

Newsletter Friday 7th July 2017

Menu Week: Week beginning 10th July will be Week 4

Attendance: Whole school attendance w/e 30th June 2017 is **94.6%**

Registration group with the highest attendance as of w/e 30th June 2017 is **ANDY TRAIN** with **98.7%**

Information for Parents

Meet The Staff!!

My name is Beverley Thorne and I am the Communication Support Manager at Wyre Forest School. This means that I support with Communication and Interaction. Communication is a Latin word which means 'to share'. The sharing of information can be done in different ways, this is known as Alternative and Augmentative Communication (AAC) and it is this kind of communication I mainly support with. I support in classes working alongside the staff using different types of AAC.

I am also a signalong tutor and deliver signing workshops to lots of people over the academic year. If you are interested in signing keep a lookout for the WFS 2017-2018 calendar as the dates for the workshops will be in there.



Work Experience-can you help please?



Mencap research shows that only 7% of young people with learning disabilities and 15% of those with Autism go into paid employment. At WFS we are constantly seeking opportunities for our learners to develop the skills and confidence needed to change these disappointing figures.



During the next academic year we wish to extend our work experience offer. We need your help. **Could any of our parents or partners offer work experience placements? We can provide professional support with the health and safety assessments and all students will be supported appropriately.** I look forward to hearing from you.

Rebekah Thompson
Sixth Form Phase Leader

Medication in school

At the end of term all medications in school will be sent home with new consents for the next school year, so parents need to ensure the medications are able to be sent home safely.

On the first day back for the children in September, parents need to ensure medications are sent back into school with consents.



BLOSSOM TREE CAFÉ - Please come and visit us.

We are having an Open Day next week with our new extended menu!!

Please come along on **Thursday 13th July to Springfield Park in Kidderminster** between 9.30am – 12pm and try some homemade cakes...breakfast sandwiches ...light lunches...fruit and ice cream. We would really value your support.



TIP OF THE WEEK from the Speech and Language Team:

Help children to be motivated...how to achieve it, think they can, make it relevant.

Motivation is literally the desire to do things. It is a key factor in setting and attaining goals. If we want children to learn and practise new skills then motivating them is essential. Make sure they know HOW the skill will help them. Make sure they THINK they can achieve it. Make it RELEVANT to them and their interests.



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<http://www.hacw.nhs.uk/our-services/speech-language-therapy/childrens/resources/>

Sensory Day in School



On Thursday 15th June, the school Occupational Therapist organised a sensory play day in school in conjunction with the specialist equipment company 'Smirthwaite'. Smirthwaite manufacture equipment to meet postural support needs including, seating, standing and sleep systems and also now make a range of sensory toys and equipment. They kindly brought a section of these toys along for the day for our children (and staff!) to trial, including swings, rockers, scooter boards, and ramp, rollers and ball mazes to post balls into; the clown was a particular favourite with children across the school. The toys were accessible to children of all ages and abilities and some of our children with physical needs particularly enjoyed the opportunity to access the hammock swing where they could safely gently (or more energetically!) swing and rotate. Meanwhile, our resident adrenaline seekers enjoyed the opportunity to race the scooter board down the ramp, gaining velocity with each attempt!!



The day was a great success, with the children doing us proud with their responses to the equipment and each other. It was a wonderful opportunity for the children to engage in play alongside and with their peers and teaching staff. We saw lots of smiles and wonderful examples of sharing, turn taking and children helping each other to access the activities. Throughout the day it was lovely to see the children engaging in new play activities, working well alongside each other and importantly having fun!

Teaching staff that attended, unanimously reported that the day was beneficial to the children and a valued opportunity that had also helped in increasing their awareness of OT and sensory integration. Many of the children also said they enjoyed it and the rest showed in their smiles and energy that they too had had a great time.

Thank you to all those that attended the day and made it a success!

WFS Prom Night

Staff, Year 11's and Sixth Formers had a great night at their "Willy Wonka" themed prom. From arriving in style in their stretch Hummer to the surprise dance act that performed a Wonka themed dance routine. Prom King & Queen this year were Karl & Stacy. Everybody's behaviour was exceptional on the night and all the students were a credit to the school and their parents - well done guys you all looked amazing too.



Winning Book Bench Unveiling

Saturday 1st July, at Crowngate Centre in Worcester, Jessica's Bookbench was 'unveiled'. She was interviewed by Free Radio and she received a certificate and a voucher for £10. The winning bench can be viewed in Worcester until 4th September. It will then go to the Hive library.



Maple Class News

Joe in Maple Class has been writing his name in class! Brilliant writing Joe!

Sixth Form News

PC Neil Sharpe came in to talk to some of the sixth-formers about the dangers of drugs and alcohol.

We experienced how horrible it felt to feel drunk by trying on beer goggles and all agreed how important it is to keep ourselves safe and to be sensible.

There is a Police open day coming up in September - dates to follow.



JULY	
7	BEECH Assembly
7	Middle Phase Summer Production in school – 2pm
7	Riley Dog visit (pm)
11	Walter Nash – Family Swim Session
12	Transition Morning (9.30am – 11.30am)
13	Dance Project to Artrix Theatre (afternoon and evening)
13	Blossom Tree Open Day (9.30 – 2.30) – Please read information in this weeks newsletter
14	EARLY YEARS AND LOWER SCHOOL SPORTS DAY (Astro Turf at Baxter College) Start time 10am
14	Beech & Birch Classes - Garden Party Picnic – Approx 12.15pm
17	Sixth Form trip to Churchfields
17	Early Years Awards Assembly – 2pm
18	MIDDLE AND UPPER SCHOOL SPORTS DAY – Stourport Athletics Track – Start Time 10am
18	Lower School Awards Assembly from 2pm
18	Reports home to pupils
19	Opportunity to talk to staff after school
20	Middle, Upper & Sixth Form Awards Assembly – Invitation Only – 2pm
20	Russell House Music Festival 11am – 9pm
20	Start of Russell House 24 Hour Go-Kart relay
21	Leavers Assembly from 10am – Invitation Only
21	LAST DAY OF TERM

Children return to school on Tuesday 5th September 2017