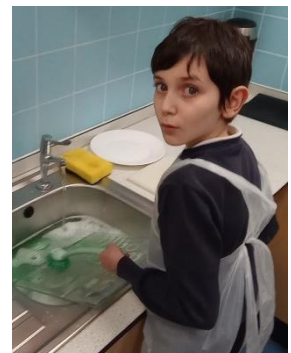
JUNIPER Class



Juniper Class have been developing their independence skills this half term in their weekly cooking skills lesson. Our focus has been to develop safe use of kitchen equipment such as toasters, sandwich toasters and tin openers. Everyone has been learning how to work safely in the food technology room, as well as learning about the importance of hand hygiene when preparing food.

To encourage independence pupils have been collecting their own equipment and following simple instructions to make snacks such as toast, toasted sandwiches and beans or spaghetti hoops on toast, using different electrical equipment with minimal support from staff. Pupils have repeated each activity the following week without the support of an instruction sheet, and we have been really pleased with how pupils have remembered what to do on their own. Everyone has taken turns to use equipment and worked well in their groups to make sure that at the end of the lessons everything is washed, cleaned, and put away in the right place.

A great incentive for this is that when the kitchen is clean and tidy everyone can eat the snacks that they have made!





Communication Team News

Hi everyone,

Here's a Communication and Interaction top tip for this week:

When you are out and about talk about something you and your child can both see.... play 'I Spy'.

- Take turns with your child to pick an item you can see around you.
- Say 'I spy with my little eye something beginning with...' saying the sound that the object's name begins with, not the letter's name. For example, 'I spy with my little eye, something beginning with sss' (S).
- By using the sound as opposed to the name, you're helping your child to spot the word sound, which is helpful when it comes to learning to read.



The benefits of playing I Spy with your child:

- It's great for your child to get thinking about the sounds that make up words - particularly the sounds that start different words.
- It allows your child to exercise their imagination as they look for objects and words to use in playing the game.
- It gets them to practise saying lots of different words for objects they know.
- It gets them practising taking turns. This is great for conversation practise and social skills.
- It is also **free and fun to do anywhere!**



Kind Regards,

The Communication Team



LEMON Class

To continue with our Winter theme, this week's story has been The Gruffalo's Child and we have had lots of fun reading it so far. The children in Lemon Class all sat together for our first group story session to handle the cuddly characters and experience the story together. We especially liked that Big Bad Mouse! On Tuesday, we made Gruffalo faces using Aided Language Displays to make requests for the craft items that we needed in Expressive Art & Design. Hopefully if the rain stops, we are going to re-create our own winter walk through the Deep Dark Wood in Forest School to find the different story characters hidden around the area!



Please return any Early Years Nativity attendance slips.
Thank you.

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10H News

With the help of local councillors, 10H have purchased 350 saplings to create a sensory and mental health garden area. The whole class have been working very hard to plant them all in the much colder weather. Well done 10H.



SYCAMORE Class

This week in Sycamore Class we have enjoyed decorating our Velcro Christmas tree. We enjoyed going to the new playground using the climbing equipment and exploring the sensory tunnel, especially watching the water that had collected on the top as we tapped it to make it move.



APPLE Class

Apple Class have officially started the countdown to Christmas and the filming of the Nativity has started. Wish us luck!



WALNUT Class

Walnut Class have been working hard this week.

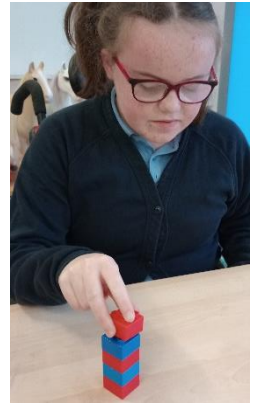
In literacy they have been looking at lots of different books and talked about "who" "doing" with "what".

They were also able to talk about the settings while looking at the story books.

In maths the children have been looking at patten, the children enjoyed making their own using blocks.

They have also been talking about "shorter" and "longer" in maths and were able to sort items from shortest to longest.

The children have also enjoyed using thermometers to see what temperature the water was when it had been left in different places.



HAWTHORN Class

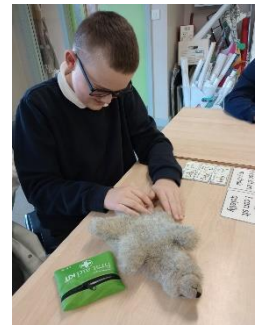


In Hawthorn Class we have started our Christmas decorations for our classroom and heard the story of Little Robin Red Vest. We then made some sentences to describe the characters and the story. During PE, we were following instructions to move our bodies in different ways, both on our own and with a partner.



OAK Class

In mental health and wellbeing this week we have been describing the differences between feeling well and unwell. Who can help us when we are feeling poorly and talking about when we might need to use medication. We have also been practicing how to apply plasters and bandages.



Elves



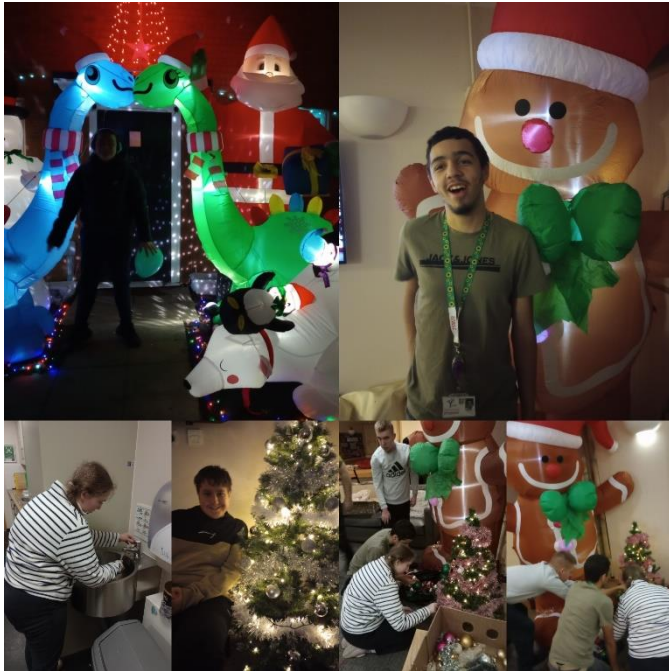
Pupils have been busy in the elves' workshop making some fabulous items that will all be for sale in the upcoming WFS Christmas fayre this Saturday.



Russell House News

This week saw the return of our naughty elves Tickles and Pickles, they have been up to lots of mischief.

We have been feeling very Christmassy putting up the decorations, Christmas baking and going Christmas light hunting. We have also been to soft play, shopping, youth club and had a visit from Our Way, they brought us the ingredients to make gingerbread cookies.





DECEMBER 2023	
9	Friends of WFS – Christmas Fair – 11.30am – 2.30pm
13	Pathway 3 – Christmas Carol Concert – 1.30pm
14	EYFS Nativity for Parents – 2pm
15	EYFS Nativity for Parents – 9.30am
18	Pathway 2 - Christmas Carols & Crafts with Parents – 1.30pm
19	Pathway 1 – Christmas Stay & Play with Parents – 1.30pm
20	Christmas Dinner for pupils
21	Pathway 4 – Christmas Quiz with Parents – Time TBA
22	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