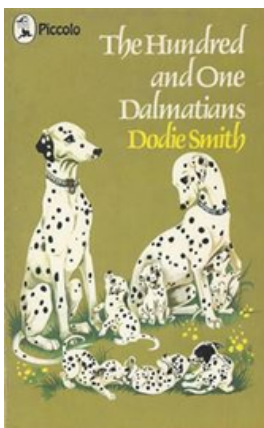


THE FRIDAY LETTER



This Week at The Wyche

Welcome back to a new term at The Wyche! It's been delightful to see the children back at school and to meet our new reception pupils and a number of new starters across the Year groups. Every one of you is welcome and each new face enriches our experience and enhances our school. This term Hedgehogs and Foxes will be learning about night time and the dark through art, literature, music and history, Otters and Stoats will be exploring the UK through the eyes of The Roman Invaders, and on the paws of Pongo and Perdie as they track down their stolen puppies. Badger Class tackle the thorny problem of Power and Justice. How do you act justly when you have power? Does power always corrupt? Let's find out.



Collective Worship: **STRIVE ... S is for "Safety"**

This week we began practicing hymns for the Harvest Festival (yes, already - it'll be Christmas Carols soon...) and considered that this term presented a blank slate, a clean sheet, a new start, and wondered how our **STRIVE** values could help us live well and leave our mistakes behind us as we move forward. Mrs Charles talked about using words safely, and how it can be hard to "put the toothpaste back in the tube" once you have said the wrong thing.



Support for Parents

Don't forget our pages on the website offering help and support for life's difficulties at <https://www.wyche.worcs.sch.uk/support-for-parents> and Mental Health & Wellbeing <https://www.wyche.worcs.sch.uk/mental-health-and-well-being>.

Also, if you are worried about your child's mental or emotional wellbeing, you can make a referral yourself to MELO here (children's counselling), <https://tally.so/r/npzxxj> or we will happily do it for you. Just come in and have a chat with Mr Murphy. This is a quick way to reach a counsellor who can help your child with low mood or worries.



Online Safety

It's getting more and more important to ensure children are supervised and cared for online, and that they know and spot the risks. Please look at our *back to school guide* on p.4 with your children and draw up some ground rules to keep them safe.



I hope you had a great summer everyone but there is a cracking autumn ahead with a wealth of opportunities and educational events and in partnership,
Mr Murphy

We can all play a part in **safeguarding** children. If you are ever worried about the safety of a child, please discuss this with **Mr Murphy, Mrs Baylis or Mrs Charles**. You can refer or get advice yourself from Children's Services on 01905 822666.

If you think a child or adult is in immediate danger, please call the police on 999.

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Buzz and Strive can't wait to get stuck in to this year's learning.



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

Malvern Wyche C of E Primary School

Together *We Soar*



Attendance **Really** Matters

Great to see you all back! Please remember that pupils need to be in school every day they are well. Our new attendance policy says that where pupils miss 10 sessions within 10 days (a session is half a day) without good cause (for example by parents taking a term-time holiday) we will consult with the Local Authority who may issue a fine. If you need any support at all with attendance, we are here to help, but if they are healthy, let's have them in school. Badgers had 100% attendance this week so keep Buzz for the week. Keep it up!



Music Lessons

Peripatetic music lessons will begin in school next week. Please ensure all children bring their instruments with them (with the exception of piano). See 'Whats On' below for information on lesson days.

After School Clubs

The 'after school club' sign-up form will be emailed early next week. Please look out for this communication. As you are aware clubs are offered on a strictly first come first served basis - do not assume that because you have requested for your child to attend a club that they have a space. Club confirmation slips will be sent out by the end of the week. Please note days, ages and times when signing your child up for clubs.

Parking - School drop off and collection

Can I please remind/advise parents to be really mindful when dropping off and collecting children. Please do not bring cars down the school driveway unless you have permission and avoid parking over resident driveways.

Wells Road Layby - Caravan

The school are aware there is a caravan with occupants in parked on Wells Road in the layby at the bottom of the hill. We have been in touch with the local police who have reassured us that all is well and the caravan has in fact broken down. The police are working in conjunction with Malvern Hills district council and the Malvern Hills Trust to assist the occupants in relocating.

Data Catchment Forms

Thank you to those of you who have already sent back the pupil information forms. It is absolutely vital that we have up to date information for all the children in school so if you have not done so already could you please send them in asap.

School Uniform

Can we ask parents to ensure all uniform being worn into school is named. We have a huge amount of lost property already and are desperate to get it back to its owners. Can we also remind parents that long hair needs to be tied back and no jewellery is allowed to be worn in school other than a pair of stud earrings. School shoes rather than trainers should also be worn and internet enabled devices, including smart watches, are not allowed. Thank you.

Vaccination UK - Flu Nasal Spray

Vaccination UK will be visiting the school on Thursday 25th September to administer the nasal flu spray to the children. We have emailed the consent forms out today. All parents need to complete the consent form - whether you are 'opting in or out'. Any queries please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

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'.

demonstrated the **STRIVE** values in classwork. This week's award-winning superstars are:

✧ ✧ ✧
HEDGEHOGS
EVERYONE FOR A
FABULOUS FIRST WEEK!

✧ ✧ ✧
FOXES
FREDDIE CRONIN
ATHENA HAWKINS

✧ ✧ ✧
OTTERS
THEO WILTON-CROWDY
NORAH ILES

✧ ✧ ✧
STOATS
MOLLIE GIBBS
JONATHAN GRIFFITHS

✧ ✧ ✧
BADGERS
DANIEL TALCOTT
ZARA FOWLER

Housepoints!

There was no Housepoint Winner this week, any housepoints given out will be carried over to next week!

Congratulations to all.

WHAT'S ON ?

Mon 8th September: Peripatetic Guitar Lessons

Tues 9th September:

Weds 10th September: Peripatetic Piano Lessons
Peripatetic Violin Lessons

Thurs 11th September: Peripatetic Drum Lessons
Badger Class 'Meet the teacher' session 3.30pm

Friday 12th September:

Dates for your Diary

- Thursday 24th September - Vaccination UK, Nasal flu spray
- Monday 29th September - KS1 Owl Visit
- Tuesday 30th Sept - Friday 3rd Oct - Oakerwood Residential Trip
- Tuesday 7th Oct - Harvest Festival Service in All Saints Church, 2pm, all welcome
- Thursday 16th October - School Photo Day

School Summer Improvements

Whilst we have been away enjoying our Summer Holidays there has been much work going on behind the scenes to update the school and keep it looking fresh in preparation for the new school year.

Stoat class has had a complete makeover - the walls being painted a lovely sage green and white - a far cry from the orange they were previous. With new energy saving LED lighting being installed the classroom is much lighter and with a calmer feel for learning.

Otter class are also benefitting from new LED lighting.

We have a new POD on the KS1 playground. This new space will be invaluable in providing a quiet, calm area for children to utilise.

You can not have failed to notice the storage shed on the KS2 playground. This will be used to house the bikes and PE equipment the children will have access to during the school year.



BACK TO SCHOOL

Online Safety Tips for Children

Wow, it's September already! The month when autumn officially starts and ... oh yeah, the beginning of a new school year. Every cloud has a silver lining though! Another term means new friends to make, different stuff to learn, fresh online trends to jump on and exciting new games to play on your phone, computer or console. We've compiled a list of our top tips to ensure that - whether you're going online to chat, research things or just have fun - you can do it safely.

Be cautious with your profile

Be careful not to give out too much info on your social media or gaming profiles. Details like your full name, address or school's name could all help strangers to actually find you offline. A trusted adult can help you make your profiles private - so only your family and actual friends can contact you.

Lock your devices

Taking your phone or tablet to school? Turn password protection on. It keeps your private info safe and stops anyone accessing your device without permission. Passwords should be memorable to you - but difficult for anyone else to guess. Get a trusted adult to write it down in case you forget it!

Be smart with screen time

Too much screen time, especially just before bed, can affect your quality of sleep. Losing sleep, or not sleeping well enough, messes with your concentration and energy levels. Try muting notifications so you don't get pinged late at night: you'll feel fresher and more focused the next day.

Know how to deal with bullies

Sadly there are people online who enjoy picking on other users. If you ever feel like you're being bullied online - by anyone, not just someone from school - talk to a trusted adult about it. Together, you can discuss possible steps, such as blocking or reporting the person who's targeting you.

Manage online relationships wisely

Most people in a relationship chat to their partner online. Just be mindful that once you send a pic or message (even if it's private), you no longer control who else might see it. Messaging someone you've never actually met - and who might not be who they say - is definitely best avoided.

React well to inappropriate content

When you're researching something online, there's always a chance of finding content that makes you feel uncomfortable or upset. If this happens, you can report it as inappropriate and (hopefully) get it taken down. Tell a trusted adult what happened: they'll help you decide what to do next.

Report offensive in-game chat

If you game online with your mates, you'll know things can get competitive and heated on the in-game chat. Playing against people you don't know (especially if they're older) raises the risk of offensive comments and even threats. Our advice? Find out how to block or mute those bad losers.

Learn to spot fake news

If you're looking into a topic for homework or a project, be careful not to get taken in by fake news: content that's deliberately created to mislead people. Check the story with credible sources, like the BBC or Sky News. Trust your instincts, too - if it seems too unbelievable to be true, it's probably fake.

Keep it 'real' with online friends

Everyone enjoys adding friends and followers on social media. It's important, though, that the people you interact with online really are your friends. If they're just random people you've connected with to increase your contacts, you don't know if they could be trolls or bullies (or worse).

