

Wyche C.E. Primary School

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Hello to you all, and a happy, if wet and windy Friday. Another delightful week at the delightful Wyche has come and gone. I was privileged this week to see the gorgeous tropical birds made by Yellow class, make exciting and complex vehicles in Red Class, see Orange class' in-depth research into the Victorians, watch Green class getting to grips with lock gates, and hear about Blue class's digital animations of spacecraft! Walking around the school and seeing the enthusiasm and engagement is a tonic.

Our thorough and child-friendly assessment period continues but is drawing to an end to allow us to focus curriculum planning most effectively on recovering lost knowledge, understanding and skills after lockdown. You shortly will receive an invitation to book a virtual parents' evening where we can discuss your child's wellbeing after returning to full time education their achievements thus far and targets for the future. Details about this will follow.

Thanks for your flexibility around the change to the staggered start – this has made for a much prompter start to learning but still effectively maintained social distancing. We have updated our risk assessment accordingly. Please remember to maintain that safe distance when waiting and then leave promptly to allow other parents to drop off in comfort and safety. I really appreciate your supportive co-operation on this.

By the way, if anyone has a drone camera, we thought it might be rather cool to have an aerial film of the school. If this is something you enjoy doing as a hobby and want to help out, let us know.

Mon 5th Oct School Photos. Please can those children who have PE today come in their school polo shirts and jumpers/cardigans. They can still wear their normal PE kit and trainers on their lower half.
PE lessons for Blue and Orange Classes.
Guitar lessons

Tues 6th Oct PE lessons for Blue and Yellow Classes
Woodwind lessons

Wed 7th Oct PE lessons for Red and Orange Classes

Thurs 8th Oct PE lessons for Green and Red Classes
FAME violin lessons for Blue Class this morning.
Violin, drum and piano lessons

Fri 9th Oct PE lessons for Yellow and Green Classes.

Flu Immunisations You will have received a letter via your child's book bag about flu immunisations taking place on 22nd October. Please can you return this letter to school as soon as possible, even if you do not want your child to be immunised at school this time.

MacMillan Mrs Harrison writes:
*"Dear parents, grandparents, children and pets!
A huge thank you for your donations to MacMillan. £90 will soon be finding its way to this worthwhile cause – loved the photos too. What fun you all had."*

Friends **AGM reminder** October 21st
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 its 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.

Rags to riches- thanks to your generosity this week's collection raised an amazing £62.40 (this is the equivalent of 10 book bags for new starters that the friends fund ever year).

Vacancies

We currently have a vacancy for a cleaner in school, working 3.30-5.30pm each day. If you, or someone you know might be interested, please contact the school office for a job description and an application form.

Governors

The closing date for nominations to become a parent governor at the Wyche is Monday 12th October. The governors play a key role in school looking at the strategic direction of the school, promoting high standards of achievement and ensuring that resources are used to maximise their impact. If you would like more information about the role of governor at the Wyche please contact either the school office or one of our serving members.

At the end of my first month as Headteacher here at the Wyche (where has *that* time gone?) may I say a genuine thank you to the many, many, parents who have come forward to welcome me, ask after me, or to give feedback one way or another. You make a difficult job much easier and I am increasingly aware of what a uniquely warm and supportive community you are. Have a magnificent weekend and see you on Monday.

Warm regards

Stephen Murphy
Headteacher

