

THE FRIDAY LETTER



This Week at The Wyche

This week at your friendly neighbourhood Wyche many of us have been learning together in and through the natural world to the best of our ability. A "Natural Curriculum" if you will. In Red class children have been making wonderful observational drawings of daffodils. In Yellow class they sorted, recognised and named common wildflowers. In Blue class pupils were designing ponds using maths, science and D&T and most said they were inspired to go home and create a "breathing space" in their own garden (sorry, folks). Orange class have also been botanists, dissecting and drawing in detail the parts of a plant. Green class were natural writers, creating some superb writing telling the story of a plane crash from the point of view of the jungle itself. Amazing.

Collective Worship Assemblies

This week we discussed **Inspiration's** meaning in the Christian faith, where inspiration is associated with the presence of The Holy Spirit. We learned about Jesus' baptism in the river Jordan by his kinsman, John, and how the gospel tells us that God's spirit appeared in the form of a dove. The story of Jesus' baptism is appropriate in Lent and spring when we are thinking about new beginnings and best intentions.

Online Safety - Mobile Phones

You will have seen lots of media coverage about schools' "banning phones". For reasons of safeguarding and possible distraction from learning we have always consistently said that children should not have their mobile phones (or any device which records or accesses the internet) in school. If such a device is needed for walking home, this can be left at the office on arrival but devices found in children's possession will be confiscated by a member of staff and returned to the parent or carer at the end of the day. Thank you.

It's the UV "Snow Ball" tonight and we will shortly be getting the party started. The children's requests range from The Wiggles to Metallica so something for everyone I think. A good time will be had by all as we say goodbye to the winter and a very warm hello to the spring. Have a sunny weekend, watch out for daffodils and nesting birds and we will see you next week for World Book Day!

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In school this week:



Blue Class

Blue Class have been 'stepping into Spring' this week, learning all about the elements of the flower. They successfully dissected a number of flowers to learn about their properties and make up.

“They will soar on wings like eagles.” Isaiah 40:31

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Together We Soar



Attendance

Now there are fewer winter colds, attendance is creeping back up. 95.2% isn't bad, but we can definitely do better. Let's keep trying to bring those kids in each day, and on time, to give them the best possible chance for the future.

World Book Day - Bedtime Stories

We are looking forward to World Book Day which is happening this year on Thursday 7th March. We love reading, stories and books and know that one of the best time to read is at bedtime. So we are asking children this year to **bring in their favourite bed time story** and to **wear their pyjamas** (onesies, dressing-gowns and nighties are all good!). We will be listening to staff's favourite bedtime stories and there may even be some hot chocolate on offer! Please see Mrs Charles if you have any questions.

Easter Arrangements /Church Improvements

Over the next few weeks All Saints Church will be undergoing building work. This will mean that there will be contractors and builders in and around the local area. They are not permitted access to the school grounds but will be parking on nearby roads. This sadly means that our Easter Celebrations will be slightly different this year. Instead an Easter Service in church, we will have a service for children in school. Regrettably we don't have capacity to invite parents to this service - we just don't have the space - so instead we would like to invite you to **Open Classroom Sessions**. The Session dates are as follows: **Red Wednesday 20th March 3pm**, **Yellow Monday 18th March 3pm**, **Blue Thursday 14th March 3pm**, **Orange Thursday 14th March 3pm**, **Green Thursday 21st March 2.45pm**. We will miss that lovely, bright, springy Easter service with you all, but will make it up to you when we see you in classrooms. Thank you for your understanding. We look forward to seeing you there!

School Trips/Visits

As a school we want to provide as many fun and exciting opportunities for the children as possible. Sadly this often comes at a cost. We work hard to ensure that the price of trips and visits is as low as possible for parents. We are currently collecting in contributions from four classes for trips to help support learning of current curriculum subjects. Although contributions are voluntary, sadly if we do not receive enough payments, from parents we will have to cancel the proposed trips. Please do not hesitate to contact the office if you have any queries or concerns.

Music Lesson Invoices

We are still waiting for some outstanding payments for music lessons taken in the Autumn Term (September to December). All payments can be made direct to the office by cash or cheque - cheques made payable to Worcester County Council. Sadly we are unable to accept bank transfer. Many Thanks

By living and learning together through our Christian values of *Safety, Trust, Respect, Inspiration, Value, & Engagement*, with God's help, we will support each other to "soar", lifting hearts and broadening horizons, so that by giving our best today, the world may be better tomorrow.

Stars of the Week

It is always a delight to award a Star of the Week award to a child who has demonstrated the STRIVE values in classwork. This week's award-winning superstars are:



Red class

Louis Sheppard
Rose Devo

Yellow Class

Lola Phillips
Elizabeth Cook

Blue Class

Florence Kaupinnen
Elowen Gaitskell

Orange Class

Orla Palmer
Maxim Sedlacek

Green Class

Sophia Crozier
Lana Sly

HOUSEPOINTS

Midsummer took the title this week with an fabulous 133 housepoints. Everyone's a winner when we award points for **Safety, Trust, Respect, Inspiration, Value & Engagement**.

Together We Soar!

Strive the Eagle will be throwing shapes at the "Snow Ball". Request: "Hotel California" (think about it).



WHAT'S ON ?

- Mon 4th March:** Brass Lessons
Guitar/Ukelele Lesson
Boccia Competition at Chase
Netball Club afterschool until 4.15pm
Dance Club afterschool until 4.15pm
- Tues 5th March:** History Man Visit for Red and Yellow Classes
Choir Club afterschool until 4.15pm
- Weds 6th March:** Woodwind Lessons
Drum Lessons
FAME for Blue Class
Colouring Club (Lunchtimes)
- Thurs 7th March:** WORLD BOOK DAY! (All in Pyjamas!)
Piano Lessons
Multi Games Club afterschool until 4.30pm
- Friday 8th March:** Orange Class 8th Swim
Girls Football @ Dyson Perrins (10am-12pm)
Film Society afterschool until 4.15pm
Netball and Football @ The Chase 5.30pm finish

Dates for your Diary

- Monday 11th March - Tudor House Museum Trip for Orange Class
- Tuesday 12th March - Tudor House Museum Trip for Blue Class
- Thursday 14th March - Red & Yellow Class Trip to The Garden Centre
- Easter Open Classroom Sessions (See Above)

KS1- Plants & Flowers

In preparation for their trip to the Garden Centre, both Red and Yellow Classes have been learning all about plants and flowers - the different parts and also what is needed to keep them alive and thrive. The classrooms have been decorated with beautiful display boards including some fabulous artwork.



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The Wyche Sports News!

Year 6 Boys Take Top Football Title!

On Friday 23rd February, nine of our Year 6 boys travelled to The Chase High School to compete against other Primary schools in our 'cluster' in a football tournament. This was the 2nd leg in the league and for the second year running the team took **FIRST PLACE!**

They will now go on to play the winners of surrounding 'clusters'.

Massive congratulations boys!!



West Worcester Dance Festival!

Also on Friday 23rd our Dance club visited The Chase High School where they took part in a non competitive dance festival. The girls were among other schools showcasing their talents, ages ranging up to Year 13. Our performance was to 'Fight Song' by Rachel Platten. The girls danced with great confidence and were truly inspiring.

Well Done Girls!



The Downs Under 9 Football competition

On Tuesday 27th February ten of our boys took part in The Downs Under 9 Football tournament. The competition was against 12 other teams and after an incredibly exciting penalty shoot out in the semi finals the team went on to finish 2nd overall. Mrs Baylis has reported 'outstanding individual and team performance, all the boys were incredibly respectful of their opponents displaying great sportsmanship'.

Amazing job boys - Well Done!

Coming Soon: Boccia, Netball and both Girls & Boys Football!

West Worcestershire Cross Country
The school took part in the West Worcestershire Cross Country competition. Three of our pupils made it through to qualify for the county competition at Top Barn Farm. Sadly due to weather conditions the county competition was cancelled, however we are incredibly proud of our 3 runners!

