

Wyche C.E. Primary School

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Happy Friday everyone, and it has been an eventful week as we have finally been told when children will return to full time education. People will take this news in different ways but there is cause for celebration that our children will be able to learn together again from March 8th. We will be open on that day for all learners, under the same arrangements were planned for January, with staggered start and end times, rigorous risk assessments and an inclusive ethos.

We will welcome children back warmly and will begin immediately helping them to settle and re-adjust. The business of assessing gaps in learning is crucially important and we will do this promptly and efficiently, but rest assured, the first step is to make children feel safe, included and calm. We'll provide lots of wellbeing, personal and social input to help children build friendships and talk about their worries. All the time, through activities, quizzes and assessments we will sensitively establish gaps in knowledge and skills and begin the process of recovery. Our recovery curriculum will provide activities, texts and experiences that are therapeutic and will aid recovery.

Green Class

Please can any year 6 children attending school on Monday and Tuesday next week come to school in old, warm clothes as they will be working outside in the school grounds on those days.

World Book Day

Despite being locked down we will still be celebrating World Book Day on Thursday 4th March. Our theme will be Bedtime Stories. Children at school may come to school in their pyjamas and bring their favourite book to share (no soft toys though please, for safety reasons). Children at home, we encourage you to dress in your PJ's too – let us know/upload a photo of your favourite book to join in the fun. The national theme is 'share a story' and staff will be giving live readings of their favourite stories on Teams during the week and, on the day itself, work will be themed around books and the therapeutic power of stories.

Class catch-ups

It was lovely to see so many of you take part in the live catch-up call for classes to join on Microsoft Teams this week. There will be another opportunity to meet up again next week, before we are all back in school on 8th March. Children will get an email invite on their office email in their office log in domain. The live chats will be as follows:

Monday	Green	11.30
Tuesday	Orange	11.30
Wednesday	Blue	11.30
Thursday	Yellow	11.30

Friday

Red

11.35

These will be led by the class teacher and enable the class to briefly socialise, see each other, and check in and will last about 15 minutes. They are of course optional; children do not have to take part if they do not wish. For safeguarding purposes, we should be grateful if parents could be around to supervise their child whilst on the call and it is important that once the call is ended by school, children log off the video and the chat.

Lunches

The Black Pepper website is now open to order meals for when the children return to school on 8th March. They will be offering sandwiches, wraps and jacket potatoes, as they were before the Christmas break. You will need to take into account that they do require at least 4 days' notice to process any orders.

Vacancies

The school currently has a vacancy for a lunchtime supervisor to work 5 hours per week, term time only. If you, or someone you know, would be interested please contact the school office for a job description and application form.

Let's keep up our joint efforts with social distancing outside of school, mask wearing and prompt drop off. You are being great and whilst we will get through this, we will only get through it together. Thanks

We look forward to 8th March when we can become a community of learners again, and even more so to the hoped-for lifting of restrictions as and when it is safe, so that we can rebuild our community and be together again as we were before.

Take care, look after yourselves and we'll see you on Monday for more learning and a week of book day activities!

Don't forget in these tough times, [Worcestershire's Here2Help](#) line for Covid-related pressures and the Wyche website's [mental health and wellbeing](#) page.

Wishing you a sunny, springy weekend,

Stephen Murphy, Headteacher