

Malvern Wyche C of E Primary School

"Those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles."
Isaiah 40:31

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Dear families,

This week at The Wyche

It's been a festive Christmas cracker of a week with learning mingled with celebration, preparation, worship and fun. The highlights for us all were the Carol Service (in which, I think you will agree, the children sang and read beautifully and kicked off Christmas with charm and grace) and our trip to the Coach House Theatre for pantomimes. Early Years and Key Stage 1 saw a charming and atmospheric *Nutcracker* in the morning, with our wooden hero battling King Rat and cheering on The Sugar Plum Fairy; and Key Stage 2 had the pleasure of a silly and raucous *Aladdin*, complete with Genies of The Ring and The Lamp, the Princess Badroulbadour and of course, the joyfully evil Abanazar (boooooo, hisss!) Today we have swapped cards, enjoyed Christmas quizzes and generally tredded up the festive season.

Collective Worship Assemblies

We have completed a half term each examining our STRIVE Values, Safety and Trust. After Christmas we will look at Respect: self-respect, respect for each other, kindness, inclusion and anti-discrimination.

Online Safety

It's the time of year where Santa and his elves bring phones, tablets and all kinds of internet-enabled devices. Please make sure these are **set up safely**, with parental controls engaged, monitoring apps in place and safe searches enabled. The new year is a good time to renew or start a "**family device contract**" agreeing safe rule with children to avoid online bullying or exploitation.

House points

Perseverance romped home with 97 house points, finishing the term in pole position. Well done to everyone who lifted hearts and broadened horizons by following the STRIVE values this week and not just flown but "soared on wings like eagles".

Attendance (Really) Matters

Attendance had dipped further, (winter illness plays a part) but we are at **95.14%** for the year. Remember, children must be at school *by law* unless they are too unwell to attend. Thanks to you all for your efforts and support, let's do everything we can in the new year to get them in school where they belong.

Coats and Uniform

Please ensure your child has a named coat and, if need be, gloves, hat and scarf. The temperature has been sub-zero all week and there are still some children without adequate winter gear saying they are freezing at playtime.

In addition, may I remind all that school uniform is black shoes, not coloured trainers, and skins / thermals under shorts or t-shirts is not uniform. If it is too cold for shorts children who wish to wear trousers should wear long trousers. Thermals as an under-layer is fine, but not instead of an outer layer. The Wyche kids look great in their uniform and we wear this badge with pride, so let's treat January as a fresh start on looking smart and ready to learn. Thank you.

At The Wyche we STRIVE for Safety Trust, Respect, Inspiration, Value and Engagement

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.

Mon 19th Dec – Mon 2nd Jan Christmas Holidays

Tues 3rd Jan Inset day

Wed 4th Jan Start of term
FAME restarts today. Please ensure that children in Blue Class bring their violins into school this morning, as we do not have any spare instruments in school.
Woodwind and drum lessons restart today.

Thurs 5th Jan Piano lessons restart today

Hot meals Black Pepper online ordering for hot meals next half term opens on Saturday 17th December.

Afterschool clubs Most afterschool clubs will not commence until the week beginning 16th January. Choir will recommence on Tuesday 10th January for those preparing to attend Young Voices on 27th January.

Vacancies The school currently have vacancies for a lunchtime supervisor and a caretaker. Please see our adverts
<https://www.wmjobs.co.uk/job/145332/lunchtime-supervisor/> and
<https://www.wmjobs.co.uk/job/145330/caretaker/> if you or someone you know may be interested. Closing date for applications 3rd January 2023.

I wish you all the warmest season's greetings; however you celebrate, may it be peaceful, joyful and full of nice surprises. See you on Wednesday 4th January 2023 for another term of the joy of learning. Take care and look after each other.

Merry Christmas,

Stephen Murphy
Headteacher