

Newsletter Friday 15th December 2023

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Information for Parents



It's been another busy week at WFS! Everyone is tired but working hard and looking forward to breaking up next Friday 22nd December.

A massive thank you to the Friends of Wyre Forest for organising a fantastic Christmas Fair and for everyone who came and supported us. Father Christmas said he had such a good time that he would be returning on Friday 22nd December to visit every class!!

Also thank you to one of the families who kindly donated a Kidderminster Harriers ticket to every child in the school. These will be coming out soon.



Also, we have a family that is connected to The Virdee Foundation, and we have been given lots of brand new and beautiful gloves, hats and scarves which are making very good use of - thank you. We look forward to working together more in 2024.

We also have had a family that donated £100 for musical instruments which I am looking forward to spending on the pupils - very generous thank you.

This week I have very much enjoyed Pathway 3 Carol Concert which was fabulous with lots of you supporting the event and the Reception Nativity which was perfect - definitely getting us into the Christmas spirit. Check out the newsletter for all the events next week including Christmas jumper week.



As part of the remodelling of the St Johns building, we have had a new sensory room in The Orchard. I tested it out this morning and loved it - if people can't find me, they now know where to look 😊

On Tuesday 19th December we say goodbye to Jane Bennett who has been employed by the school (in all its guises) since **1998**! Jane is our fabulous first aider, part of the communication team and runs the transport in the compound with military precision.

We are certainly going to miss her, and she is absolutely irreplaceable - enjoy your retirement Jane and thank you for everything.





"Calling all chocolate and biscuit eaters! Please would you save all sweet tubs and biscuit tins that are used over Christmas and pass on to the secondary food room please. Also, if you have any containers at home that came from school would you return."

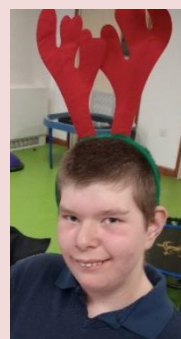
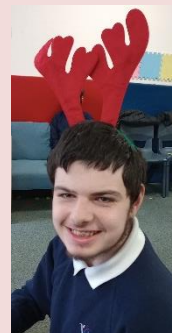
Thank you, Jillie Guy".



FIR Class



This week we have getting into the Christmas spirit decorating our class Christmas tree.



6th Form Newsletter

Please follow this link and enjoy our 6th Form Newsletter

[Friday 15th December 2023 \(office.com\)](https://office.com)

OLIVE Class



Olive Class have been using a variety of tools in forest school to create their own wooden Christmas decoration. They have safely used a wood saw, a drill and decorated their own designs on to the wood cookies. We can't wait to show you all the finished result!



Edenred free school meal vouchers for the Christmas period will be emailed to parents of eligible children on **Wednesday 20th December** – not Nursery and pupils in Years 12,13 and 14.

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



Friends of Wyre Forest School

We're delighted to announce you've raised an incredible **£2,280.53** through our school's Christmas fundraising efforts. Thank you so much to all the wonderful WFS families and staff for your ongoing support and generosity - none of this would be possible without you! All monies raised will be invested back into our school to benefit WFS students.

Our Christmas Fair was a brilliant day, and the highlight was seeing so many happy, smiling faces. As well as the WFS families and staff, we must also give a special mention to our friends at Moule Close, Dancing Leaves, Kidderminster Male Choir, Copper Beech Brewery, Santa and his elves, and of course, the spectacular dancing snowman, Olaf!

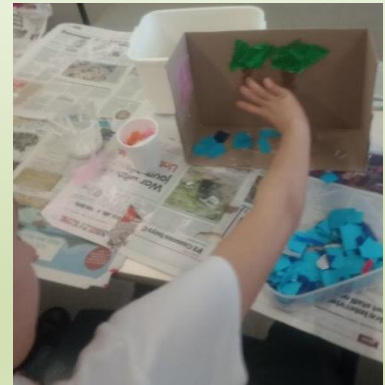
Wishing you all a wonderful Christmas and thank you again for your support, it is very much appreciated.

The Friends



PEAR Class

In Pear Class this week we have been looking at the different habitats of different animals. We have enjoyed making polar, desert, sea, and rainforest habitats.



CHESTNUT Class

This week, Chestnut Class have been exploring 2d shapes. We have been matching shapes, been on a shape hunt, used a dip bag to explore how each shape feels and have been creating shape pictures.



Weekly Walk



MAPLE Class

We have been enjoying our Christmassy activities, in physical and sensory we focussed on using both our hands independently to mix our icing and carefully build our biscuit houses. We precisely placed sweets onto our houses to decorate them. We used our ALDs to request our items and to comment on how yummy they were.



WILLOW Class

Willow Class have had some wonderful hard work happening in class this week! The children have been designing Christmas cards using the iPads, we have seen some brilliant designs! In cooking we have been busy making some fruit Santa's! They were very tasty. Brilliant work willow class.



LEMON Class

This week, Lemon Class have been feeling very festive! We have been exploring the story, We're Going on a Sleigh Ride and found all of the different gifts that Santa dropped off on his journey and enjoyed the story props to match. We began Christmas crafts with bauble making and played with the large stars on the activity frame. We have also been practicing our Nativity songs & are very excited to have all of our special grownups watch it!



ORANGE Class



This week Orange Class have been doing all things Nativity ready for our Christmas Nativity Thursday and Friday. In between we have been making our Christmas crafts ready to take home next week for our parents and carers.



YEW Class

Yew Class have been enjoying all things Christmas this week. Lots of crafting, Christmas singing and baking. We loved making our Christmas presents to our families in cooking and did lots of quality control testing too.





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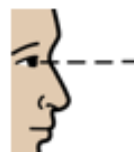
Communication Team News

Hi everyone,

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

Give instructions to your child in clear short sentences to support them to understand what you want them to do.

- Gain your child's attention first e.g., use their name.
- Get down to their level if you can.
- Chunk instructions. This means breaking down instructions into smaller bits. This will make the information easier to process.
- Give them time to process the information before giving them another instruction.
- Use positive language if you can. Tell them what you want them to do e.g., instead of, 'Don't run' say 'Walk.'
- Play Simon says, this will help your child to follow instructions, make it fun!



Kind Regards,

The Communication Team



WHSmith

WHSmith in Kidderminster have very kindly donated lots of lovely stationery and art supplies – thank you very much.

SYCAMORE Class

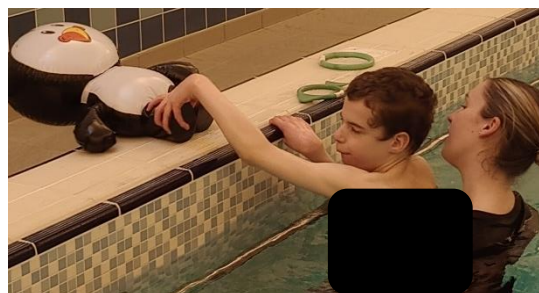


This week Sycamore Class have been working on turn taking and developing functional play skills.



CEDAR Class

Cedar Class had a very different class swim on Wednesday. They were joined by Father Christmas and his friends for a Christmas pool party. They all made their own choices about who their favourite festive visitor was, one student kept splashing them with a very cheeky giggle, another student looked at Father Christmas and yawned. A couple of students were not impressed and refused to have anything to do with them. One student even evicted them all out of the pool. But I think the adults secretly enjoyed the pool party visitors.



APPLE Class

Christmas has definitely taken over Apple Class this week. We have made Christmas tree cards using our hands. Decorated our own Christmas tree again and again! Colour matching activity, which the children have been amazing at. Used Christmas shapes in our playdough and also shown amazing listening skills using ALD to colour Santa.



WALNUT Class



Walnut class have been extremely busy this week. They have worked really hard on practicing for their carol concert, and they sang really well. In "the world about us" they have continued to talk about where water comes from and made their own water cycle. In Literacy they have worked really hard thinking of characters and settings, and then finished by writing their own story.

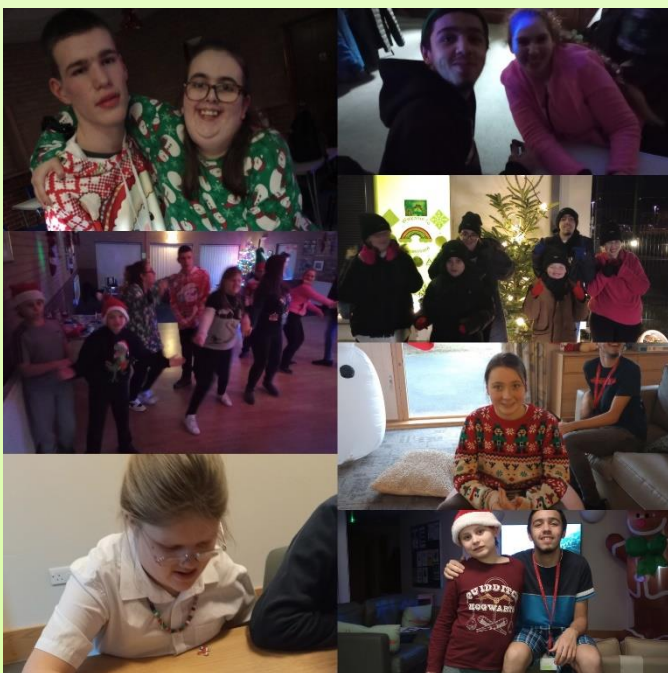


Russell House News



We have had a wonderful Christmassy week. We have been to Cooks Garden centre to see the beautiful decorations. We danced the night away at PODS disco. On Wednesday we went on an adventure "park in the dark" we went fully prepared with high vis jackets and more importantly hot chocolate.

Our pesky elves have been up to their usual tricks.



EVENT



Stourport Cornerstone Rooms

SUNDAY 19TH DECEMBER

Session 1:
11:00am - 1:30pm
Quiet session. Reduced capacity & low noise music

THEMED SENSORY FOCUSED ACTIVITIES

Santa's Grotto

FREE DRESSING

Giant snow globe photo opportunities

Biscuit decorating

CHRISTMAS CRAFTING

CHRISTMAS TREATS

Sensory Room

TOY STALL

Christmas music

Olaf visit at...
1pm & 4pm

£12 over 2's including 1 present per child and 1 free adult

£6 for Under 2's

BOOK HERE:
www.trybooking.co.uk/COZE

SENstation

DECEMBER 2023	
18	Pathway 2 - Christmas Carols & Crafts with Parents – 1.30pm
19	Pathway 1 – Christmas Stay & Play with Parents, in the sports hall – Cedar, Alder, Sycamore & Fir classes <u>1.00-1.45pm</u> Holly, Beech, Yew, Elm & Larch classes – <u>1.45 – 2.30pm</u>
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

