

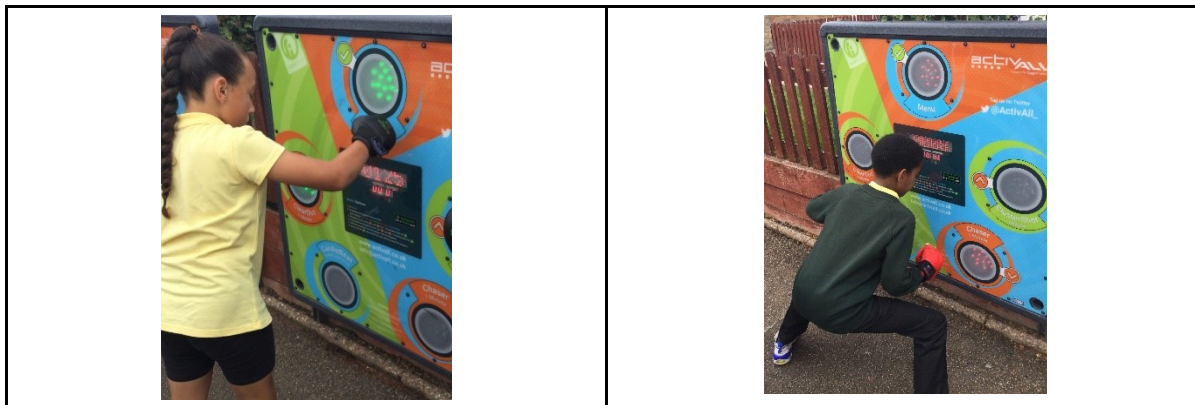


Dear Parents / Carers,

What a great start to the year we have had! Children have been really engaged in their learning and the HUGE number of parents at 'Good News' assembly this morning was testament to that! It was wonderful to see a wide range of certificates being given out for great work, meeting the new Wychall Behaviour Expectations (which we'll share more information with you soon), and for showing a range of acts of kindness! We enjoyed singing 'Lovely Day', by Bill Withers together, which really helped us to have a good time. More singing in school is something we will be doing this year!

The children have really enjoyed going into the new KS2 library, selecting new books, and reading them there too. We are currently assessing the children's reading levels and then new books will be sent home for them to enjoy.

There has been lots going on in school already; Year 3 went swimming for the first time yesterday and they had an amazing time, all arriving back safely in school. Years 1, 3 and 5 also enjoyed Bhangra dance workshops today, so they've had a very energetic week. Children have also been enjoying the two new Activall activities in the playground, whilst wearing the boxing gloves. This has been a great addition to playground and there have been some great top scores! See photos below.



We will be holding parent workshops this year, which we really hope you will attend. These will be to enable you to see the children in school, join them for some learning and take away some key information as to how you can support them at home!

Reception Reading / Phonics – Monday 16th October – 2.15pm

Year 1 Phonics – Friday 20th October – 2.15pm

Year 4 Multiplication - Friday 24th November – 2.15pm

Year 6 SATS – this will happen in the Spring 1 half term.

Well done to all the children for making such a great start to the new year.

Welcome back! I would like to introduce myself if I haven't already, my name is Miss Porter and I am the new attendance Lead at Wychall.

Congratulations to 1AB and 3AT who had 100% attendance last week.

New attendance challenges will be launching soon so please make sure you are in school and on time every day.

Attendance

E-Safety

The internet is part of our everyday lives at home and at school making it possible for us to do amazing and fun things.

For many of us, we see our online lives and offline lives as different, but children are growing up with technology and the internet and for them there is not a difference; online and offline life is just life.

Technology is moving at an extraordinary pace and it can be difficult to know how to start talking to our children about what they are doing online, who they might be speaking to or discussing the potential risks and issues.

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Over the coming weeks, we will be sharing top tips and information to support your children to have fun and stay safe whilst using the internet.

Top Tip

Help manage what they see and do online Parental controls and privacy settings can help you manage how your child spends time online and help to keep them safe.

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety>

Behaviour



Wychall Behaviour Expectations

				
Engage with Learning	Be resilient	Show Empathy	Cooperate with others	Respect Everyone

Household Support Fund Round 4

Round 4 of the Household support Fund went live July 31st 2023 and will run until March 2024.

For those of you that did not apply in the summer, following the link that was sent via text message during the holiday, school can now make an application on your behalf.

If you would like school to process your application, please send an email with your contact details to

enquiry@wychall.drbignitemat.org or pop into the school office and leave your contact details.

Appointments will take place over the telephone on the following dates

Wednesday 20th September 2023 1:45-2:45 pm

Thursday 21st September 2023 1:45 -2:45

More dates to be confirmed at later date.

There are Five categories of support that can be applied for

Food

Gas/Electric/water

Essentials linked to gas/electric

Wider Essentials

Housing Costs

Eligibility

Households must be in receipt of the following benefits.

Council Tax support

Housing Benefit

Income based JSA

Income related ESA

Income support

Tax Credits (working and child)

universal Credit

Pension Credit

Free School Meals

Social Funds (cold weather payment, Sure start ,Maternity Grant ,funeral Payment)

Healthy Start Vouchers

Please note if you have made an application with in the last 12months, you will not be eligible to apply.



What to do if you are worried about a child

We are very lucky that we have such a supportive community, whereby families often contact us directly if they have seen or know something of concern relating to any of our pupils. With school closing for half term this week, we appreciate that families and the community are the eyes and ears for vulnerable children so please see below organisations that you can contact directly if you have genuine concerns about the safety and wellbeing of **any** child.

- **West Midlands Police - 999** (if the child is in immediate danger)
- NSPCC - 0808 800 5000 - [Report child abuse | NSPCC](#)
- **Children's Advice and Support Service (CASS) - 0121 303 1888** or cass@birminghamchildrenstrust.co.uk

If you would like more information on our Whole School Safeguarding Approach, please see the below link to the safeguarding area of our school website: [Safeguarding – Wychall Primary School \(drbignitemat.org\)](#)

Food Bank

We can refer families to the B30 foodbank based in Cotteridge. This is open **Tuesday** and **Friday** afternoons each week.

Please speak with Mrs Jones or Miss Stanley in confidence.

Please see the following Early Help Sessions



Early Help Drop In Sessions @

New Starts

Every Monday 9am–12pm

6 Arden Road, New Frankley, B45 0JA

Come and chat to one of the Northfield Early Help
Community Connectors about how we can support you and
your family.



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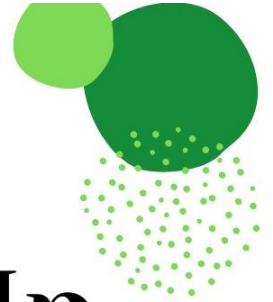
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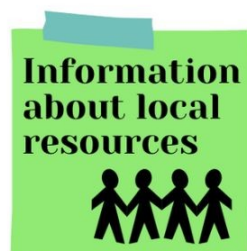


Early Help Drop In Sessions @ Hawkesley Community Centre

Every Friday 10am–12:30pm

51 Edgewood Road, Kings Norton B38 9RN

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Advice**



**Family
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