

Newsletter Friday 17th March 2017

Menu Week: Week beginning 20th March will be Week 1

Attendance: Whole school attendance w/e 10th March 2017 **94.5%**

Registration group with the highest attendance as of w/e 10th March 2017 **ANDY TRAIN with 99%**

Information for Parents

Assemblies

Unfortunately, we have been made aware that parents have taken photos of children in assemblies and have posted them on social media. So we have taken the decision that parents are no longer allowed to take photos during events, but they will be allowed to take a photo of their child only afterwards. Staff will ensure photos of children with media consent are available for you to view on our newsletter and / or our school website.

Autism Workshop. We will be running our second session for parents on **Friday 31st March from 1.30 to 2.50**. This is a great opportunity to find out about practical ways to support young people at home, as well as to meet and share experiences and helpful tips with other parents. The focus of this session will be Understanding and developing social interaction skills, including understanding behaviours and how best to manage them. Please let the office know if you would like to attend.

FACT: Around 700,000 people in the UK are on the autism spectrum. Together with their families, this means autism is a part of daily life for 2.8 million people.



Helpful hints to support communication:

- Get attention first - use name, tickles, favourite toy etc
- Say what you mean
- Support visually to help listening, attention and understanding.

Remember - language goes !



Following a request in an earlier newsletter we are pleased to announce that we have been fortunate enough to be able to run a **Parent/Carer specific Team Teach Training** course. This will take place at Russell House on the 27th and 28th April 2017. We anticipate places on this course will be limited but would ask that any parents who are keen and able to attend on these two dates register their interest with Bev Cooper at the following email address as soon possible bcooper@wfs.worcs.sch.uk thank you.



Robert Plant Class

Robert Plant Class have been going out to Kidderminster Library as part of our ASDAN work on using community facilities. We have been developing independence skills while there, and becoming more confident in choosing books.



Harry Cheshire Class – Year 9



March 2017

This term, Harry Cheshire are exploring The Highway Man poem by Alfred Noyes. We started our topic with pictures of the character, discussing who it could be, what does he look like and then devising questions to find out information. The Highwayman interrupted his robbing and joined us one morning in class so we could find out more information about him. All pupils asked fantastic questions and we now know who this horrid man is! For the remaining of the term, pupils will be exploring the poem and creating a short music piece to voice over the poem.

Birch Class



This half term Birch Class are learning about the Stone Age and to help us to understand what life was like we have been busy recreating a cave in our classroom, complete with our very own Caveman Dave.

A trip to the caves at Kinver was a huge success where the children experienced being in a cold, damp, dark cave. Everyone decided that they would rather live in their comfortable homes!



Year 10 PSHE Group

We had a fabulous talk this afternoon from Caroline who bought Chris Puttock and Aaron Evans from “Our Way”, organised by Rosie for our Year 10 PSHE session. The group listened beautifully and Aaron, Meg, Julie and Lucy welcomed them in reception. Their social skills were fabulous.



They talked to the group about the Safe place scheme in town. There are many places that have this sticker up in the window, and they can go to if they feel unsafe. This is also a good thing for our students when they first go into town without parents to meet friends etc, to give them and their parents confidence. It was set up for vulnerable people by young people and is a fabulous scheme.



MARCH	
21	Signalong Workshop at Russell House
22	Year 9 & 10 Dance Project at Baxter College
23	Year 11 Art Exam
24	Comic Relief Day
24	HAZEL ASSEMBLY
24	Early Years Parent Support Group at Russell House
28	Walter Nash Family Swim Lesson
31	BEECH ASSEMBLY
31	World Autism Day
31	1.30pm Parents coffee and workshop for Autism - Session 2

Don't forget to wear something red on Friday 24th March please.