

Newsletter 16th December 2016

Pupils come back to school on Wednesday 4th January 2017

Menu Week: Week beginning 2nd January will be Week 1

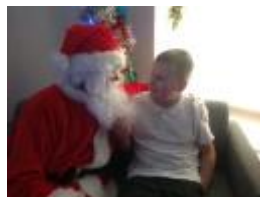
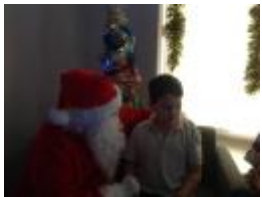
Christmas Fayre

Many, many thanks to all parents, carers, Governors and friends who came along to our Christmas Fayre last week, it was lovely to see so many of you there. The staff (and pupils!) worked really hard to make it such a success.



We raised an outstanding £1056.93

We enjoyed a visit from Father Christmas and some lucky pupils got to speak to the man himself!



Huge Congratulations to all our Christmas Card competition winners

All of Willow Class
Willow Rolls & Ruby Johnson - Birch Class
Finn Bell - Hazel Class
Troy Goode - Brock Class
All of Thrive Class
Tom Gill - Napier Class
Bronty O'Grady - Walter Nash Class
Morgan Dalloway & Star Foster - Kennedy Class
Lilith Webb – Inglis Class
Tanith Webb - Baldwin Class
Jordan Watt - Sixth Form



Some of our DT goodies which were on sale!



Tilly Evans from Hazel Class won a HUGE dinosaur for guessing the correct weight of the 'elf'.

Andy Train Class



The boys from Andy Train class made Christmas gifts to sell at the Christmas Fayre. This was our project for the last month with Rachel Wright in DT. The boys enjoyed the crafts especially the sensory touch of glitter and other sprinkles.



Elm Class

On Wednesday 7th December Elm class went on a trip to the Snowdome as part of this terms topic "Come and join the celebration." The whole class enjoyed playing in the snow, riding on toboggans, sledging down the slopes and throwing the odd snow ball. We all enjoyed the show where we met Santa and some of his cheeky elves before getting a chance to meet some real reindeer. The children all behaved beautifully and made all the grown-ups feel very proud.



Annual Reviews & EHCP Meetings

We would like to make all parents aware that Annual Reviews and EHCP Meetings will be taking place at Russell House (our residential unit) in the New Year. Please still come and sign in at school and you will be taken to Russell House by a member of staff. We feel this offers a more private and personal venue for these meetings.

Pre- Christmas Events in School

(Please look at some of the photos on our website under 'LATEST NEWS')

We've had some fabulous Pre-Christmas events in school over the last week or two that the children have enjoyed. Our Early Years children all took part in a "Tip Toe Nativity" production which was well attended and received by parents.

Our Lower Phase classes all enjoyed performing their production of "A Christmas Extravaganza" and the Middle Phase improvised due to illness with an impromptu service involving Christmas songs and a Christmas Story.

Everyone enjoyed it when the Kidderminster Male Voice Choir came in to school for a jolly sing-a-long of Christmas carols and songs.



After School Club

We closed our doors on Monday 12th December 2016 after many years of fun times and adventures. We would like to thank all the staff for their hard work but unfortunately due to budget restraints we are unable to continue. We will however be continuing with the ever popular holiday club.

Sad goodbyes this term.

We are sorry to say goodbye to Kim Price, Sophie Millichamp and Brigitte Sanders and we wish them every success with their future positions.

Quick request to parents...

Could parents and visitors please use the pedestrian gate when entering and leaving the school grounds and not the vehicular gate as it stops the gate from closing and is a potential security hazard. Thank you.

JANUARY	
3	PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS
4	First Day of Term
6	CHESTNUT ASSEMBLY
11 – 13	Residential at Pioneer Centre
19	Sixth Form Coffee Morning
20	BIRCH ASSEMBLY
25 – 27	Residential at Pioneer Centre
27	MAPLE ASSEMBLY
FEBRUARY	
1	Sponsored Sing A Long
1 – 3	Residential at Malvern
3	HAZEL ASSEMBLY
8 – 10	Residential at Malvern
9	Year 11 GCSE Catering Exam
10	Early Years Parent Support Group at Russell House
10	BEECH ASSEMBLY
15 or 16	Yr 9 & 10 Dance Project at Kidderminster College (Date to be confirmed)
15	PARENTS EVENING
15	Life Beyond School Event
17	CHESTNUT ASSEMBLY
HALF TERM Monday 20 th – Friday 24 th February 2017	

SPRING TERM 2017

**PROFESSIONAL
DEVELOPMENT DAY**

Tuesday 3rd January 2017

TERM STARTS

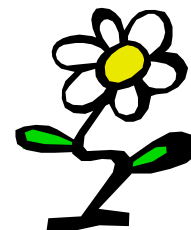
Wednesday 4th January 2017

HALF TERM

Monday 20th February 2017
Friday 24th February 2017

TERM ENDS

Friday 7th April 2017



SUMMER TERM 2017

**PROFESSIONAL
DEVELOPMENT DAY**

Monday 24th April 2017

TERM STARTS

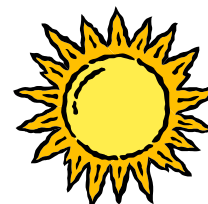
Tuesday 25th April 2017

HALF TERM

Monday 29th May 2017
Friday 2nd June 2017

TERM ENDS

Friday 21st July 2017



School Closed May Day

Monday 1st May 2017

AUTUMN TERM 2017

**PROFESSIONAL
DEVELOPMENT DAYS**

Friday 1st, Monday 4th & Tuesday 5th September
2017

TERM STARTS

Wednesday 6th September 2017

HALF TERM

Monday 23rd October 2017
Friday 27th October 2017

TERM ENDS

Friday 15th December 2017

**PROFESSIONAL
DEVELOPMENT DAYS**

Monday 18th & Tuesday 19th December 2017



Early Years Hub Newsletter

Autumn 2016

Parent Support Group

Thank you to everyone who attended the first Early Years Parent Support Group in November. It was felt to be a useful opportunity for parents with children in the Nursery and reception classes to meet other parents and share thoughts, ideas and stories, also to find out about the difficulties faced by each other and where to receive support from. We decided that it would be useful to meet once per month and hope that more Early Years parents will join us. The meetings will be the first Monday of each month 10:30 to 11:30 in Russell House. The dates for these next term will be: **9th January, 6th February, 6th March and 3rd April.**

Christmas Performance



Many thanks to all parents who supported the Early Years Nativity play. The children and staff worked so hard to make it a success and we are so proud of them all. We hope that you enjoyed it too.



Nursery Assessment Class



Nursery have been listening to the story of the 'Jolly Postman', they looked through catalogues and chose toys that they liked, then stuck them onto paper. The children enjoyed walking to the post box on site and posting their letters and exploring the new Post Office Role Play area.



Oak and Pine Classes

On Wednesday 14th December Oak and Pine classes went to visit Father Christmas on the Severn Valley Railway.



Don't forget to check out our website under 'Latest News' for extra photos and information mentioned in this newsletter.

Website address is www.wfs.worcs.sch.uk