

Wyche C.E. Primary School

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Happy Friday to you all,

This week at the Wyche

Red Class amazed me by telling me they had been learning about “onomatopoeia” (which explains much, but not all of, the clucking and quacking I have been hearing). Yellow class have been hugely enjoying their class book “Handa’s Surprise” and made intricate story maps to enable them to retell the story in another setting. Blue class had a very immersive time hunting for facts around the classroom and populating a timeline to contextualise and sequence their learning. Orange class have loved their week of digital art, making images with pixels, using digital abstractions and even responding artistically to sounds; Miss Bent says the results are exceptional. Green class exercised their creative powers, firstly by designing their own imaginary habitat, and then creating a creature perfectly adapted to live in it, giving detailed explanations of both. Mrs Charles led a powerful assembly about the magic of “yet”, showing us how much hope there is when we rephrase “I can’t do it” into “I can’t do it *yet*”.

Providing Remote education during self-isolation

Where children are self-isolating but feel well enough to learn we will provide remote learning online, with the option of an exercise book and worksheets to supplement the learning provided. There are details on the website should you need more information and we will offer regular video calls for wellbeing and learning feedback. Find out more at <https://www.wyche.worcs.sch.uk/remote-learning>

Online Safety – changes to WhatsApp

In the UK you need to be 16 to legally use WhatsApp. But parents may like to know that in its latest updates WhatsApp has stopped asking for any age verification for new users, meaning any child in charge of a smartphone can easily use the application to share photographs and videos without their parents' knowledge.

School communications

With new members of staff joining us this year we have discussed the most effective ways to communicate with each other and with stakeholders. Going forward, we’ll use Seesaw for teachers and children to share learning and great work from the classroom, and invite parents and relatives to acknowledge these posts and give praise and feedback if they wish to. For other enquiries, requests or concerns, the office@wyche.worcs.sch.uk is the best way to get in touch, either as a general enquiry or marked for the attention of a specific member of staff.

As not all parents have Seesaw, we will send out class and school information (trips, music lessons, cancellations, reminders, etc.) through Parent Mail to your own email address to ensure everyone receives whatever information we are sending out. We will strive to keep this accurate and consistent and thank you in advance for working with us.

Mental Health

A new mental health website for children and young people has launched! Find out about the support that NHS Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services in Herefordshire and Worcestershire offer by visiting: www.camhs.hacw.nhs.uk
Support for parents and carers can be found here:
www.camhs.hacw.nhs.uk/parents-and-carers

Mon 31st Jan

Guitar lessons
Kurling and netball club.

Tues 1st Feb

Violin lessons are cancelled this week as the teacher is unable to attend. We apologise for any inconvenience.
Musical drama club.

Wed 2nd Feb

Woodwind, drum and FAME lessons

Thurs 3rd Feb

Brass and piano lessons
Card and board games club

Fri 4th Feb

Second swim for Orange Class
Film Society and girl's football club

Parking

Please can you remind everyone who drops off or collects your child from school that they should not park on or opposite the Yellow Zig Zag coach parking on the Wells Road. Parking in that location, even for a short period, greatly reduces visibility for pedestrians trying to cross the road as they access the school. In addition please can we remind parents that they should not use the slip road approaching the school at drop off and pick up time (unless they have prior agreement with the school). The lack of a pavement means that children are frequently in the road at that point and there have been a few near misses.

Friends

Upcoming Events:

Friday 11th February – Rags2Riches. Please drop off bags of reusable clothes at drop off, your donation will help clothe less fortunate people around the world and raise funds for the school.

Monday 14th February – Valentine's Bake Off. The Wyche Bake Off with a Love & Springtime theme. £1 to enter - KS1, KS2 and Adult category winners get a prize. **A big Bake Sale will take place straight after school.**

Friday 18th February - The Big Sale! A pre-half term **Tuck Shop, Jumble and Preloved Uniform sale** straight after school. Stick around for a rummage and chat before the holiday.

Crazy Hair Day. Pupils sport their craziest hair styles. (We'd love a £1 donation to the Friends.)

APPEAL

We are seeking discounted (or free) small daffodil bunches for a Mother's Day fundraiser. Please get in touch if you can help.

Platinum Jubilee Competition To commemorate Her Majesty The Queen's Platinum Jubilee later on this year, Worcestershire County Council are running a competition for pupils in schools to create a design for use on their social media channels and website throughout the Jubilee celebrations. In addition to having their design used by the Council, the pupil who designs the winning entry will also receive a pair of tickets to an exclusive Worcestershire Jubilee Garden Party at Hartlebury Castle later in the year. Designs should be based on celebrating the Queen's historic 70-year reign across the whole of Worcestershire, as the design will be used countywide, and pupils can get creative and include anything in their designs to reflect this. Pupils could also think about how they may be celebrating the jubilee weekend later this year and include this in their design. If your child would like to take part please use the attached template and return this to school by Friday 11th February.

Recycling

As a result of a down turn in business for manufacturers of ink cartridges, we have been advised that our existing company will no longer be able to recycle our old ink cartridges and toners. We have managed to source a company who is still willing to accept ink cartridges, but not laser/toner cartridges, and will make a donation to the Friends of the Wyche in payment. Please continue to bring any used or new, unused and out of date cartridges you may wish to recycle to the school office.

Activities

Malvern Wells Players are putting on a panto at Malvern Wells Village Hall over half term. 'Alice saves panto land' is penned by a previous parent at the school and tickets are available from Daniels Garage, the Wells Club or by telephoning 01684563824.

Have a wonderful weekend and I hope this sunshine has the good manners to stay through Saturday and Sunday,

See you Monday,

Stephen Murphy
Headteacher