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### **This week at the Wyche**

It's nearly the end of term and we have had an assessment week to see how well children are doing in their learning and to inform our planning for next term. However, amongst assessment activities, the wonderful staff at the Wyche have been keeping things exciting, interesting and deep with some lovely active learning and above all – DRAMA!

Red and Yellow class have been assiduously practicing their Nativity Play and walked out to the post-box to post Father Christmas letters (so exciting ... 15 more sleeps until Christmas!). As well as all of this, Red Class have been making Christmas decorations and playdoh mince pies and Yellow Class completed an exceptionally good video presentation on Wolves and have published it on the [Yellow Class page of the Wyche Website](#). Please take the time to look at their excellent work. Blue Class have moved from the script workshopping of last week to the planning and blocking stage of their Comedies, Tragedies and Satires, and were really excited about how the project is taking shape; so great to see children on fire for playwrighting. Orange Class have been rehearsing their myths outside my office all week and I can bear witness to how hard they are working and what fun they are having – they are polishing their performances with great passion and brio and you're in for a treat. Green Class have had immense fun directing, editing and producing their mock trial and you will be able to judge the evidence for yourself from Monday. I saw them watching the "rushes" this week – giving feedback and laughing in equal measure – their joy in learning is a delight and I think you'll be impressed.

### **Online Safety**

I am sure Father Christmas may be bringing tablets, phones and all kinds of devices to lucky youngsters (do laptops fit in stockings?) but as parents we must also remember to put necessary safety checks, virus guards and secure limits on new devices to keep our children safe online. *Techradar* gives the rundown for 2021 and reviews the best apps and software for monitoring children's browsing and screentime.

<https://www.techradar.com/uk/best/parental-control>

Mon 13<sup>th</sup> Dec

Guitar lessons have finished for this term  
Forest School and netball clubs have finished for this term

Tues 14<sup>th</sup> Dec

Violin lessons are on this morning. This is a catch-up lesson for one missed earlier this term.  
Choir and chess club are finished for this term.

Wed 15<sup>th</sup> Dec

Woodwind, drum and FAME lessons have now finished for this term

Thurs 16<sup>th</sup> Dec

Christmas party afternoon  
Brass and piano lessons have now finished for this term  
Cricket club has finished for this term.

Fri 17<sup>th</sup> Dec

Non-uniform day/Christmas jumper day?  
Multiskills club has finished for this term.

## Friends (FOTW)

It's been an unusual time of late with reduced Friends fundraising opportunities, but we were all so pleased to be able to run even a pared back Christmas Fayre this year and we hope all attendees had a great time.

Many thanks to all of our volunteers and donors who made the Christmas Fayre such a magical event, your efforts and can-do approach ensured its success. All those fantastic crazy hair styles really added to the spirit of the occasion too!

A huge thanks to all the children and families who sold Christmas Fayre raffle tickets. Mr Murphy drew the 42 winners from a huge tub of over 900 tickets! We had the highest level of contenders for the top raffle ticket selling winner spot than in PTA memory, with the raffle usually selling between 500 - 600 tickets, we cannot thank you enough for all your efforts this year!

The overall funds raised from the event will be published soon.

### **Congratulations to the following winners:**

#### **TOP SELLING RAFFLE TICKET COMPETITION**

1st Prize – Monty Hill Jones - wins a family ticket to the Royal Three Counties Show for selling a whopping 130 tickets

2nd Prize – Paige, Oliver, Matthew & Penelope - win a box of (family fun) fake snowballs for selling a massive 90 tickets

#### **NAME THE WYCHE SNOWPAL (Christmas Fayre):**

Beatrice Salmon (Red Class) won the gorgeous festive cuddly called Tinsel.

#### **Christmas Shopping Cashback:**

Please consider supporting the Friends of the Wyche by activating charity cashback on your purchases in the run up to Christmas.

Examples of websites you can activate cashback donations for the Friends of the Wyche charity include:

- AmazonSmile: [https://smile.amazon.co.uk/gp/chpf/dashboard/ref=smi\\_se\\_rspo\\_lyi\\_dshb](https://smile.amazon.co.uk/gp/chpf/dashboard/ref=smi_se_rspo_lyi_dshb)
- The Giving Machine: [https://shopandgive.thegivingmachine.co.uk/causes/the-wyche-primary-school/?fbclid=IwAR0g5Z5\\_BPyzV50C\\_ut26ubZeJXZzmvsk0NJKOjLzL37jKPAq0kGdAtQD0](https://shopandgive.thegivingmachine.co.uk/causes/the-wyche-primary-school/?fbclid=IwAR0g5Z5_BPyzV50C_ut26ubZeJXZzmvsk0NJKOjLzL37jKPAq0kGdAtQD0)

## Milk

Coolmilk have informed us that, with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> January, they will be increasing the price of milk from 23p per carton to 24p. We often

have lots of milk in school that children do not want to drink, so please can you take the opportunity over the holidays to talk with your child about whether they wish to continue having school milk as we are keen to cut down wastage if at all possible.

#### Lost property

We have a large collection of unnamed jumpers, cardigans, coats, jewellery etc in school. Weather willing, we will set up a table on the playground after school on Monday for you to reclaim any lost items. Items not claimed by the end of term will be taken to a local charity shop.

#### Activities

All Saints Church would like to invite you to join us at these family friendly events this Christmas:

Carols on the Common 4pm on 11<sup>th</sup> December - meet on Peachfield Common football pitch

Christingle 4pm on 19<sup>th</sup> December in All Saints Church

Messy Christmas 3pm on Christmas Eve in All Saints Church

(More information at [www.standrewsandallsaints.org](http://www.standrewsandallsaints.org) or email [helen@standrewsandallsaints.org](mailto:helen@standrewsandallsaints.org))

#### Jobs

We are currently advertising for a cleaner to work in school for two hours per day, term time only. Hours to be worked outside of the normal school day, but we can be flexible about when they are worked. Please contact the school office for more information and an application form, if you or someone you know might be interested.

#### Courses

On the subject of employment Worcestershire County Council is offering online courses to help guide adult learners on the right path to becoming a teaching assistant. The Level 2 Award in Support Work in Schools aims to develop the essential skills and knowledge needed to provide support in a school environment, including safeguarding and communication methods. The courses, which start on Wednesday 5 January and Tuesday 1 March, are open to anyone to join, regardless of previous qualifications, and a work placement isn't required, with those meeting criteria able to sign up for free. Worcestershire County Council are also offering free Support Teaching & Learning Advice Appointments for those wanting to find out more about becoming a teaching assistant from qualified and experienced teaching staff. If you're interested in booking onto the course or booking an advice appointment, please go to [www.worcestershire.gov.uk/courses](http://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/courses)

It's close to the end of an eventful term and I wish you well this weekend as you all prepare for Christmas. Look after yourselves, it can be a demanding as well as a joyful season.

See you next week for the last school week of 2021! Stay safe and best wishes

Stephen Murphy  
Headteacher