



Yorke Mead School Newsletter



Friday 2nd December 2016

This Week at Yorke Mead



Mayan Day

Year 6 enjoyed a fantastic day discovering more about life in the Mayan times on Wednesday. Dressed in amazing costumes the children learnt all about life in this ancient civilisation.



Mad Hair and Jeans

Your children looked amazing – mad hair all the way! Thank you for your generous donations of bottles, chocolates and sweets which will all go to help raise funds for school through the FOYM Christmas Fayre.



Dates for your diary

This week

- 7/12/16 Year 1 Toys Day
Reception Nativity 2:00pm
- 8/12/16 Reception Nativity 9:30 am
KS2 Carol Concert Rehearsal
- 9/12/16 Nursery Nativity 10:00 am
KS2 Carol Concert All Saints Church 1:45 pm
- 10/12/16 FOYM Christmas Fayre

Up and coming events

- 12/12/16 Choir to sing at The Colosseum
- 13/12/16 Choir singing around Croxley Library Christmas Tree
4:00 p.m.
- 14/12/16 KS2 to Panto –a.m.
Year 2 Nativity 2:00pm
- 15/12/16 Christmas Lunch
Year 2 Nativity Evening 6:30 p.m.
- 16/12/16 Year 1 Christmas Assembly 9:15 a.m.
Christmas Jumper Day
Christmas Café
- 19/12/16 Rec and KS1 Celebration Assembly 9:00 a.m.
- 20/12/16 KS2 Celebration Assembly 9:15 a.m.
- 21/12/16 Term Ends 2:15 p.m.

Try talking to your child about...

The season of goodwill and thinking of others

Christmas is a time for thinking of others and a time we try to help those in need. Perhaps your child could think of someone they could make an extra special card for or do a special job for at Christmas.

Christmas Post

There is no need to come into school before school to put cards in the post-box. Children will be allowed to go to the post box at the start of the school day.



Lunches

Thank you for the many responses to the school lunch questionnaire. I am spending time reading and collating these, and will be trialling solutions before making a final decision about how we move forward with the lunch situation.

Chickenpox

We currently have about 8 children that have been diagnosed with Chickenpox. Please keep an eye on your child's body should any worrying spots start to appear. After the typical blistery type rash has appeared, children must stay away from school until the last spot has crusted over.

Disabled parking

We have a number of families who need to use the disabled parking spaces, however, the needs of each person who holds a disabled badge can differ. One of our children, due to his needs, must have access to a space wide enough to allow access to his wheelchair and frame. Unfortunately, one of the disabled spaces is difficult to access due to it being close to the Children's Centre fence. Please may I request that if possible, those who have needs that do not require the wider disabled spaces park in that space, leaving the wider and more accessible spaces for those who do have the need for such a space. Thank you in advance for your consideration in this.

Christmas is Coming...the office is buzzing too!

Christmas is coming to Yorke Mead. There is a lot to tell you so I shall send out a separate letter listing all of the key events. Please try to keep this letter safe as our office cannot cope with 200 children's forgotten party clothes, packed lunches and reminder phone calls. There are only 3 ladies in there and as spectacular as they are the day to day jobs do not stop for Christmas in a school office. Thank you.

Last week of clubs

Please remember that the school run 'after school clubs' finished this week. There are no school run clubs next week, including home learning club, but paid for clubs such as football and gymnastics will continue. Please note the last cookery club is on Monday 5th December.

Learning Next Week:

Nursery- Acorns Learning Behaviour- <i>To listen to others</i> Focus - <i>The story of Christmas, Singing songs, dancing, Christmas crafts</i>		Reception- Willow & Lime Learning Behaviour- <i>To listen to others</i> Focus- <i>The story of Christmas, Singing songs, dancing, Christmas crafts</i>	
Year 1 – Elder & Silver Birch Learning Behaviour: <i>Sharing</i> English – <i>Toys from past</i> Phonics & Spelling – <i>wh, ew, ph</i> Maths – <i>Mental fluency</i> Topic – <i>Toys from the past</i>	Year 2 – Horse Chestnut & Cedar Learning Behaviour: <i>Taking risks in our learning</i> English – <i>Claude in the City</i> Phonics & Spelling – <i>'Y6 words</i> Maths – <i>Length, Measuring, Problem Solving</i> Topic – <i>Fire engines decorating</i> P4C – <i>Personal Interests</i>	Year 3 – Sycamore Learning Behaviour: <i>Check work carefully</i> English – <i>Planning non chronological report</i> Phonics & Spelling – <i>'cian'</i> Maths – <i>Drawing and describing shapes</i> Topic – <i>Muscles investigation</i>	
Year 4 – Pine & Maple Learning Behaviour: <i>Being organised for learning</i> English – <i>Planning & Writing a persuasive leaflet</i> Phonics & Spelling – <i>Homophones</i> Maths – <i>Equivalent Fractions</i> Topic – <i>Longitude & latitude. Cities of Europe</i> P4C – <i>Dresden before and after the war</i>	Year 5 – Rowan & Ash Learning Behaviour: <i>Knowing where to get help</i> English – <i>Autobiographical writing</i> Phonics & Spelling – <i>'tion and sion suffix</i> Maths – <i>Mental multiplication and division</i> Topic – <i>Women in WW1</i> P4C – <i>Following the crowd</i>	Year 6 - Oak Learning Behaviour: <i>Learning from our mistakes</i> English – <i>Skellig (conversation)</i> Phonics & Spelling – <i>'Tricky spellings</i> Maths – <i>Revision of previous learning</i> Topic – <i>Mayan creation stories</i>	

Bye Bye Mrs Wrangles...until very soon!



On Wednesday we said goodbye to Mrs Wrangles who has retired after 26 years at the school. She won't be gone for long as she is already booked to come back and help with the Pantomime and Christmas Café! We will all miss her but we wish her well and hope she enjoys a long and fun filled retirement.



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