

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 40:31

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Final week of after school clubs

This week at The Wyche

This has been a very eventful week, full of vital and inspiring personal and social education. On Tuesday we had a visit from Su Hathaway from Coram Life, the people who provide PSHE resources for us. She brought her friend Harold with her (a very well-behaved giraffe) and led a session in Red, Yellow, Blue and Orange classes, throughout the day. With workshops on “All about Me” in Red Class, “Feelings” in Yellow Class, “Meet the Brain” in Blue Class and “Friendships” in Orange Class we had some valuable experiences and learned some helpful lessons about safety and relationships. On the same day, Green Class had a visit from the police! In fact, it was a thoroughly absorbing forensics workshop which showed the role of science in modern policing and was a really superb event. Thanks to the people who made Tuesday a memorable day.

Collective Worship Assemblies

We continue practice hymns for our Carol concert on the 13th December (all welcome, of course) and to explore the STRIVE value of Trust through reflection, stories and invitational prayer. Mrs Whitehurst led a lovely assembly about all the people we rely on but forget to thank, we trust they are there in the background but need to acknowledge their goodness, like Mrs Harvey cleaning the toilets after us or Mrs Anthony looking after the office. Thanks to those behind the scenes.

Online Safety

According to Ofcom’s 2022 Media Use and Attitudes report, six out ten children who use social media say that it makes them feel happy (59%) or closer to their friends (61%) “all or most of the time”. By the same token, eight out of ten children were aware of other people being mean or unkind on social media, with 89% feeling pressure to be popular on the platforms they frequent.

Primary age children should not have their own social media accounts. WhatsApp is 16+ and Facebook 13+ for a reason, but if your child shares an account with you, don’t forget to talk about the rules and safeguards and encourage them to disconnect from the phone and connect with the world often, for their, and for your, wellbeing.

House points

Midsummer took the house cup with a more than respectable 100 points. Excellent work Midsummer house, and well done to every child who set an example to others by following the STRIVE values this week.

Attendance (Really) Matters

Attendance had dipped further we are at **95.9%** for the year. Remember, children must be at school *by law* unless they are too unwell to attend. Thanks to you all for your efforts and support, let’s keep them coming in until we break up.

What’s On?

Don’t forget our interactive calendar at <https://www.wyche.worcs.sch.uk/calendar> which will keep you posted on up-and-coming events.

Mon 5th Dec

Guitar and Brass lessons
Netball and construction clubs are on this week.

Tues 6th Dec

Choir is on this afternoon

Wed 7th Dec FAME session for Blue Class
Woodwind and drum lessons
KS1 nativity – first performance. Performers to arrive at 6pm, curtain up at 6.30pm

Thurs 8th Dec Piano lessons
KS1 nativity – second performance. Performers to arrive at 6pm, curtain up at 6.30pm

Fri 9th Dec Final swim for Green Class
Girls' football and Film Society are on this afternoon

Friends **Christmas Fayre Friday, 2nd December 2022 6-8pm**

Book Amnesty In the run up to Christmas you may find yourselves wishing to have a clear out of your child's book shelves. If this is you, the school would love to help you reuse and recycle any books you no longer need. We will be putting a box in the reception area over the next few weeks for donations. We are looking forward to sharing some of your much-loved books with the children here in school.

Information Malvern Police would like to make residents aware of the following **SCAMnesty**. Due to the success of the campaign in 2020 and 2021, the Friends Against Scams Team are again running a **SCAMnesty** (a scam mail amnesty) campaign aiming to encourage everyone in the UK to send in any unwanted scam and nuisance mail that they receive into the **National Trading Standards (NTS) Scams Team** completely free of charge.
Whilst the current campaign is running through this December, you can forward any Scam Mail received now, or at any time to the following FREEPOST address at no cost: **NTSST, FREEPOST, MAIL MARSHALS**
For more information visit : www.friendsagainstscams.org.uk/scamnesty

See you later for a fab, fun-filled, festive Friday at the Christmas Fayre,

Stay safe in the fog,

Stephen Murphy
Headteacher