

Newsletter Friday 24th May 2024

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Information for Parents



How has another half term whizzed by so quickly! It has been incredibly busy for everyone, and the children have made some great progress.

After half term we will let you know about classes for September - teachers resignation date is 31.5.24 which is why we don't tell you before this date. Remember Teaching Assistants only have to give 4 weeks' notice, so this is always subject to change until August.

As a school we take the views of parents and carers very seriously and the Family Support Team have run lots of opportunities to come together and attend training. The Cerebra sleep workshop I know was a great hit and hopefully one we can organise to run again.

I would like to invite parents to a 'Listening Forum' 2nd July at Russell House 2pm. I want to explore what's working well, and what's not so good and if we can make changes make them and if we can't explain why. If you are able to come to this event, please email office@wfs.worcs.sch.uk to confirm.

Have a lovely half term and here's hoping for some sunshine.

LARCH Class



This week has been all about BUGS! We have all enjoyed lots of sensory play with spaghetti worms in cocoa powder soil, explored using a magnifying glass, painted half a butterfly shape then folded it half to make a symmetrical print, used our fingers to paint black spots onto a ladybird, used fine motor skills to pick up plastic minibeasts using tweezers and also enjoyed a hide and seek game with pictures of bugs printed then hidden under flour and oats. we had to use a paintbrush to move the oats around and discover the bug on the picture.



6th Form Newsletter

Please follow this link and enjoy our 6th Form Newsletter

[Friday 24th May 2024 \(cloud.microsoft\)](https://cloud.microsoft.com)

UPDATES to our WFS website

Online safety - [Social Media Parental Controls and Privacy Settings | Internet Matters](#)

This link has Step-by-step Guides to set controls on popular apps. Such as Snapchat and TikTok.

PARENT POP IN

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WFS PARENTS &
CARERS**

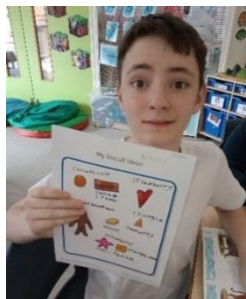
EVERY MONDAY
FROM 2PM IN OUR
FAMILY HUB

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

JUNIPER Class

Juniper Class have been busy planning an Enterprise Project. Following the success of our cooking sessions, we and decided that a good way to make money would be to cook and sell biscuits to peers in Pathway 3.



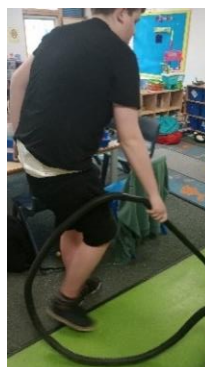
As part of our project, pupils used laptops to research images different types of biscuits before designing their own dream biscuit, taking into consideration the shape and size of the biscuit, how to decorate the biscuit and favourite flavour combinations. Some great ideas resulted, including chocolate and ginger, blueberry and vanilla and more interestingly, cookies that taste of chips!

Next half term pupils will look at packaging ideas, make advertising posters and design an order form, ready to collect orders and sell their biscuits. Any money made will be used to buy treats for an end of term party. Well done Juniper Class fantastic teamwork.



FIR Class

This week we have been focusing on our independence skills, doing jobs to keep our class tidy.



10P STW Workshop



SEVERN
TRENT
WATER

Rob Jansen from Severn Trent Water visited us on Monday.

Learners took part in activities that showed how much water some everyday tasks use, like cleaning teeth, flushing a toilet, washing a car, taking a shower or watering the garden. They then learned about some simple but effective ways to save water around the home.



OLIVE Class



Olive class have had a brilliant half term cooking and improving their independence skills as well as trying lots of new things - this term we made and tried hot chocolate, pot noodle, cup a soup, spaghetti, beans & cheese on toast! Well done Olive class!



PEAR Class



This week in Pear Class the children have performed a fantastic assembly on Monday for World Bee Day. We shared posters that we had made and also made little bee gardens to attract the bees.

We enjoyed cooking as well making pancakes with lots of yummy toppings.



OAK Class

In literacy this week, Oak class have been looking at the definitions of different words. We have been exploring how to use a thesaurus and dictionary to help us find out more about what words mean.



We have also been working hard in maths, practicing how to recognise times on the clock. We enjoyed a scavenger hunt outside, where we had to find the correct clocks hidden around the playground.



Parenting Workshops



Starting Well Partnership
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The Starting Well Partnership offers an exciting array of parenting groups and workshops. All sessions are free to attend and run by trained staff and volunteers from the Starting Well Partnership.

Some of the workshops available include:

- Fussy Eaters
- Sleep
- Understanding Your Child's Behaviour
- Understanding Your Teen's Brain & Development

These workshops run across the county. Book by calling our 1 simple number: 01905 520 032 or scan the QR code to visit www.trybooking.com/uk/eventlist/startingwellpartnership



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SYCAMORE Class

On Friday last week Sycamore class had a lovely time at Wyre Forest walking with Molly. We also enjoyed looking at the Gruffalo characters. They were so well behaved. Well done Sycamore class.



Job Event

We held a Job Event last week in school where lots of our learners had the opportunity to meet people from different companies and organisations who came to tell us about the jobs they do.

The children learnt a lot about different jobs and asked some brilliant questions.



YEW Class

Yew class have thoroughly enjoyed their final food session of the half term, in the primary cooking room. They have worked hard to use cutlery and tools, and this week they painted some toast, using food colouring and milk. They watched at the colours went onto the bread, waited while it toasted, and then tasted some. Yum.



HOLLY Class

Holly class have had a wonderful term!

We have all done some fabulous work, especially working on our communication, independence and play skills.

We have really enjoyed getting messy...

Splashing around...

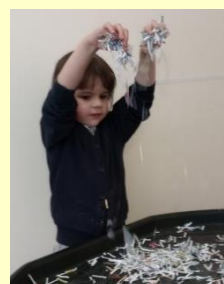


And getting creative...



LEMON Class

The children in Lemon Class have been very busy! We started our week with the story, Penguin's Big Adventure. We made Arctic snowstorms in class in the tuff tray and enjoyed handling the soft toys & story itself. We have also been busy practicing turn taking & sharing skills this week, especially with the new sand tray. We have been sharing the buckets and spades and have been making some lovely sandcastles together! Have a lovely half term Lemon Class.



HAWTHORN Class

This week Hawthorn class have been looking at holidays. We have spoken about the different ways we can get on holiday such as train and aeroplane. We made an aeroplane for the role play area and travelled to New York, Tenerife, and Disneyland! We have looked at different countries we could visit and different cultures. We have tried on some clothing, played some music, and copied some dances.



ORANGE Class

What an amazing start to our summer term in Orange class!

The children have worked so hard this term, we have been working on turn taking with our peers, playing alongside peers, and developing new friendships. Here's some pictures of the things that orange class have been up to this half term.



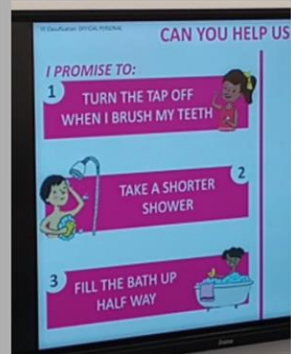
10P News



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Rob from Severn Trent joined our assembly last Friday. He spoke to 10P and 10H about the water cycle and how we can help save water every day.

Both classes made a promise to do their part in saving water.



Household Support Fund

What help is available?

One-off financial assistance with food, energy costs or a household item.

Who can apply?

Households in Wyre Forest struggling with the Cost of Living and/or unexpected costs.

How to apply

Online - www.wyreforestcab.org.uk/wyre-forest-household-support-fund

Phone - 01562 60194

In person - 21-23 New Rd, Kidderminster, DY10 1AF (9:30am—4pm)

Deadline: 30th September 2024

**citizens
advice** Wyre
Forest

Registered number 3205031

Get help with the **Cost of Living...**

WALNUT Class

We have been active this week in Walnut Class.

In PE the children have been practicing throwing and catching using beanbags and large balls. The children have also enjoyed taking part in chair yoga.

Well done Walnut Class another super week.



APPLE Class



Apple class children and families had a lovely time at our Animal Boogie Stay and Play. The weather was on our side, and we were able to enjoy this session in the Orchard Garden. We had themed tuff spots with looking for bugs, sensory farm, and jungle animal matching. Everyone enjoyed the music, sea creatures in water play, artic animals in ice and bubbles with under the sea. It was nice to see an amazing turn out and the interaction between all the children and families in Early Years. Thank you all for your support and have a lovely half term.





Communication Team News



Playground ALDs (Aided Language Displays)

Just letting you know we are very excited to share with you we now have some ALDs also known as communication boards displayed in the school playgrounds.

What are ALDs?

An Aided Language Display (ALD) is a single page containing vocabulary in symbols for an activity. It can be used by the adult and by the child. It is a visual way to understand and use language to say what you want and to comment.

Useful outdoor symbol resources available from Widgit to download which are free...

A set of 9 symbol recipes and information sheets on food you can eat outdoors

<https://www.widgit.com/resources/lifeskills/food/index.htm>



Story and colouring books about exploring the countryside

<https://www.widgit.com/products/autism-and-nature/alex-and-rosie-adventure.htm>



Kind regards,
The Communication Team



Information



SUMMER TIMETABLE

Talks are delivered online via zoom 7pm to 9pm £24 each
Book online at facefamilyadvice.co.uk

FREE - Supporting Healthy Sleep FREE - Cannabis & Ketamine Awareness	27 JUN 30 JUL
Understanding Addictive Behaviour	16 MAY, 11 JUL, 8 AUG
Understanding the Teenage Brain	20 MAY, 15 JUL
Raising Self-Esteem	21 MAY, 16 JUL
Supporting a Child with ADHD	23 MAY, 20 JUN, 18 JUL, 15 AUG
Anxiety Explained	30 MAY, 25 JUL, 22 AUG
Understanding Anger	3 JUN, 29 JUL, 26 AUG
Introduction to OCD	11 JUN, 6 AUG
Improving Family Communication	17 JUN, 12 AUG
Autism: Improving Communication	8 JUL, 5 AUG
What is ACT?	9 JUL
Decreasing Depression	23 JUL
Supporting Healthy Sleep	20 AUG
Today's Teens & Drugs	27 AUG

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WHAT WE HAVE BEEN UP TO THIS WEEK AT RUSSELL HOUSE

Group 1 Group 2

Monday Youth Club PODS Disco

Tuesday Sports Hall Sycamore Centre

Wednesday Our Way Soft Play

Thursday African Drumming

Ofsted Outstanding





JUNE 2024	
7	Reception Parent Support Group - Pathway information for Parents 1.30pm- at Russell House
11	Pathway information for Reception Parents – 5pm main school
12	Pathway 3 visit to Twycross Zoo
13	Young Citizens event at Kidderminster Fire Station. Pathway 4 and some of Pathway 3 – AM
14	Friends of WFS – Father’s Day / Carer Gift Shop
19	Sixth Form Pride Festival – pupil event for students only
20	HPV Vaccinations in school
21	Friends of WFS – Summer Fair Dress Down Day
27	EYFS Sports Day in Orchard Garden with Parents – 1.30pm
28	Leavers Party

JULY 2024	
3	Pathway 3 & 4 Sports Day 9.30am – 12pm Parents welcome
4	Meeting for parents of Year 11 pupils due to move to 6 th Form – 9.30am
5	Reception Parents Support Group – Russell House – 1.30pm
6	Friends of WFS – Summer Fair
8	Pathway 1 Sports Day – 1.30pm – BEECH, HOLLY, YEW & ELM - parents welcome
9	Post 14 & 16 Sports Day – afternoon event – pupils only Reception Welcome Evening for New Starters – 6pm in main school
11	CHERRY, HAWTHORN, ROWAN, POPLAR, ASH Sports Day 1.30pm – Parents welcome
12	Pathway 1 Sports Day – 1.30pm CEDAR, ALDER, FIR, SYCAMORE & LARCH – parents welcome Pupil Reports Home
15	CHESTNUT, BIRCH, HAZEL, MAPLE, WILLOW Sports Day 1.30pm – parents welcome
16	Pathway 2 End of Year celebration with Parents 1.30pm
17	Pathway 3 – End of Year Awards 1.30pm Parents welcome Early Years End of Year Celebration – 9.30am in main school – parents welcome
18	Pathway 4 – Awards Ceremony 1.30pm Parents welcome
19	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.