

Wyche C.E. Primary School

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A special Happy Friday to you all which is also Happy Half Term! Your children are ready for a break but my goodness they've earned it! You know a school is really motoring when the adults are learning too. This half term Green Class taught me that one of longest flight of locks in the UK is near here in Tardebigge; Orange class pointed out that the Van Gogh museum website uses Van Gogh's colour palette in its web design; Blue Class explained using the "onion skin" is the difference between expert and amateur animation; Yellow Class taught me that in the word *Unicorn*, the letter u says its name as its sound and Red Class kindly informed me that Neil Armstrong was the first human to walk upon the moon. Who knew?

Our Virtual Learning Environment is now fully operational and by now you'll have received your child's log in. If you have explored you may have seen some of the work we've been planning for possible isolations and (heaven forbid) another lockdown. By the weekend we'll store these activities in our Teacher Zone, ready to distribute if and when needed. Teachers have worked extremely hard to develop this resource and provide high quality virtual teaching alongside their usual duties, adapting their practice to ensure we can offer high quality, progressive and continuous education for your child if, for whatever reason, they are prevented from attending school by Coronavirus restrictions. I'd be grateful if you could take some time to log in to the system and familiarise yourself with the site, just in case. Feel free to try typing on your own page and inserting pictures as practice. We won't judge or mark this exploration so just have a play and we can always clear the resource if we need use it to teach. If you have any problems logging in please contact the school office.

We are looking for a name for this resource – something more Wychey than *The VLE*, so if your children have any suggestions we'd love to know.

Don't forget the mental and emotional wellbeing resources on our [website information page](#) and the Worcester *Here to Help* resources on <https://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/here2help>. In tricky times you never know when you'll need a helping hand.

Mon 2nd Nov

Inset day

Tues 3rd Nov

PE lessons for Blue and Yellow Classes
Woodwind lessons
Closing date for parent governor ballot papers
Poppies will be on sale in Red and Yellow Classes today.

Wed 4th Nov

PE lessons for Red and Orange Classes
Poppies will be on sale in Blue Class today

Thurs 5th Nov

PE lessons for Green and Red Classes
Violin, drum and piano lessons
Poppies will be on sale in Orange Class today

Fri 6th Nov

PE lessons for Yellow and Green Classes.
Poppies will be on sale in Green Class today

Harvest

Thank you to all who donated to the harvest collection this half term. The organisers were very touched by your generosity.

Poppies

Poppies and poppy themed items will be available to purchase, in exchange for a donation, for the first week after half term, to raise funds for the Royal British Legion. If your child would like to purchase something please can they bring a donation in a named envelope in their book bag on the day the items will be on sale in their class.

Uniform

As you are aware, on the days your child has PE they are asked to come into school in their kit for the whole day. Please can we remind you that normal uniform, including appropriate school shoes, should be worn on every other day that they are in school.

5p lunches

Since our last count, your kind donations to this scheme has amounted to 1069 lunches for our friends at Gofu Juu. Thank you to everyone for your kind donations. We will be continuing the scheme after half term, so please support this initiative if you can.

Friends

The payment link website is still down unfortunately but we have set up a PayPal account for anyone still owing money for the quiz or colouring competition.

Please send payment to friendsofthewycheschool@hotmail.com and select paying a friend or relative so we can avoid charges. We are also happy to still receive cheque or cash in a sealed envelope via reception.

Thanks to all that attended Wednesday's AGM this years' committee members are;

Chair - Klaire (Jakobs mum)

Vice Chair - Amy Hammond (Ollie and Toby)

Treasurer - Catherine Churchill (Evie)

Secretary - Amanda Preece (Billy)

Recycling reminder:

Help support the Friends of the Wyche and other charities by recycling your ink cartridges, mobile phones, stamps and foil

Thank you to all your little artists that entered our harvest colouring competition. The judging has taken place and the winners are Evie Churchill and Dorothy Butler.

Congratulations we will send your prizes home after half term and keep your eyes on the website in November for copies of all the entries.

Reminder for anyone shopping over half term please consider amazon smile and the giving machine, for every purchase the friends receive a donation from the retailer, every little really does help.

Finally thank you to everyone that attended last weeks' quiz, we hope you enjoyed it, but we would value any feedback as who knows how long it will be before we can get back into the hall for a proper Harrison quiz. Many thanks to Erika and Ali for their technical expertise and congratulations to our winners The Eglins.

It's been an amazing half term, full of challenges for everyone, but above all, packed with achievements to celebrate. Members of staff have worked tirelessly, cleaning and sanitising, following risk assessments to the letter, supporting me and each other and especially your children, and fanning the flame of education every single day to secure fulfilled futures for your kids. They are an exceptional team, and if you see one, give them a thumbs-up. They more than deserve it.

As a parent body you have been incredibly understanding, accommodating and supportive. We are a lucky, lucky school to have be in partnership with such a community and we don't take it for granted. Let's keep working together, to stay safe, and achieve!

Most of all, your children have been incredible. I don't have to tell you, the experts, how to do your job, but reward those kids this holiday with your congratulations; hug them and tell them how proud we *all* are of them for their resilience, good humour, hard work and sheer heart throughout this first half. They're absolute stars.

I wish you a restful and restoring half term, wherever and however it finds you, with deep gratitude or your warm welcome to me this Autumn. Here's to next the half and all it brings!

Stephen Murphy
Headteacher