

Wyche C.E. Primary School

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Happy Friday everyone and welcome back. I trust you enjoyed half term and are loving this incredible late autumn weather.

Firstly, a huge and warm thank you to you all for wearing masks outside the school. I know it feels strange to us all but it gladdened my heart when I came out on Tuesday morning to see you all there - in support of the school and in solidarity with each other. Thanks for getting on board so overwhelmingly. Let's keep it up and keep infections down.

On the subject of change, our collective worships have been about needing the grace to find the good in change, whether welcome or unwelcome, and we have been looking at the changes in the colours of autumn leaves and thinking about how new pets bring both disruption and happiness into a household.

Many parents have discussed remote learning with me this week, on the gate or by email and phone call. If anyone else has any questions or worries I would encourage you to come and talk them through. Many have asked if we are stopping the Seesaw app. Don't worry – we're keeping Seesaw, it's great. Please find with this issue of the Friday Letter more information about remote learning in the event that we can't teach in school. Included this week is a sample of what learning will look like if it needs to be posted live, and factsheet about Teams and technology. These can both be found along with our step-by-step how to access the VLE guide on our website under *Information*. Please take the time to read through these documents and keep them handy. They ought to answer most of your questions.

Mon 9th Nov PE lessons for Blue and Orange Classes
Guitar lessons

Tues 10th Nov PE lessons for Blue and Yellow Classes
Woodwind lessons

Wed 11th Nov PE lessons for Red and Orange Classes

Thurs 12th Nov PE lessons for Green and Red Classes
Violin, drum and piano lessons

Fri 13th Nov PE lessons for Yellow and Green Classes.

Governors Following the recent vote for parent governors the Governors are happy to announce that Alistair Baker, Tim Cook and Helen Gough have been duly elected. The governors would like to say thank you to everyone who took part in the election.

Free School Meals Due to the economic effect of coronavirus, we are aware that many families are facing difficult financial circumstances at the moment. If this applies to you, you may want to consider applying for free school meals for your child via the following link

https://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/info/20062/schools/684/applying_for_free_school_meals

Successful applicants are eligible for free school meals for their child (should they wish to have one) and the school will receive pupil premium funding which the school will use to support your child's education. If you need any more information or some assistance with the application please email the school office.

Friends

For anyone doing any internet shopping during the lockdown please remember to visit the following links for Amazon smile and the giving machine or download the app, and select the Friends of the Wyche as your chosen charity. The retailers will then donate a percentage of your purchase at no extra cost to you.

<https://smile.amazon.co.uk/gp/aw/h.html>

https://www.thegivingmachine.co.uk/causes/the-wyche-primary-school/?fbclid=IwAR0g5Z5_BPyzV50C_ut26ubZejXZzXmvsk0NJKOjLzL37jKPAg0kGdAtQD0

Tea towels - For those of you that placed a provisional order for tea towels you should have received your invoice in your book bags this week. Please tick your payment method and return the slip back to school by the 30th November so your order can be sent to you.

If you would like to pay via PayPal please send your payment to thefriendsofthewycheschool@hotmail.com

Or bacs payment to:

Friends of the Wyche

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For anyone who missed out on a chance to order or would like to add to their order we will have a few spares available after delivery on the 30th November once all paid orders have been handed out. Please note you will not receive your order until we receive payment.

Advance raffle warning - Friday 27th November- we will be asking children to bring in a donation towards our Christmas hampers that we will be making up and raffling off instead of our usual Christmas raffle. So that we don't get inundated with lots of the same thing we have given each class a category but if you have trouble finding something for your class category because of the lockdown please feel free to choose one of the others.

Red- new toys/games/books

Yellow-toiletries

Blue-chocolate

Orange-alcohol

Green- savoury snacks/Christmas foods

There will be donation boxes at the main doors and bottom gate on the morning of the 27th for your donations.

The next friends meeting will be on the 25th November 8pm via Microsoft teams, everyone welcome, link to follow.

Recycling- Please help support the Friends of the Wyche and other charities by recycling your ink cartridges, mobile phones, stamps and foil

Uniform

Due to the lockdown school togs is currently closed but uniform can still be obtained via their online shop

<https://www.monkhouse.com/pg/11/Store-Locator>

I wish you all good luck and peace in your hearts during this month of lockdown. Rest assured we will be taking the greatest care of your children and as ever, providing the best education it is in our power to give.

My best wishes,

Stephen Murphy, Headteacher