

# FORT ROYAL FLYER

Newsletter 25/11/2024

## Message from Mr Francis

The school governors had their governors day in school on Friday 15th November.

As part of this day, they had the opportunity to tour the school to see classes and also review the new works and developments that were completed over the summer holidays. This includes new paths and play surfaces in the outside areas and new more economical LED lighting in the KS2 part of the school which has made a big difference in those classrooms and corridors. They met and discussed school issues with the newly elected school council, met with key staff related to their own specific area of responsibility ( such as Safeguarding , wellbeing and Health and Safety) , they attended a whole school assembly and also each joined a class for part of the afternoon to get to better know some of the children and staff. Their feedback was very positive, they all noted how calm the school was, how happy, responsive, and well behaved the children are. This term we have begun our plan, agreed with WCC, to gradually reduce each class in school from about 10 per class to 8. This has started in reception and partially in KS1. The feedback received so far is that this reduced capacity and numbers is making a difference to pupils' regulation, learning and wellbeing.

Transport issues continue to remain a concern, but I would like to thank parents who do park outside the school and walk in with their children. Our local City Councillor Jabba Riaz has asked me to remind parents that they have negotiated a free drop off and pick up parking spaces at the Tallow hill car park between 8.30-9.15am and 2.45 and 3.15pm for our parents.

## WCC Send improvement plan

AS YOU MAY KNOW OFSTED HAVE RECENTLY FOUND "WIDESPREAD FAILINGS" IN THE COUNTY'S SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS AND DISABILITIES (SEND) SERVICES. WORCESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL - OPEN - FIND AN INSPECTION REPORT - OFSTED. ISSUES WITH A LACK OF SEND PLACES IS MENTIONED, BUT THE PRIORITY ACTIONS THE LA MUST TAKE ARE MOSTLY LINKED TO THE SERVICES PUPILS WITH SEND RECEIVE FROM THE HEALTH SERVICES. THIS EFFECTS ALMOST ALL THE CHILDREN IN THIS SCHOOL. DUE TO THE AMOUNT OF FEEDBACK RECEIVED FROM PARENT/CARERS ABOUT EDUCATION, HEALTH AND CARE PLANS (EHCPs) ON THIS ISSUE HEALTHWATCH WORCESTERSHIRE, A STATUTORY SERVICE, WHO'S AIM IS TO GIVE LOCAL COMMUNITIES A STRONGER VOICE IN ORDER TO INFLUENCE AND CHALLENGE HOW HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE SERVICES ARE PROVIDED LOCALLY, ARE RUNNING A HEALTH SURVEY FOR PARENTS WHICH CAN BE FOUND HERE [HTTPS://WWW.HEALTHWATCHWORCESTERSHIRE.CO.UK/EDUCATION-HEALTH-AND-CARE-PLAN-EHCP-SURVEY](https://www.healthwatchworcestershire.co.uk/education-health-and-care-plan-ehcp-survey) . IF YOU DO TAKE PART, YOU WILL BE ENTERED FOR A PRIZE DRAW TO WIN EITHER AN IPAD 10 OR £100 AMAZON VOUCHER

OUR ASSISTANT HEAD TEACHER CLAIRE WAINWRIGHT WILL SOON BE WRITING TO PARENTS TO EXPLAIN WHAT THIS MAY MEAN FOR YOUR CHILD IN THIS SCHOOL .



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## Get ready for a healthier Winter

NOW THAT THE COLDER MONTHS ARE SETTING IN, IT'S A GOOD TIME TO PREPARE FOR WINTER AND TAKE STEPS TO STAY HEALTHY. TO SUPPORT US WITH THIS WORCESTERSHIRE CC HAVE JUST LAUNCHED THEIR WORCESTERSHIRE WINTERS WELL WEBPAGE. IT'S THE GO-TO PLACE FOR PRACTICAL ADVICE TO HELP YOU STAY PHYSICALLY, MENTALLY, AND FINANCIALLY WELL DURING WINTER. THE ADVICE ALSO INCLUDES A FEW SIMPLE THINGS YOU CAN DO TO HELP PROTECT YOURSELF FROM COMMON WINTER BUGS AND ILLNESSES LIKE FLU, NOROVIRUS AND COVID-19, INFORMATION ON COST-OF-LIVING SUPPORT AND ENERGY SAVINGS AND A RANGE OF OTHER USEFUL INFORMATION. PLEASE FIND THE INFORMATION HERE [WORCESTERSHIRE WINTERS WELL | WORCESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL](#)



## Dates for your Diary.

- ★ 27th November LKS2 Share a story 
- ★ 10th December KS1 Interactive Christmas performance
- ★ 11th December KS2 Christmas Fayre 
- ★ 12th December EYFS Christmas craft afternoon & Christmas Jumper Day
- ★ 18th December Christmas Dinner day - Party Clothes/ Christmas Jumper optional
- ★ 19th December KS1 Christmas church service 

Click here to go to our School Calendar



### Other information

Our uniform policy been updated  
Please click here and see changes in section 4

**CLICK HERE**

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Last day of term: 20th Dec  
First day back: 7th Jan 2025

Click here to go  
to our Insta page!



### Chair of Governors

ON FRIDAY 15TH NOVEMBER, WE HAD OUR ANNUAL GOVERNORS DAY IN SCHOOL WHERE WE SPENT TIME IN CLASSES SEEING HOW CHILDREN AND STAFF HAVE BUILT SOME GREAT RELATIONSHIPS SINCE THE START OF THE NEW TERM.

THERE WAS CERTAINLY PLENTY OF FUN BEING HAD ON CHILDREN IN NEED DAY AND IT WAS GOOD TO SEE LOTS OF EXAMPLES OF LEARNING THROUGH PLAY.

SCHOOL COUNCIL MEMBERS HAD A MEETING WHICH WE WERE INVITED TO AND IT WAS GOOD TO HEAR FROM THE CHILDREN WHAT THEY'D LIKE TO SEE IN THE PLAYGROUND SO WE WILL DO OUR BEST TO PURCHASE SOME NEW ITEMS. OUR FINAL SESSION WAS ASSEMBLY WHICH WAS A WONDERFUL WAY TO SEE CHILDREN ENGAGING AND HAVING FUN ALTOGETHER IN THE HALL. THANKS TO MR FRANCIS AND ALL STAFF AND CHILDREN FOR GIVING US A GREAT DAY IN SCHOOL.  
BEST WISHES, EMMA

### Attendance

**Attendance Matters!**

Our Target attendance is 94%

Last week our attendance was:  
87%

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## Fort Royal Family Support Worker



HI, I'M JULIE ELMS, THE FAMILY SUPPORT WORKER AND I'D LIKE TO INTRODUCE MYSELF TO YOU.

MY ROLE AS FAMILY SUPPORT WORKER MEANS I CAN OFFER YOU HELP AND SUPPORT ON PRACTICALLY ANYTHING CONCERNING YOUR CHILD AND FAMILY THAT COULD HAVE AN IMPACT ON SCHOOL LIFE.

THIS COULD BE GENERAL DEVELOPMENTAL/BEHAVIOURAL CONCERNS ABOUT YOUR CHILD, LEARNING HOW TO USE SIGN SUPPORT SYSTEMS LIKE SIGN ALONG, OR MAYBE HELPING YOU TACKLE SLEEP ISSUES. THERE MAY BE TIMES WHEN YOU JUST WANT SOMEONE TO COME PURELY TO SIT AND LISTEN TO YOU BECAUSE LIFE IS SOMETIMES DIFFICULT, OR YOU MAY NEED HELP FILLING OUT A FORM.

PLEASE TAKE A LOOK AT THE SCHOOL WEBSITE IN THE FAMILY SUPPORT SECTION FOR ALL THE WAYS WE CAN HELP SUPPORT YOU AS A FAMILY.

I AM AVAILABLE MONDAY TO FRIDAY, 8AM-5PM.  
MY EMAIL IS [FSW@FORTROYAL.WORCS.SCH.UK](mailto:FSW@FORTROYAL.WORCS.SCH.UK)

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## Friends of Fort Royal

THANKS TO EVERYONE WHO HELPED MAKE THE HALLOWEEN PARTY SUCH A SUCCESS. IT LOOKED LIKE ALL THE CHILDREN HAD A FANTASTIC TIME AND WE LOVED SEEING THEM ALL DRESSED UP IN THEIR COSTUMES.



WE ARE HOLDING OUR AGM MEETING NEXT WEEK VIA ZOOM ON THE 27TH NOVEMBER AT 7PM.

PLEASE VISIT OUR FACEBOOK PAGE: **FRIENDS OF FORT ROYAL** FOR MORE DETAILS. WE NEED AS MANY PARENTS AS POSSIBLE TO ATTEND AND HELP WITH OUR PTA EFFORTS.



## ANNOUNCEMENT

It's our PTA AGM on 27th November  
at 7pm on Zoom.

Follow the QR code to join:



Please attend if you can, as we need more parents to join in order for the PTA to continue running

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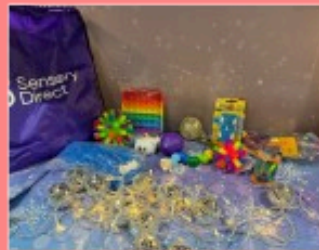
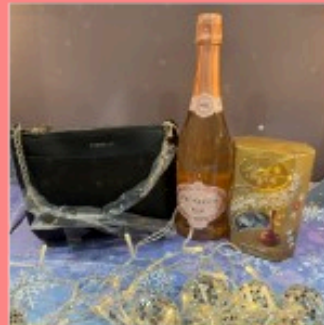


THE NEXT BIG EVENT WE ARE ORGANISING FOR THE CHILDREN WILL BE A VISIT TO SCHOOL FROM SOME OF SANTA'S FRIENDS!

REAL LIFE REINDEER!



OUR CHRISTMAS RAFFLE IS LIVE, TICKETS CAN BE BOUGHT ONLINE. THE LINK IS ON OUR FACEBOOK PAGE AND WILL BE TEXT TO ALL PARENTS SO YOU CAN FORWARD ON TO FAMILY AND FRIENDS. THERE'S PLENTY OF GREAT PRIZES INCLUDING A ROBOT HOOVER!



Click here to buy your Tickets!

Enter to Win



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Friends of Fort Royal

ANOTHER WAY TO SUPPORT THE SCHOOL IS TO SIGN UP TO THE WORCESTER COMMUNITIES LOTTERIES FOR FRIENDS OF FORT ROYAL AND NOT ONLY BE IN WITH THE CHANCE OF WINNING BIG, BUT WE GET 50P PER TICKET SALE.

[CLICK HERE](#)



WE ARE ALWAYS OPEN TO NEW MEMBERS, SUGGESTIONS, DONATIONS, OFFERS OF HELP ETC, SO DON'T HESITATE TO REACH OUT. THE EASIEST WAY IS THROUGH THE FACEBOOK GROUP.

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## EYFS

### Class 1

EARLY YEARS HAVE EXPLORED ALL AREA OF LEARNING THROUGH THE TOPIC 'COLOUR'.

THEY HAVE ALSO FOCUSED ON BONFIRE NIGHT AND AUTUMN. THE CHILDREN HAVE LEARNT THIS THROUGH A RANGE OF SENSORY ACTIVITIES AND STORIES SUCH AS A BONFIRE SENSORY STORY AND MILLIE MAE IN AUTUMN USING PROPS.

THEY EXPERIENCED CRAFT AND MARK MAKING RELATED TO COLOUR BY MAKING COLLAGES, PAINTING AND MARK MAKING ON COLOURING SHEETS USING A RANGE OF MARK MAKING MATERIALS AND COLOURS. THE CHILDREN EXPERIENCED COUNTING USING TEN FAT SAUSAGES NURSERY RHYME WITH PROPS. IN COMMUNICATION AND LANGUAGE, THEY HAVE BEEN RESPONDING TO ADULT INTERACTION DURING ACTIVITIES AND SINGLE WORDS WHEN SELECTING THE CORRECT ITEM OF AUTUMN CLOTHING FROM A CHOICE.



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## KS1

### Class 4

WHAT A BUSY FEW WEEKS WE HAVE HAD LEARNING ABOUT CELEBRATIONS. WE HAVE LOVED EXPLORING SENSORY PLAY SUCH AS MAKING PUMPKIN PLAYDOUGH AND SPIDER JELLY, AS WELL AS CREATING BONFIRE NIGHT INSPIRED ART. WE HAVE BEEN EXPRESSING OURSELVES THROUGH DANCE, PRETENDING TO BE FIREWORKS TO CLASSIC MUSIC AND EVEN MAKING OUR OWN MUSIC USING INTERACTIVE TECHNOLOGY. IN LITERACY WE HAVE BEEN LISTENING TO OUR NEW TEXT 'STICKMAN'. WE HAVE EXPLORED THE PLACES HE GOES AND THE SOUNDS HE HEARS ALONG THE WAY. IN MATHS WE HAVE CONTINUED TO DEVELOP OUR NUMBER KNOWLEDGE BY WORKING WITH PEERS TO CREATE SETS OF OBJECTS, ORDER NUMBERS AND SHOW AN AWARENESS OF NUMBER NAMES THROUGH SONG. FOR 'CHILDREN IN NEED' WE LOVED SHOWING OUR BEST MOVES AT THE DISCO, AS WELL AS CREATING SPOTTY ART AND EXPLORING YELLOW SENSOY PLAY!



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## LKS2

### Class 13



IN CLASS 13, WE HAVE BEEN EXPLORING THE STONE AGE. OUR KEY TEXT, CAVE BABY, HAS PROVIDED US WITH VARIOUS SETTINGS TO LEARN ABOUT BOTH THE PAST AND PRESENT. WE HAVE REALLY ENJOYED DIGGING FOR BONES IN SENSORY MATERIALS, EXAMINING CAVE FORMATIONS, AND CRAFTING OUR OWN MODELS AND THEN SITTING IN OUR ROLE PLAY CAVE TOASTING MARSHMALLOWS. CLASS 13 CAN HIGHLY RECOMMEND A S'MORE!



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## UKS2



IN CLASS 21 WE HAVE BEEN ENJOYING OUR NEW TOPIC: SHIVER ME TIMBERS!

WE ARE EXPLORING THE STORY OF PETER PAN AND, AS SUCH, HAVE HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO LEARN ABOUT MAPS AND DIRECTIONS DURING OUR TOPIC SESSIONS (NO TREASURE YET BUT WE HAVEN'T GIVEN UP!), AS WELL AS SINGING A RANGE OF SEA SHANTIES DURING OUR MUSIC LESSONS.

IN MATHS WE HAVE BEEN LEARNING ABOUT PLACE VALUE AND MULTIPLICATION, AND WILL SOON BE MOVING ON TO LEARNING ABOUT THE CONCEPT OF TIME.

DURING LITERACY WE HAVE BEEN ENJOYING WRITING OUR OWN ADVENTURE STORIES AND HAVE BEEN INVENTING EXCITING CHARACTERS AND SETTINGS TO FEATURE IN THEM.

