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Friday 22nd September 23

Hello to the friends and family of The Wyche and happy Friday!

This Week at The Wyche

This week Green class have been researching and exploring North America and have drawn incredibly detailed maps of the continent. They have also been gearing up for their visit to Oaker Wood which is not far off ... Orange and Blue class went to Stratford-on-Avon to visit the MAD Museum and the Butterfly Farm. Highlights included perpetual motion machines, a magnetic marble run, giant butterflies, two pretty big free-range iguanas and feeding time for the caiman (live locusts!). We were also pretty impressed by a boat selling ice creams. Who knew? Yellow class wrote descriptions of Dave's lost toy "Dogger", and very good they were too and Red Class have been imagining, drawing, then finding out what is inside their bodies, learning about their heart, stomach and brain.

Online Safety (Whatsapp)

According to Ofcom, WhatsApp is used by **more than half of 3- to 17-year-olds** in the UK! (including one in three from the 8–11 bracket), despite its **16+ age restriction**. With contact from strangers, fake news and convincing scams are all among the service's well-documented hazards, if your child hops onto WhatsApp to stay in touch with friends or family give serious thought to how you will manage this – the risks are very high. The NSPCC has balanced advice here:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/online-safety-blog/2023-01-12-is-whatsapp-safe-for-my-child/>

Attendance Matters

A fantastic start to the term with 97.2% attendance! Amazing. Thank you. There is newspaper coverage at the moment alleging that parents don't care about school attendance and don't think it matters – I don't think this is true of you guys at all. We work hard together, parents and staff, to make this school best we can and get allow children their right to education. I really feel your partnership and support on this. Thank you.

Collective Worship

We have continued to learn songs for our upcoming Harvest festival, including the timeless old-skool classic "Autumn Days", and learned about Daniel in the Lion's Den, his courage in the face of fear and how his faith in God saved him and inspired those around him. Can we stick to our principles and have the courage of our convictions in life?

Housepoints

Midsummer pipped Sugarloaf to the post this week with 68 house points and received a right royal round of applause. We rejoice in the opportunity to follow our STRIVE values and make the school and the world better place. *Together We Soar*.

STARS of the WEEK

Well done to those children who have demonstrated the STRIVE values in class and shone like stars to inspire others. We are VERY proud of you.

Red Class	Yellow Class	Blue Class	Orange Class	Green Class
Theo Wilton-Crowdy Rowan Kershaw	Beatrice Salmon Ava Gregory	Jack Middleton Jocelyn Hart	Oliver Ledington Nicole Stimson	Charlotte Gladwin Rupert Burton

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What's On?

Don't forget our interactive calendar at <https://www.wyche.worcs.sch.uk/calendar> which will keep you posted on up-and-coming events.

Thank you to those of you who have returned the Data Capture, Medical and Consent Forms. Can I please encourage anyone who still has not returned these forms to do so as soon as possible? If you have lost or misplaced any of this paperwork, please pop into the office, we will be happy to replace.

The school have been receiving complaints regarding the parking at the start and end of the day. We are aware how difficult it can be around the area to park but please ensure you are doing so safely and legally, particularly on the tight bends near to school. We are working with West Mercia Police to do everything we can.

All afterschool clubs are due to start this coming week. There is to be a further offering of an afterschool Gym Club beginning Thursday 5th October, sign up to follow next week.

Can I please encourage any outstanding payments for either last terms music sessions or Oakerwood to come in as soon as possible? If you are having any difficulties with this please pop in to the office and let us know.

Monday 25th September

Brass Lessons
Guitar/Ukelele Lessons
'Stranger Danger' Assembly for Blue Class
Netball Club after school until 4.15pm

Tuesday 26th September

Colouring Club, Lunchtime in Green Class
Choir after school until 4.15pm

Wednesday 27th September

Woodwind Lessons
Drum Lessons
FAME Instrument sessions Blue Class

Thursday 28th September

Piano Lessons

Friday 29th September

2nd swim for Green Class.
Film Society after school until 4.15pm

Dates for your diary

Green Class visit with 'The History Man' on Monday 2nd October. Can any outstanding consent forms and money be bought in as soon as possible?

We have Tempest photography visiting the school on Thursday 5th October.

Flu vaccinations Friday 6th October – please ensure you have completed the online consent form sent through Parentmail earlier this week.

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Red Class 'Share' Session 3pm Monday 9th October. All parents welcome to come and see how well your children have settled in to there new school and routine.

Tuesday 24th October - School Harvest Festival 2.15pm at All Saints Church.

Message from Friends of the Wyche

Friends meeting on Monday 25th September 2023 at 7.30pm - all welcome and it would be great to see some new faces. It's a great opportunity to meet people and get involved in organising & being involved in events to raise money for the school for the new school year. We're always looking for new ideas.

There are also vacancies coming up for Chair (co-ordinating), Secretary (mainly taking minutes) & committee members (general) or to just dip in as you can.

Last year thanks to everyone who supported either in the organising or attending of events we were able to purchase new tablets for teachers so seesaw will soon resume, books ... and an extra interactive whiteboard to compliment those the school has purchased very soon. Shortly we are looking to use some of the raised funds to upgrade the IT and provide further tablets for the children to use.

Any time you can spare would be much appreciated, and it's a fun group of people - meetings are in person at the Railway Inn or on teams.

Until next week I wish you a happy weekend,

In partnership,

Stephen Murphy, Headteacher