

World Book Day

A reminder that we will be celebrating World Book Day in School this Friday. The day will have an 'Around the World' theme with each year group focussing on a text from or set in another country.

Children can come to school on Friday dressed as their favourite book character, if they wish.

As a Rights Respecting School, we hope to raise some money on the day for UNICEF to purchase 'literacy packs' for children around the world. We are asking for a donation of £2 towards this worthy cause, which is payable via ParentPay.

Goggins 4x4x48 Challenge

Some of you may remember, back in July, two of our parents in school, Jo Bowman and Catherine Sutcliffe, took part in the Goggins 4x4x48 challenge, an extreme running event, to raise funds for Pancreatic Cancer UK. We are very pleased to announce that they raised over £7,000— thank you to everyone who sponsored them. We would also like to pass on our huge congratulations to Jo, Catherine and Kate for completing the incredibly gruelling challenge and raising so much money for this very worthy cause!



Covid-19

Last week, along with the newsletter, we sent out some commonly asked questions about the new Covid-19 guidance around self-isolation. Hopefully, parents have found this useful- for anyone who missed it, we have attached it once again for parents to refer to.

Please note, that the main symptoms of Covid-19 continue to be: a new, continuous cough; a high temperature; a loss or change to sense of smell or taste. If your child displays any of these symptoms or is identified as a close contact by NHS Test and Trace, we are advising you book a **PCR test** as soon as possible. Lateral flow tests are not recognised on children under 11 and are not intended for use on symptomatic individuals.

Forest Schools

On Wednesday, it will be Year 3's turn to take part in an educational forest school lesson. Class 7 will go in the morning followed by Class 8 in the afternoon. **Children can come to school in their forest school clothes.** In the event of bad weather, please ensure they bring a waterproof coat and suitable footwear.



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Monday 20th September

Stars of the Week

Our stars of the week are:

Nursery: Pippa **Class 1:** Caleb **Class 2:** Jack
Class 3: Noah **Class 4:** Sebastian **Class 5:** Eva
Class 6: Alexander **Class 7:** Olivia **Class 8:** James
Class 9: Harneet **Class 10:** Tristan **Class 11:** Harry M
Class 12: Maisie **Class 13:** Joshua M **Class 14:** Cameron

Community Use

It is fantastic to see the school and the grounds now used for community use by Wynyard Village FC and Vine Church Wynyard, as well as for Yoga and Pilates sessions and children's parties. If you or anyone you know, is interested in hiring our school community facilities, please contact the school office.

Drumming

We are pleased to announce we have now secured a replacement drum teacher, Ken Ward, to deliver peripatetic drumming lessons, previously delivered by Bob Howitt. Ken comes highly recommended from another of our music teachers in school, Mr Ingledew (Mr I), who some of you may know. Ken will be in school each Wednesday to teach sessions throughout the day, hopefully starting on Wednesday 29th September. We will give priority to the children who were already having drumming lessons with Bob, and will be in touch with further information over the coming week. We are not yet sure if there will be additional spaces for Ken to take on new children; however, should there be any spaces we will let parents know via our weekly newsletter.

Secondary School Applications

Applications for secondary school places are now open and all parents of Year 6 children should have received a letter with further information of how to apply. The closing date for application is Sunday 31st October.

Many of the local secondary schools have open evenings in the next couple of weeks for prospective parents and pupils. Please check individual school websites for dates and further details.

Bike to School Week

'Bike to School Week' is taking place next week from Monday 27th September to Friday 1st October 2021. This is a national event, which we will be promoting in school, to encourage children and families to bike or scooter to and from school. Please remember, our bike sheds are available for children to leave bikes and scooters during the school day.

Vine Church Wynyard Celebration

This Sunday (26th September) is the launch event for Vine Church Wynyard led by Reverends Mark and Emily Hudghton. This will include a service in school followed by a community celebration. Reverends Mark and Emily have been overwhelmed with the support for the event from the local community. Due to limitations on capacity in the school hall, tickets for the service have now all been allocated; however, there is a waiting list. More information about the event is available on the attached flyer.