

Newsletter Friday 26th May 2017

Menu Week: Week beginning 5th June will be Week 3

Attendance: Whole school attendance w/e 19th May 2017 is **94.6%**

Registration group with the highest attendance as of w/e 19th May 2017 is **Andy Train** with **98.48%**

Information for Parents

As a school we have a duty to all know about the dangers of our young people potentially being radicalised. In light of the horrific events in Manchester it has made me think even more about how we can protect our young people and keep them safe.



The home office provides free Prevent training to raise the awareness of radicalisation, particularly for vulnerable groups. All the staff at WFS have completed this.

www.elearning.prevent.homeoffice.gov.uk

The Educate Against Hate website provides useful articles for parents on what to look out for.

<http://educateagainsthate.com/parents/>

Our thoughts and prayers are with the families' hit by the abhorrent event on Monday and for the City of Manchester.

In order to ensure our Safeguarding procedures are really rigorous and robust so that all our pupils are safe we need to slightly change some of our procedures. Some of our parents escort their pupils to their classroom in a morning and at the end of the school day. We would love this to continue, but to fully conform to safeguarding we will need to get a member of staff, most likely from the class team, to escort you whilst on the school premises.

We thank you for your understanding on this issue as I know all our priorities are to keep our children safe.

Spare PE Kits needed please!!

Spare kit in the PE cupboards is at an all-time low! If you have any spare shorts/tracksuits/t-shirts that your own children have out grown, we would be grateful for any donations.



There is NO Athletics club on Tuesday 6th June as our provider is unable to attend the session.

TIP OF THE WEEK Follow your child's lead, copy their play and comment on what they are doing.

Play is the most important work children do. It's how they find out about the world. It's great if parents can join in but it is important to follow the child's lead.



If you want to increase how engaged a child is in their play, then follow their lead, copy their play and comment on what they are doing.



PMSF UK & Ireland Family Day – held at Wyre Forest School

“On Saturday 20th May we had the PMSF UK & Ireland Family Day at Wyre Forest School in Kidderminster. 300 people attended with 52 families affected by Phelan-McDermid Syndrome from the UK, Ireland, France and the US.

Phelan-McDermid Syndrome (PMS) is a rare genetic disorder that affects speech and language, cognitive development and mobility. People with PMS will need additional support for their entire lives.

Wyre Forest school staff and their head Bec Garratt welcomed the families and provided great support throughout the day. The school is specialised to support special needs students and there were many activities for kids throughout the day. Music therapy, animals, sensory rooms, sports activities all catering to the needs of PMS families.

Dr Katy Phelan PMSF founder and Sue Lomas PMSF president attended from the U. S. There was a lot of discussion about raising awareness of the syndrome, the importance of documenting natural history of those with PMS, the differences with larger and smaller chromosome deletions and the changes and medical issues that families must address as their children get older.

Dr Eva Loth and Dr Anna Riddell held a medical session and Sue Stokes ran a behavioural clinic all benefitting families dealing with this rare genetic condition.

Kelly Jones Whale organised the day and has been a great support to families over the years who are new to Phelan McDermid Syndrome.

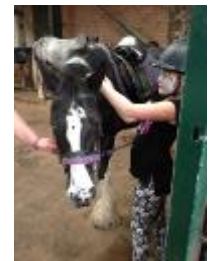
A huge THANK YOU to those involved with the family day, many people and local businesses helped support the day and the families involved benefitted greatly.”



Horse Riding News



Cassy from Yew class took part in the RDA Countryside Challenge on Tuesday 23rd May. Not only did she achieve 1st place in the competition, but she also won a trophy for best in Worcestershire County against all the other schools that took part- We're so proud of you!!!



Amazing Yurt Experience



We were joined by Dance Fest from Hereford Arts on Tuesday and Wednesday. They arrived with a fabulous white Yurt and lots of unusual resources. Pupils from years 7,8,9,10 and 12 were part of two fabulous projects, using the performing to tell the story of the ocean and the life cycle of the butterfly. We are hoping to repeat the experience next year.

Thank you to everyone who helped make this a memorable experience for our pupils.



Jo Powell. Music Teacher.

JUNE	
5	Children start back after Whitsun
6	NO Athletics Club after school today only
7 – 9	LOREE NAPIER Class Residential
9	CHESTNUT Assembly