

Wyche C.E. Primary School

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Happy Friday everyone, and happy Half Term!

Haven't we earned it? This week has had many Wychey highlights including Red Class planting radishes in the Bottom Garden (very Peter Rabbit!) Yellow Class learning about equality and the courage of Rosa Parks, Blue Class' visit from Anna Humpries (mountaineer and Bear Grylls' advisor – really!) Orange class discovering about the Romans in Britain and the stand taken by Boudicca and Green Class making complex molecular diagrams out of sweets ... and then eating them.

It's important that we share the message that we continue to maintain rigorous systems of control in school and risk assess curriculum events carefully. Despite restrictions lifting across the UK, the DfE have made it clear that schools must not lift restrictions and maintain a high level of infection control. This letter from the local authority to headteachers today makes this clear:

Schools are reminded that there has been no change (as of the date of the bulletin's publication) to the Public Health controls that have been in place throughout the year. This includes the size of bubbles, social distancing, hand washing regimes, ventilation requirements, enhanced cleaning of buildings and resources. Please do not adjust or reduce your school's control measures after the holiday period.

Early Help Bulletin from Worcestershire Children First, 28th May 2021.

Within these parameters we continue to try our utmost to give your children the best possible education and outcomes, but our planning for everyday events is obviously complicated by this guidance and the uncertainty about when it will lift, in line with the national target to raise Covid restrictions in society of 21st June. Schools have not been given a comparable roadmap but if and when we do, we will be in touch with you. In the meantime we comply with directives and continue to strive to deliver the best, safest education we can.

Mon 31st – Fri 4th June

Half Term Holidays

Mon 7th June

PE lessons for Blue and Orange Classes
Guitar lessons
Vision Tests for Reception Children. Please return your letters by first thing on Monday if you do not want your child to be tested.

Tues 8th June

PE lessons for Yellow and Blue Classes
Drum and woodwind lessons

Wed 9th June

PE lessons for Red and Orange Classes

Thurs 10th June

PE lessons for Red and Green Classes
Violin and piano lessons

Fri 11th June

PE lessons for Yellow and Green Classes

Coronavirus Testing

The same arrangements as the Easter Break apply: We hope this is not necessary, but if, heaven forbid, your child tests positive for Coronavirus and the symptoms began within 48 hours of them being in school (before midnight on Sunday

30th) please notify the school of the positive test using our coronavirus reporting email address: covid@wyche.worcs.sch.uk. Please do not use this email address for general correspondence. If the symptoms began after midnight on Sunday we don't need to be notified but we do wish you good health and recovery.

Worcestershire County Council has asked us to remind you that, if your child has symptoms, or a positive PCR test on Sunday 30th, they should not return to school on 7th June to comply with the 10 day self-isolation guidance. In addition. Please do not send your child back to school on the first day after the holidays if they are exhibiting symptoms or have been in close contact with a person with coronavirus in the previous ten full days.

Black Pepper

Online ordering for school meals opens this weekend. Please log on to order food for the coming half term. Black Pepper are still offering a reduced menu of wraps, sandwiches and Jacket potatoes, which we realise is disappointing, but the need to maintain class bubbles throughout the day makes the provision of normal hot meal service problematic for many schools, ourselves included.

Uniform

Monkhouse (formerly School Togs) inform us that their new website is now live. Please visit

www.monkhouse.com/parentguide for more information.

Parking

Please can we remind all those who need to park near the school to allow extra space at the hairpin bends on the Old Wyche Road to allow vehicles to manoeuvre.

Messy Church

All Saints Church - Messy Church - are so excited to let you know that the June Messy Church will take place 'In Person' at All Saints Church on Thursday 17th June, 3.45 pm for 4.00 pm. Places will be limited and families will need to book in advance. Details of how to book will be circulated after half term.

However – book the date!!

Don't forget help and services are available, [Worcestershire's Here2Help](#) line for Covid-related pressures and the Wyche website's [mental health and wellbeing](#) page.

I genuinely wish you a safe and happy half term – get as much rest and family time as you can, and we look forward to welcoming you all back in June for the last half term of the year.

Look after yourselves and each other,

Stephen Murphy,
Headteacher