

## 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

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Happy Friday Everyone!

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

We offer a broad and exciting curriculum here at the Wyche as you will see today when your child brings home their “Journey Plan” which will tell you what we will be learning in all the subjects this term and how that Journey of Discovery will bear fruit in cross curricular projects and themed learning with a purpose and for an audience. You’ll see the quality children’s literature, depth of knowledge and creative opportunities the teachers take so much care to offer and it should help you to support your child too.

This week, Green class loved their RE lesson and made posters to educate others about Hinduism – they were able to tell me about the foundations of the faith in India, Hinduism’s commitment to peace and its estimated 1.1 billion followers. Orange class were enthralled by the process of mosaic painting with wooden tools and their own colour mixes, building up Roman designs square by square in a truly therapeutic afternoon. Blue class were bursting to tell me about their Geology experience, having handled samples of minerals with respect they composed a “fact or fib” quiz that really embedded their knowledge. Yellow class were stunned to discover in their Geography lesson “where in the world we had slept” finding out that some of us have camped, stayed and lived all over the globe and Red class were super-enthused about their mathematics – practical, fun and memorable, this week, numbers were the order of the day in Red.

### **House points**

This week we awarded 209 house points to children who exemplified our STRIVE values, challenging themselves and expressing loving care to each other as they promoted Safety, Trust, Respect, Inspiration, Value and Engagement. The winning house this week was *Midsummer*, with a mighty 63 points! Well done to everyone who exemplified our core Christian values helping us to “soar” a little higher this week.

### **Online safety - Reddit**

A site absolutely aimed at adults is ‘Reddit’ – a series of chat boards and community forums for adults to discuss their enthusiasms and hobbies from films, TV, and books to guitar restoration and electrical engineering. You name it, they are talking about it.

Very few children have Reddit accounts but many search engines return results that your child may search for (*LEGO, Marvel, Star Wars, etc.*) to Reddit threads, and this can lead children to this environment which does not have the filters, checks and balances of child- or even teen-friendly sites and is not remotely suitable for children. As you monitor your child’s internet use watch out for signposting to this site, block it if you use specific filtering, and be ready to have a discussion about the risks.

### **Reminder**

Could we ensure that children with long hair have it tied back to minimise the potential spread of headlice. Pony tails, topknots, buns, grips, clips, scrunchies or slides are all acceptable, as long as we can try to keep hair out of eyes and stop the spread of “unwanted guests”.

## **Attendance Matters**

I am delighted to tell you that our school attendance is an excellent (7.1% so far). This is *brilliant*. Please let's keep this up, ensuring children are in school every day that they are fit and well to do so, so that they can get the best start in life, socially and academically.

<u>Mon 26<sup>th</sup> Sept</u>	Guitar lessons begin today Netball and construction clubs begin today
<u>Tues 27<sup>th</sup> Sept</u>	Choir
<u>Wed 28<sup>th</sup> Sept</u>	FAME session for Blue Class Woodwind and brass lessons
<u>Thurs 29<sup>th</sup> Sept</u>	Piano and drum lessons
<u>Fri 30<sup>th</sup> Sept</u>	Second swim for Green Class Girls' football and Film Society Netball tournament at the Chase
<u>Dates for your diary</u>	Advance notice that we shall be holding our annual Harvest Festival at 2pm on 18 <sup>th</sup> October. This year we shall be collecting items for the Malvern Hills Food Bank and will send out details about donations closer to the time. Parents evenings this term will be held on the afternoons of 19 <sup>th</sup> and 20 <sup>th</sup> October (3.30pm – 6.30pm). We shall be sending home letters shortly to enable you to sign up for an appointment with your child's class teacher.
<u>Paper work</u>	We apologise for the flurry of paperwork that always accompanies the start of the academic year. Please can you return the data catchment forms at your earliest convenience to ensure that we have the most up to date and correct information about your child.
<u>Uniform</u>	Please can we ask that you check your child's uniform, coats and shoes are clearly named. A silver next coat (age 8) has been found, but sadly has no name to enable us to return it to its rightful owner. Please see the school office if you think it may be yours.
<u>Vacancies</u>	We have a vacancy for a lunchtime supervisor in school. Please contact the school office for more details.

Today's weather has been gorgeous so enjoy a similarly gorgeous weekend and we'll see you on Monday for "more of the different".

Best wishes

Stephen Murphy  
Headteacher