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Happy Friday Everyone,

At the end of another busy week at the Wyche we are really seeing evidence of children recovering their lost learning. I have seen some jaw-dropping writing this week and heard accounts of rapid progress in maths. This is due to the hard work and focus from children and the dedication and professionalism of staff. Your support plays no small part too, either. To top it all, last Friday Year 2 children sat the Phonics Screening Check that was postponed in June due to lockdown. Please congratulate your children and pat yourselves on the back for a gob-smacking 100% result! Every single child in Year 2 passed the screen. If you see KS1 staff give them a huge thumbs up for a job well done. They have earned it.

You will be aware that the DfE have given schools flexibility to close on Friday 18th December. We have taken the decision to remain open and will finish on Friday as planned at your child's ordinary finish time. This means the school will be available for you to communicate **positive pupil Covid test results**, should you need to (we dearly hope not) where symptoms develop on Saturday 19th or Sunday 20th only, for the 6 days until Christmas Eve. There are full instructions provided with this Friday letter. I ask that you read and understand them in detail and follow them to the letter as promptly as possible. If you are in doubt about any detail, please ask myself or Mrs Anthony and we will help. Thanks.

You will all be aware that Mr Westwood, our beloved Deputy Head and Green Class teacher has been ill this term. I'm glad to report we have begun a phased return to work and Mr Westwood popped in to see Green Class yesterday. He will do some teaching next week and we are expecting him back full time from January 1st. Heartfelt thanks for your kind words of support and concern and for your understanding and patience. Thanks also to Mr Booton, Mrs Barker and Mrs Creber for the continuity and stability they have provided.

<u>Mon 14th Dec</u>	4Front Theatre Company will bringing their online Christmas show into classes this morning PE lessons for Blue and Orange Classes Guitar lessons have now finished for this term
<u>Tues 15th Dec</u>	PE lessons for Blue and Yellow Classes Final woodwind lessons for this term
<u>Wed 16th Dec</u>	PE lessons for Red and Orange Classes
<u>Thurs 17th Dec</u>	PE lessons for Green Class Piano, string and drum lessons have now finished for this term.
<u>Fri 18th Dec</u>	Dig out your most festive jumper and help spread some festive cheer, we can't wait to see them. £1 donation to the Friends payable via cash/cheque/bacs or PayPal. PE lessons for Yellow and Green Classes.
<u>5p lunches</u>	Thank you for all of your kind donations to our 5p lunches campaign this term. So far this term we have funded 5,829 meals, an amazing effort. We shall be continuing the campaign throughout this academic

year and hope that you will feel able to continue to support this worthwhile cause.

Friends

The Friends write:

“Text raffle Thank you to everyone that has entered so far, but for those that haven't there's still time, to be in with a chance of winning one of our seven festive hampers simply text XMASHAMPER20 to 70201 by midnight tonight (11th December). Texts cost £1 and you can enter as many times as you like. Winners will be notified via text message by Monday 13th and prizes can be collected from school. There's not many shopping days left till Christmas, if you're avoiding the chaos of the shops and doing your shopping online this year please don't forget to visit amazon smile and the giving machine, they will donate a percentage of every purchase you make at no cost to you so please bear it in mind each time you hit those virtual shops. Amazon smile can be linked to your amazon account and the giving machine has a handy app so it's never been simpler to raise funds for the friends while you shop. <https://smile.amazon.co.uk/gp/aw/h.html>

https://www.thegivingmachine.co.uk/causes/the-wyche-primary-school/?fbclid=IwAR0q5Z5_BPvzV50C_ut26ubZeIXZzXmvsk0NJKOjLzL37jKPAq0kGdAtQD0

Tea towels Hopefully you have all had your orders by now but if not please let us know via what's app, Facebook or Gaynor.

We still have a few spares for sale so it's not too late for those of you who haven't ordered or anyone who would like to add to their order simply send in your payment with a note of how many you'd like to the school office. They are £4 each or 3 for £10 and they make great presents for family and keepsakes for years to come. If you would like to pay via PayPal please send your payment to friendsofthewycheschool@hotmail.com

Please select the paying friends and family option to avoid us being charged. Or you can send a bacs payment to:

Friends of the Wyche

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The next friends meeting will be on 16th December at 8pm via Microsoft teams, everyone welcome, link to follow.

December 1st-31st With things to do over the holidays a bit low on the ground this year why not take part in our Festive 5k. Run, jog or walk 5k throughout December all at once or spread over a few days in your favourite festive wear and send us your photos via what's app Facebook or email to be featured on the school website and help raise festive cheer in the community and funds for our school. Suggested donation of £5 per family.

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

Activities

St Andrew's & All Saints are putting together Bags of HOPE this Christmas, for people in our communities, who are isolated or finding things tough in this difficult season. They'd love others to join them in this by donating items or nominating people to receive a bag of hope (you can drop donations off at St Andrew's Church car park on Sunday 13th between 2 - 4pm). Helen explains more in this video: <https://youtu.be/SJV5V3qGxlc>

St Andrew's and All Saints would love you to join them for their Christingle Service on Sunday 20th December at 4pm and their Messy Christmas on Christmas Eve at 3:30pm. Both are on Zoom this year and they are giving out resource bags for both with everything you need to take part, so please do take a look at their website www.standrewsandallsaints.org and register to join in and receive your bag. They look forward to seeing you there! Families Herefordshire and Worcestershire Christmas Issue can be found at: <https://bit.ly/35Cj5Be>

Have a wonderful weekend together as we count down to a well-earned Christmas.

Stephen Murphy, Headteacher