

Wyche C.E. Primary School

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Happy New Year to you all, and I hope you enjoyed a good Christmas break and spent valuable time together.

This week at the Wyche

It's been lovely to have you back this first term of 2022! The weather has been (mainly) bright, clear and frosty and our assembly theme this half term is "What gives us hope?". Certainly, the gorgeous Wyche sunrises and bright frosty mornings are filling our hearts with hope this week and long may they continue.

We kicked off a jam-packed term with a range of absorbing and engaging learning this week. Red Class excitedly began their Farmer's Market topic by generating some really deep questions about what they want to find out on their journey of discovery, putting their ideas and curiosity at the heart of the learning. Yellow Class starting their comparative study of Malvern and Tanga with artwork based around local flora and were really engaged by the artistic process and the knowledge they were developing as a result. Blue Class were hugely enthusiastic about their class book "The Spider & The Fly" which has introduced their Gothic & Mystery theme this term and told me about when the rhyme was originally written, about black and white cinema and the book's exciting and creepy atmosphere. Orange Class have been doing some outstandingly detailed portrait sketching whilst listening an audiobook of "Goodnight, Mr Tom" and the mindful and therapeutic atmosphere in the class was a joy to behold; and a very excited and engaged Green Class braved the icy cold of the Wyche grounds to roleplay an Arctic plane crash then debate which items of kit they should save for their team – this seems to have got their "Survivors" project off with a bang.

Online Safety

If Father Christmas brought your lucky child an internet-enabled device in their stocking you will be interested on this great Setting Up New Devices for Children resource from the *National Online Safety Agency*, on the [Staying Safe Online area](https://www.wyche.worcs.sch.uk/staying-safe-online) of the website <https://www.wyche.worcs.sch.uk/staying-safe-online>. Please take a look.

Lateral Flow Changes

The government has announced further temporary changes to testing requirements:

LFD: If you get a positive test on a Lateral Flow Device (rapid-result home test kit) from Tuesday 11th January you must self-isolate immediately. You no longer need a confirmatory PCR test but must report the result to NHS Test and Trace.

PCR: If you develop any of the three main symptoms (cough, temperature and/or change in smell or taste) you must self-isolate and seek a PCR test (at a central testing site), as previously.

Any positive case may begin Lateral flow testing on the 6th day of self-isolation and providing there is no temperature may come out of isolation after **two** negative lateral flow tests in succession **taken 24 hrs apart**.

We encourage parents to LFD regularly to help control the spread of Covid.

<u>Mon 10th Jan</u>	Guitar lessons restart
<u>Tues 11th Jan</u>	Violin Lessons restart.
<u>Wed 12th Jan</u>	Woodwind, drum and FAME lessons all resume today
<u>Thurs 13th Jan</u>	Brass and piano lessons

<u>Contact numbers</u>	If Father Christmas gave you a new phone recently and you have a new number to go with it, please can you let the school office know so that we can update your records.
<u>Photographs</u>	Mrs Baylis is putting together a display board celebrating children's sporting achievements outside school. If your child has had a recent sporting success and would like to share a photograph of their achievement please email it in to the school office together with a few details. The photographs will only be displayed in school to be shared with their peers and will not appear online.
<u>Friends</u>	If you or your child received any gifts at Christmas that you know they or you will never use, rather than having the stress of re-gifting them and possibly giving them back to the person who gave them to you in the first place (!), the Friends have a solution in the form of a donation box in the reception foyer. The gifts will then be happily repurposed at upcoming events this year and help raise some much needed funds to support the school.
<u>Admissions</u>	<p>Time is running out for parents and carers to submit their applications for children starting school in September 2022. Applications close at midnight on the 15th of January 2021 and parents hoping to be offered a place for Primary, First, Infant, Junior and Middle school in September, should apply before the deadline. Applying online is the easiest and most efficient way to apply by visiting the Council's dedicated School Admissions website at:</p> <p>www.worcestershire.gov.uk/schooladmissions.</p> <p>Parents and carers are able to log on to the website at any time during the day or night, meaning last minutes changes are possible up to 12 midnight on the closing day. If additional assistance is required, parents and carers can contact the School Admissions team on 01905 822700.</p>
<u>Activities</u>	<p>A new list of courses for Family Learning for 2022 has been published by Worcestershire County Council.</p> <p>Courses include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SEND - Understanding Dyslexia • SEND - Managing Mindfulness • SEND - positive behaviour strategies • Early Phonics for Parents • Family Wellness • Art for Parents • Art for your child - ideas for parents • Family Cooking Class • Cooking on a budget • Communicating with Deaf and Hard of Hearing <p>The courses are FREE on their concession criteria if:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The parent earns less than £17,000 per year • The parent is unemployed and on benefits • Their child is known to the school SENCo • Their child receives Free School Meals • The course would improve their health and wellbeing <p>Courses can be booked by searching for the course title at www.worcestershire.gov.uk/courses or by phoning 01905 728537 for support.</p>

I wish you a happy and healthy weekend and look forward to seeing you all on Monday for more lovely learning at the wonderful Wyche.

Stephen Murphy
Headteacher