

Wyche C.E. Primary School

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Final week for all clubs and instrument lessons

This week at the Wyche

Thank you for supporting Crazy Hair Day as a fundraiser (and generally to cheer us all up in the dark days before Christmas). There have been some truly barmy barnets in school today and it has made me smile to the colour and life: how each family has interpreted the brief and how supportive you all are.

We've been busy here at Wyche and as Advent is upon us, Christmas preparation has hit hard! There have been paper chains, early mince pies and a little forest of brightly coloured trees has sprung up. As well as starting to sing lots of carols and hymns, and on top of the reading, writing and maths, Red class have constructed their own Advent calendar (and started opening it); Yellow Class have celebrated their love of reading by designing and making their own bookmarks; Blue Class are very excited about "workshopping" their *Theseus & The Minotaur* play à la Mike Leigh, and getting their improvisations down on paper; Orange class have reached the thrilling "dress rehearsal, bring in props from home" stage of their performance poem and Green Class made exquisite snowy art which has really put me in the Christmas mood.

Online Safety

We have been thinking about social media this week at Wyche. On Wednesday we had a whole teaching staff safeguarding briefing about the risks of social media for children's health and wellbeing and how it can lead to exploitation if not monitored. Mr Wilson did a wonderful assembly about measuring ourselves against the images of perfection we see online and ensuring that we celebrate ourselves the way we are. Don't forget almost all social media sites and apps insist a child cannot have a social media account by themselves until they are 13, and even then, supervision is needed. The benefits of social media are great but the risks are also high. There is, as ever, good practical advice on Thinkuknow.co.uk.

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/articles/is-my-child-ready-for-social-media/>

Mon 6th Dec

Guitar lessons

Forest School and netball clubs are on this week

Tues 7th Dec

Violin lessons (the teacher will be holding a catch-up lesson for violin during the last week of term, date to be confirmed).

Choir and chess club are on this afternoon

Wed 8th Dec

Woodwind and drum lessons are on today

FAME clarinet lesson for Blue Class

Year 6 Boys football tournament at Dyson Perrins

Thurs 9th Dec

Brass and piano lessons

Cricket club is on this evening.

Fri 10th Dec

Final swim for Green Class

Multiskills club is on this afternoon.

Medicines

Please can we remind parents that all medicines to be administered during the school day must be signed in at the school office, by an adult, each morning.

Green Homes Grant

Your local council has secured funding from the Government under the Green Homes Grants Local Authority Delivery. Grants of up to £10,000 are available to improve the energy efficiency of homes in Worcestershire. All works are subject to a retrofit assessment and technical survey to recommend suitable measures. You may be offered an alternative measure if your preference is not available/suitable for your home.

Eligibility criteria

- You have a combined gross household income (including any benefits you receive) of under £30,000 (households claiming free school meal, not universal free school meals are likely to qualify) and
- Your home has an energy performance certificate (EPC) rating of E, F or G. (if you are unsure if your home has a valid EPC, Act on Energy can check this for you and an EPC can be provided if necessary).

For information and expressions of interest please contact local energy charity Act on Energy 0800 988 2881 or complete an online expression of interest form via Local Authority Delivery Scheme - Expression of Interest - Act On Energy. Please note all funding must be spent by end March 2022.

See you all later for the Festive Christmas Fayre (and a million thanks to the Friends for all that they are doing to support the school and keep us close as a community!)

stay safe and best wishes

Stephen Murphy
Headteacher