Happy Friday to you all. We've been busy as ever this week, cracking on with our vehicles, challenging ourselves and acquiring new skills. In particular many of you have been getting in touch with praise, news and enquiries about phonics teaching in Early Years and KS1. The warmth of this feedback has been really rewarding – thank you for the encouragement. I know it means a lot to those teachers and shows what a good job they are doing. In the new half-term, we will have an online phonics session for parents who want to learn more and get their heads around *grapheme*, *phoneme* and the exact pronunciations which will help children fly!

Elsewhere I have seen really great online web design using PowerPoint, some gruesome details in fiction writing about Victorian poverty, a peristalsis challenge (!) and detailed report writing about Tim Peak.

Mon 19th Oct   PE lessons for Blue and Orange Classes.
Guitar lessons

Tues 20th Oct   PE lessons for Blue and Yellow Classes
Woodwind lessons

Wed 21st Oct   Deadline for ordering Christmas Cards.
PE lessons for Red and Orange Classes
Friends of the Wyche AGM, 7.30pm

Thurs 22nd Oct   Flu immunisations will take place this morning. Please can any remaining forms be returned to the office as soon as possible.
PE lessons for Green and Red Classes
Violin, drum and piano lessons
Closing date for the friends Autumn Colouring competition.

Fri 23rd Oct   Non-uniform in exchange for a 50p donation to Gofu Juu. To minimise the risk of infection please can we ask that clothes worn are freshly laundered.
PE lessons for Yellow and Green Classes.

Harvest Thank you to everyone who has donated to our harvest appeal. Please can any last minute food donations be brought into school by Monday.

Christmas cards   You should have been sent home your child's Christmas Card design via their book bags, together with instructions on the reverse of the design about how to place an order. If you do wish to order cards please can you return your child's artwork to school, without any creases, so that it can be submitted to the manufacturers for processing. All artwork should be returned to

the school office by Thursday 22nd October. It will not be possible for cards to be created if artwork is returned after this date.

<u>Symptoms</u>	We have been requested to remind families that if anyone in the household develops COVID-19 symptoms **all** their household including all children must self-isolate until a test result is received. • A negative result means children can return to school (unless they have been identified as a close contact of someone else) • A positive test result means children must self-isolate at home for 14 days from the onset of symptoms or 14 days from the test date if the parent was asymptomatic.
<u>Help</u>	We would be grateful for donations of leggings and joggers to fit children in Reception and Key Stage 1 that your child may have grown out of. If your child has brought home any items of school clothing this half term, please can these be returned to school as soon as possible.
<u>Governors</u>	You should have received a letter regarding voting for the parent governor vacancies we currently have in school. Closing date for returning your votes will be Tuesday 3rd November.
<u>Friends</u>	**Tonight** is the Friends first online quiz, please join us from 8pm.The payment link website is unfortunately down at the moment but please still feel free to log on to tonight's quiz, payment can be made when the site is back up and running. **Wednesday 21st October 7.30pm** virtual AGM Elections and financial breakdown of last year. Current vacancies: Chair, Treasurer, Committee members This school year is set to be one of our most challenging fund-raising years ever, but with meetings moving online it's never been easier to get involved with the Friends and share your ideas. Please contact the Friends via email friendsofthewycheschool@hotmail.com for a role description **Recycling reminder** Help support the Friends of the Wyche and other charities by recycling your ink cartridges, mobile phones, stamps and foil **Colouring competition reminder**: Hopefully you have all received your colouring sheets, the closing date is Thursday 22nd for judging on Friday 23rd. Entry £1 to be paid either via the payment link or by cash in a sealed labelled envelope to reception.
<u>Admissions</u>	Worcestershire County Council have opened consultations for the admission arrangements for schools in 2022/3. If you are interested in taking part please follow the link below.

https://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/info/20632/school_admissions_policies_and_appeals/2292/admissions_policies_2022_to_2023_consultation

Activities

All Saints Church would love to invite you to their Light party on 31st October which this year will be on Zoom! There will be games, crafts and lots of fun, so dress up in your brightest clothes and join them to celebrate light in the darkness! For more information, to book a place for your family and to receive your party bag with everything you need to join in, please see their website: http://www.standrewsandallsaints.org/light-party/

Next week we will be taking photographs for our new website (which is nearly fully operational). In a Covid-secure way we will be asking teachers and children to show off all that is wonderful about The Wyche, so that we can show the world what we do. This will be on Wednesday and Thursday next week and our own governor Adian Lewis will be taking the photos. Needless to say, only children with prior permissions to be photographed for the website will be included.

Thanks for all of your support this week, your kind feedback and promotion of learning at home. Have a cracking weekend.

Stephen Murphy, Headteacher