



Yorke Mead School



Newsletter

Friday 4th May 2018

Dates for your diary

This week

Mon 7th May – School Closed

May Day Bank Holiday

Tuesday 8th May

Gymnastics Assembly 2:30pm

Wednesday 9th May

FOYM Bags to school-leave
by bike shed please by gam

Thursday 10th May

Pre-loved uniform donations
to school

Friday 11th May

FOYM Pre-loved Uniform

Sale 2:45pm

Up and coming events

W/b Monday 14th May

KS2 SATs

Y6 Cycle training-pm

Wednesday 16th May

Y2/Y4 Intra School

Competition

Friday 18th May

Y5 Rowan Play Leader

Training

Monday 21st May

Y6 Chessington Trip

W/b Monday 21st May

Baby & toddler Week

Walk to School Week

Tuesday 22nd May

Superhero Day (Y1)

Thursday 24th May

Y6 Kwik Cricket

Friday 25th May

Y5 Ash Play Leader Training

BREAK for HALF TERM

W/b Monday 11th June

Y1 Phonics Check

Tuesday 13th June

Y5 to Synagogue

Thursday 14th June

Y6 White Oak First Aid

Training

Friday 15th June

Y3 to science museum

Thursday 21st June

Y6 Red Oak First Aid Training

This week at Yorke Mead!

The Eco Council

You may spot a number of children in school wearing these badges. These children are part of the school eco council. They have been coming along to meetings throughout the last half term and have begun to develop ideas to encourage care for the world in which we live. In the coming days you will receive a letter from the Council asking you to help. There will be ideas attached too.

I am so pleased to have so many children who want to take care of our planet for their and everyone else's future. Please do all you can to support them!



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Early Years New Fun!

Early Years have had a wonderful time planting the flowers and shrubs parents helped to purchase. The new scooters have been a tremendous hit. Thank you to the Early years parents, families and friends for your support.



Nursery Places

There are now only a few places left in our Nursery to start in September 2018. These places are likely to fill very quickly. If you know anyone who forgot to apply for a Nursery or has not been able to secure the 30 hours place they were hoping for please let them know. All children in Yorke Mead Nursery can attend for the full 30 hours if they wish to. We are also unique in offering flexibility in the afternoon sessions

Friends of Yorke Mead

Thank you to those parents who were able to attend the meeting held at school last night and to the parents who have contacted the school to offer their support. Whilst FOYM is still far from secure moving forwards a few parents have stepped forward to take some of the key roles; we are extremely grateful to these parents. The committee still has a number of roles to fill so please if you can offer any help do come forward. It is also essential that there are more parents willing to help at the events – this shares the load and ensures EVERYONE is able to enjoy the day. I thought it might be helpful to list the things that will not be able to happen if FOYM is not able to continue in the future.

There will be :

- No School Discos
- No Firework Night
- No Gifts at the Christmas parties
- No Mother's Day or Father's Day Cakes/gift sales
- No school fayres
- No refreshments at School plays
- No treats at the pantomime
- No crackers with Christmas lunch
- No second hand uniform sales
- No parent quizzes
- No ice lollies/ refreshments on sports day

Your children have all been lucky to benefit from FOYM – if we lose this now we will deprive future generations of these wonderful experiences and your children will have much less.

The following will all cost more as FOYM currently pay for these:

- Y6 school journey travel costs (increasing cost by around £20/child)
- Travel to the pantomime

Without FOYM

- School would have no i-pads
- Our playgrounds would be bare
- You would struggle to see the children in performances as there would be no stage
- Classrooms would have less construction equipment
- Reading books would not be replaced so often



Thank you to Friends of Yorke Mead for the latest selection of new equipment for the children to enjoy, purchased with money raised at the Spooky Disco.

FOYM Needs YOU!!!

Be Kind



BE KIND- BE SAFE – BE RESPONSIBLE

As I have explained in previous newsletters this term we are placing great focus on our **Be Kind** rule. The best way to encourage kindness is to notice kindness in others and to show others kindness. Please praise your children when you notice them being kind. Our new 'Choose Kind' stickers have arrived. These are just as valuable as any other award (some might say even more so) – please notice and value these if you see your child wearing one. Thank you!

Learning Next Week:

Whole School Learning Behaviour: **Be Kind**

Nursery- Acorns

Focus - SuperTato story. *Talking about characters in the story, Tasting vegetables, talking about different tastes, potato prints, counting, the 'f' sound*

Reception-Lime & Willow

Focus – Biscuit Bear story – *predicting and creating story endings, counting in 2's, bear facts, polar bears and pandas, tricky words beginning with tr/dr/sp*

Year 1 – Elder & Silver Birch

English: *Planning an adventure for Traction Man*
Phonics & spelling: *-Tricky words*
Maths: *Measures*
Science: *Gathering information*
Topic: *Music; creating a beat*
P4C Focus : *Would you rather be a lifeboat driver or a builder?*

Year 2 –Cedar & Horse Chestnut

English: *P*
Phonics & spelling: *-a*
Maths: *M*
Science: *L*
Topic: *F*
P4C Focus : *N*

Year 3 – Laurel & Sycamore

English: *Poetry 'The sun is laughing'*
Phonics & spelling: *-dis prefix*
Maths: *Fraction word problems*
Science: *How water travels in plants*
Topic: *How volcanoes are made*
P4C Focus : *Is it ever okay to pick a flower?*

Year 4 – Maple

English: *Structuring paragraphs in a newspaper*
Phonics & spelling: *-adverbs adding -ly*
Maths: *Equivalent fractions*
Science: *The water Cycle*
Topic: *Pollution in rivers*
P4C Focus : *Water pollution stimulus*

Year 5 –Ash & Rowan

English: *Writing a speech from a characters point of view*
Phonics & spelling: *- 'ible' ending*
Maths: *Percentages problem solving*
Science: *Forces*
P4C Focus : *Should everyone in the UK get to vote?*

Year 6 –Red Oak & White Oak

English: *Macbeth letter writing*
Phonics & spelling: *-SPAG revision*
Maths: *Fractions and decimals*
Science: *The circulation system*
Topic: *Pop art*
P4C Focus : *Analysing the characters in Macbeth*

Please Park Safely

There are still parents who are stopping on the yellow lines on the corner of Dulwich way and Fuller Way. The council have put bollards to discourage this – yet there are still parents who are being both inconsiderate and putting the children of Yorke Mead in danger. Please do not be one of these parents – a few more metres walk will not hurt you – but it may save a child's life!

Sports Day

Please note change of date!

Unfortunately the Rickmansworth Sports Consortium are now holding the Year 3 Athletics Festival on the day we had provisionally set as Sports Day. To ensure all children can enjoy the whole day, Sports Day will now be on **Wednesday 27th June**. We are currently exploring how we can ensure the afternoon does not over-run as it did last year due to the increased number of classes. Please be aware this may mean children in KS2 do more of their events in the morning, rather than the afternoon. We will soon finalise the organisation of the day and will be in touch with more details soon. Apologies for the change of date; we want everyone to enjoy the day.



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