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Happy Friday everyone,

**This week at the Wyche**

It's been a wonderfully wordy week back at the wonderful Wyche, with a truly colourful and immersive World Book Day celebration on Thursday. It absolutely gladdened my heart on that gloomy, rainy, morning to see the rainbow colours and sunshine smiles of your children dressed as wonderful characters from so many stories we know and love. And didn't the adults do us proud, elaborately costumed and engaging in play and fun in the true Wyche way? Thank you for your support, and for the positive feedback we received.

**Welcome back!**

And may I say what a joy it was to welcome you back through the doors into the building for our book sale, and how lovely to see Mrs Barker and Mrs Creber back on home turf helping us choose beautiful, high-quality books. We know that the coronavirus pandemic has done so much harm, in so many ways, but one of the side effects of trying to prevent the harm has been having to be separate from each other. This has been as painful for us as it has for you every step of the way and to have you all mixing in the hall, meeting some of you for the very first time, was a real treat and one we will be repeating, if the pandemic allows. We have face-to-face parents evening in two weeks' time and hope that, if the situation remains the same, our Easter service will be celebrated together with you as a live congregation.

**Online Safety**

In our collective worship assembly this week we looked at The Wild Wood, in Kenneth Grahame's *The Wind in The Willows*, reflecting on how we all need to go to dangerous places sometimes, but there are ways of doing it. Toad won't go there at all; Mole goes but disregards all the warnings and gets into real trouble; Rat takes careful precautions and comes to no harm; and Badger is so used to the risks he lives in the middle of the wood and thrives on it. We applied this message to situations like crossing busy roads or accessing the internet and gaming online: that we should not feel we can't ever do it (Toad), nor should we disregard the risks (Mole), but go prepared like Rat until one day we are experienced and mature enough (Badger). Please help your child to be a Ratty, to know the risks and be prepared, proceeding with caution, not fear. Ratty says of the Wild Wood: "*We river-bankers, we hardly ever come here by ourselves. If we have to come, we come in couples.*" That 'couple' is the adult and the child, ourselves as parents and they as children navigating the Wild Wood of the online world together, hand in hand.

**Ukraine**

We are all aware of the developing situation in Ukraine and feel for the humanitarian cost of this sudden and shocking turn of events. We want you to know that we are able to deal sensitively with children's worries and concerns in school and will use our judgement and appropriate materials to help them understand, should we need to, in a sensitive manner. If your child has worries or questions about this and you think we need to know or can help, do please talk to your teacher about it.

Mon 7<sup>th</sup> Mar

Guitar lessons

Netball club is on, but Kurling club is cancelled as Mrs Whitehurst has a meeting. We apologise for any inconvenience

<u>Tues 8<sup>th</sup> Mar</u>	Violin lessons. Musical drama club.
<u>Wed 9<sup>th</sup> Mar</u>	Woodwind, drum and FAME lessons
<u>Thurs 10<sup>th</sup> Mar</u>	Card and board games club
<u>Fri 11<sup>th</sup> Mar</u>	Sixth swim for Orange Class Film Society and girl's football club Netball tournament at the Chase
<u>Football</u>	A huge well done and congratulations to the Under 9 football team who won the Under 9 Down's Football Tournament this week. After winning a number of matches we reached the final which ended in a 0-0 draw. Penalties followed and with some brilliant saves and super strikes we won a 'sudden death' penalty. Thank you to all of our wonderful supporters who cheered us on – you made all the difference. Well done boys we are so proud of you.
<u>Hair</u>	Sadly it is not just the humans that have come back to school after half term. We have had a couple of reports of head lice in school this week and would request that you take the opportunity to check your child's hair over the weekend and treat as necessary. In light of this can we remind you that children with long hair should keep their hair tied back whilst in school.
<u>Red Class Parents</u>	Save the date! Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> March, 3.30 – 4.30pm Red Class will be holding their Farmers' Market. More information to follow.
<u>Parents Evening</u>	We will be hosting Parents Evening this half term on Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> March. An online form to enable you to sign up for parents evening appointments has been emailed to you via Parentmail this week. In case you missed it the link to the form is below. Please sign up for as many times as you are able to make rather than just one particular time, if possible. The appointments themselves will be in person this time, but if you are unable to make either of the dates or would prefer an online meeting please let us know. <a href="https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=WjvqbQkeBkaqVbVDQ-kUpclTQF_kSpNBouvDcnB-pWFUM0M5MFo4UkdEV1c2TkdTVzI0RTE4MjZRMS4u">https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=WjvqbQkeBkaqVbVDQ-kUpclTQF_kSpNBouvDcnB-pWFUM0M5MFo4UkdEV1c2TkdTVzI0RTE4MjZRMS4u</a>
<u>Queens Platinum Jubilee Competition</u>	Thank you to everyone who took part in the drawing Competition to design a logo for Worcestershire County Council's online communications regarding the jubilee. The design created by Cora Jones in Yellow Class has been selected to go forward for consideration, along with those from other schools. Best of luck Cora.
<u>Friends</u>	<b>Friends Meeting Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> March, 1945 - MS Teams.</b> After one postponed and a cancelled event, the Friends are having a regroup. We would love to hear ideas from outside the usual group, please do come along. <b><u>APPEAL</u></b>

The Friends would like to organise an **Easter Word Hunt** around Fruitlands over the holidays for the children. Please get in touch if you would be happy to put a letter up in your window for the children to find.

Take care,

Stephen Murphy  
Headteacher