

Wyche C.E. Primary School

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Happy Friday everyone,

This week at the Wyche

It's been another wonderful week at the Wyche, with children involved in all kinds of engaging activities. Red class have been making fruit salads, using sharp knives to cut up pineapple, mango, apple and blueberry and then trying things they have never tried before, in preparation for their Farmer's market. Delicious. Yellow class have revelled in their traditional their African dancing, loosening up and pretending the sun is shining, this dark rainy week. Blue class were thrilled by critical analysis of cliff-hangers in films and TV, and converting these into taut, gripping sentences as they begin themed work on their own mystery and suspense stories. Orange class have been getting stuck into their astounding illuminated stories, gripping and atmospheric suspense writing with eye-popping decorated and illustrated elements. Green class enjoyed a really deep and interesting debate about the ethics of raising a shipwreck, including considering that a shipwreck may be: a wildlife habitat, a final resting place for the deceased, a piece of history or a valuable resource. Their ideas were considered and thoughtful, as ever.

Our collective worship assemblies considered the lowly donkey this week and explored the role that everyday animal played in Christ's entry into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday. We also discussed how riches and importance don't make you great, but humility, service, patience and other home-spun virtues are where true greatness lies. #bemoredonkey.

Covid and Parents' Evening

We continue in "Living with Covid" times, but as you are well aware there are still cases of COVID in society and in school. We would ask you to be particularly sensitive about symptoms. Firstly, if your child has any COVID symptoms, please keep them at home and seek a PCR test to confirm, returning after two negative lateral flow tests, 24 hrs apart. Secondly, if you yourself have symptoms or have had a PCR and are awaiting results, please don't come onto site to potentially spread it to children and adults, some of whom may be vulnerable.

Next week we're having a face-to-face parents evening and may I appeal to you, if you have any symptoms: a cough or temperature, change in taste or if you feel particularly unwell, to stay at home and we can reschedule for you. We will ventilate classrooms and you're welcome to wear a face covering if you wish. We will keep a reasonable distance to protect members of staff who will, of course, then have multiple interactions with other adults. It's great to have these face-to-face opportunities again, but they come with common sense risk assessments to keep us all safe and hopefully we'll be out of this situation soon.

Online safety

In recent safeguarding update training, I was informed that in 90% of recent cases where children were abused or exploited there was an online element, and of these, 90% involved a child who had access to an unsupervised device in their bedroom. It's worth reflecting that there are steps that we can take in our home to keep children safe. "Where you are going", "who are those people you're

talking to?" and "how long are you going to be?" are sensible questions whether we are playing outside or online.

Ukraine

The Friends and ourselves will be raising money for disaster relief in Ukraine next week. We think it is very important to allow children to feel they have the power to do something so we will make a map of Ukraine in the hall and give the children the chance to place a monetary donation onto the map, as if they are giving it directly to Ukraine. We will do this on Tuesday 15th March during the morning please send donations in that day if you wish to.

Clubs All afterschool clubs are cancelled next week (beginning 14th March) to enable your child's teachers time to prepare for parents evening appointments. We apologise for any inconvenience.

Mon 14th Mar Guitar lessons
Netball club and Kurling club are cancelled this afternoon.

Tues 15th Mar Western Power workshops for Blue and Orange Classes
Violin lessons.
Musical drama club is cancelled this afternoon
Parents evening

Wed 16th Mar Year 6 to Malvern St James for a Science and Technology Morning
Woodwind, drum and FAME lessons
Parents evening

Thurs 17th Mar Card and board games club is cancelled this afternoon

Fri 18th Mar Seventh swim for Orange Class
Film Society and girl's football club are cancelled this afternoon
Netball tournament at the Chase

Parents Evening If you requested a parents evening appointment for next week you should have received confirmation via Parentmail. Please contact the school office if you have not received your confirmation.

Dates for your diary Our Easter Service will be held at 2.15pm on Tuesday 5th April at All Saints Church.

Messy Church Sadly All Saints Church have had to cancel March Messy Church due to illness. They hope to be back in April and look forward to seeing you then.

Parking We have had a report of a potentially serious incident on the Wells Road this week. A member of the school community had their open door hit by a car travelling along the road at speed whilst they helped their child into their car seat. The police have been made aware of the incident but wanted you to be aware so that you can take care whilst in the same position.

Coronavirus

The Department for Education have asked us to share the following information for parents and carers on COVID-19 vaccination for at risk 5 to 11 year olds with you:

Children aged 5 to 11 years who are in a clinical risk group or who live with someone who is immunosuppressed can get the COVID-19 vaccine, in line with advice set out by the

[Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation \(JCVI\)](#). Eligible children include those with diabetes, immunosuppression, learning disabilities, and other conditions as outlined by the

[UK Health Security Agency \(UKHSA\) in the Green Book](#).

Vaccinations help to increase protection against COVID-19, which is particularly important for those with underlying health conditions. Further information is available in the

[guide for parents of children aged 5 to 11 years](#) published by UKHSA. We have published some [frequently asked questions](#) on the vaccination programme including information on eligibility, accessibility and advice for parents of children at high risk from COVID-19.

Following [advice](#) from the JCVI, healthy 5 to 11 year old children will be offered two 10 microgram doses of the COVID-19 vaccine. The NHS will prepare to extend this non-urgent offer to all children during April.

Friends

UPCOMING EVENTS

Friday 18th March - Red Nose Day Fundraiser. Pupils are invited to wear something red to school in exchange for a donation to the Red Nose Appeal.

Tuesday 22nd March @ 19:45 - Wine & Summer Fete Planning. Join the Friends at the Railway Inn for an informal Summer Fete planning discussion.

Friday 8th April - The Big Sale! A Tuck Shop, Jumble and Preloved Uniform sale straight after school. Stick around for a rummage and chat before the holiday.

Easter Holidays - Easter Word Hunt (around the Fruitlands)

EVENT APPEAL

Please get in touch if you would be happy to put a letter up in your window for the children to find.

Take care of yourselves, look after your wellbeing and enjoy your family time this weekend.

With kind regards,

Stephen Murphy
Headteacher