

Wyche C.E. Primary School

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Hi everyone, and happy Friday to you all. Thanks for your full and detailed feedback with our survey about a new website. One trend that stands out is a desire that we keep the flavour of the old website with the high-quality showcasing of vehicles, the 'Meet the Staff' video (updated) and the links with Gofu Juu, but with a request for more information, updated regularly and easily accessible. A contemporary look which will show off the Wyche to the world is also a high priority as are class pages with information about your child's routines and learning. It seems that most of you are accessing these services through smartphones and we will bear this in mind, designing a responsive site which works for you on a phone and 'on the go'. We'll be in touch soon asking about your access to specific devices to ensure our remote learning provision, if needed, is accessible.

Managing illness

Thank you for how sensibly and patiently you have been managing the usual back-to-school colds and viruses, whilst staying alert to our duty to contain Covid-19 and minimise risk. We sent home guidance about discriminating between cold and genuine symptoms and I am reassured by how responsive and communicative you have all been, keeping children away when in doubt, discriminating carefully between symptoms and staying in touch. The entire staff team continues to follow the risk assessment to the letter, avoiding children mixing, cleaning regularly and overseeing regular handwashing and sanitising. Throughout all of the safety measures teaching and learning remains a high priority and staff are working hard to give your children the educational experiences you expect and they deserve.

Seesaw

Our celebration and sharing messaging app is now up and running. Thanks for the communications and the warm feedback we have been getting. If you are having difficulties or have any questions, please get in touch and we can offer support.

Start of the Day

From **week beginning 27th September** (this coming Monday) we will make some changes to the start and end of the day. The new times, below, are designed to allow children to begin learning more rapidly and minimise lost teaching time, whilst staying safe.

Start of Day	Location	Class	Home Time
8.45am	Front Door	Blue	3.10pm
8.50am	Bottom Gate	Yellow	3.10pm
8.55am	Front Door	Orange	3.20pm
9.00am	Bottom Gate	Red	3.20pm
9.05am	Front Door	Green	3.30pm

Please ensure for the comfort and safety of others you continue to drop off on time and leave promptly to provide adequate opportunity for social distancing. Thank you.

Mon 28th Sept PE lessons for Blue and Orange Classes.
Guitar lessons

Tues 29th Sept PE lessons for Blue and Yellow Classes
Woodwind lessons

Wed 30th Sept PE lessons for Red and Orange Classes
Rags to riches collection- any bag is fine please leave all donations just inside the school gate at morning drop off- not before due to storage and current restrictions, only clean good quality items accepted- think would you wear it.

Thurs 1st Oct PE lessons for Green and Red Classes
FAME violin lessons for Blue Class this morning.
Violin, drum and piano lessons

Fri 2nd Oct

PE lessons for Yellow and Green Classes.

Masks

We are aware that some children may come to school wearing masks. Please can we ask that these masks are removed at the school gates and taken home by their parent/carer to minimise the risk of contamination in school. Thank you.

Gofu Juu

This week each class has had collective worship talking about the school's 5p lunch scheme to support the provision of lunches at our sister school, Gofu Juu, in Tanzania. You should find a letter about the scheme in your child's book bag today.

Drum lessons

Drum lessons have moved again. They will now be held on Thursday afternoons. We apologise for any confusion this second timetable change may cause.

Uniform.

We have had a few lost jumpers and cardigans in school this week. Please can we ask you to ensure that your child's sweatshirts and cardigans are clearly named so that we can reunite stray items to their rightful owner.

First Aid

If your child has a bump at school they may come home sporting a wrist band.

- A green wrist band denotes that your child has had a head bump in school. There will be a letter in your child's bag on the day of the bump, with details of the bump and advice about further treatment. We should be grateful if you could return the attached reply slip to your child's class teacher the following day.
- A blue wristband denotes that your child has had an injury during the day that has been treated by a first aider in school which may not be obvious at first glance when looking at your child, but which you may want to chat about with your child and possibly treat further. For example a graze on an area of their body normally covered by clothing.

MacMillan

Please can any tea party photos and donations to Macmillan be brought into school by Monday. Thank you for your support.

Friends

This year's class reps are;
These will be your first point of contact for any questions or information relating to the friends or events.

Red- Amy Hammond and Caroline Talcott
Yellow - Catherine Churchill and Erika baker
Blue - John Hipkiss and Amanda Preece
Orange – Jodie Pullen and Nick Vakis-Lowe
Green - Nick Vakis-Lowe

Save the dates letter- following this week's meeting we have an exciting diary of virtual and socially distanced events for you this year so keep your eyes peeled for your save the dates letter in book bags next week.

Vacancies-Ahead of our yearly AGM on October 21st we have the following vacancies:

Chair, Treasurer, Committee member

Please email friendsofthewycheschool@hotmail.com for a job description. With the majority of meetings and events this year to be held on line there's never been an easier time to volunteer. We are a very small group and without fresh blood we are at risk of becoming extinct, the friends raise additional funds to support the school, staff and children and help build the close knit community of our school through their fun and inclusive events.

Recycling reminder- we are still accepting foil, stamps, ink cartridges and

mobile phones so before you throw it away, stop and think could you recycle it and help us raise some much needed funds, both for the Friends and national charities. Please bring any donations to the school office.

Governors

You will find a letter in your child's book bag this afternoon regarding elections for parent governors at the Wyche. If you would like more information about the role of a governor at the school please contact the school office.

Following a recent meeting of the governing body we wanted to advise that a new chair of the governing body has been elected. Dan Eglin, father of Elsie and Josh, has been a parent governor for several years and brings many years of working in the education sector teaching maths and computing to the role. He is currently head of department teaching IT and mathematics at a local high school so is ideally placed to lead the governors to support and hold the school account over high standards for your children and standards and assist the school with its next steps enhancing our digital learning provision. Governors can be contacted via their email address governors@wyche.worcs.sch.uk.

Wishing you a great Autumnal weekend and a good rest. Here's to another week of fun-filled learning,

Warm regards

Stephen Murphy
Headteacher