



Yorke Mead School



Newsletter

Friday 10th November 2017

Dates for your diary

This week

Parent consultation sheets available for sign up from Monday 8.30am

Tuesday 14th November

NSPCC event and workshop

Wednesday 15th November

Nasal Flu Spray – Yr R to Y4

Up and coming events

Monday 20th November

Parent Consultations afternoon
RW/Y1SB/Y2C/Y3L/Y5A/Y6WO

Tuesday 21st November

Parent Consultations afternoon
N/RL/Y1E/Y2HC/Y3S/Y4/Y5R/Y6RO

Wednesday 22nd November

Parent Consultations evening

All year groups

Friday 24th November

Occasional Day – school closed

Wednesday 29th November

Year 4 Dance Festival

Saturday 2nd December 6:00pm

Carols at the Croxley Christmas House

Wednesday 5th / Thursday 6th

December

Reception Nativity

Wednesday 5th December

Carols at the Colosseum

This Week at Yorke Mead

Wear Blue for Anti-bullying

Everyone has worn blue for school today to stand up against bullying. As we held our one minute silence for Remembrance Day we considered how wars may be related to bullying as people try to control other people or countries too. A big focus of anti-bullying work has been the role of the 'bystander' and ensuring we all know what to do if we think someone is being bullied.



Children in Need

On Friday 17th November it is Children in Need; we always want to support this day. As this year we are raising money for the NSPCC, who are heavily supported by Children in Need, we have decided to combine the events. Children in Need have a spots theme – for ease we have made this spots, stripes or bright colours. Simply, help your child arrive dressed as brightly as possible and ready to complete their NSPCC spelling challenge.

I know you will want to help the NSPCC help as many children as they can. Thank you.

PE Bags



A design flaw when the school was expanded to two FE was the cloak rooms – these really struggle accommodating PE kits, bags and coats. It would help tremendously if every child could have their PE kit in a soft, drawstring sports bag. These do not have to be expensive. The rucksacks and carrier bags some children use are either too bulky or clothes spill out of them. We would greatly appreciate everyone using the style as bag as illustrated. Please could you also check PE bags as one child lost theirs after dodgeball last night and they have specially fitted shoes inside that the child needs to be returned to them asap. Thank you

Damage to our Property

Our school has amazing grounds and we are lucky to be surrounded by greenery. Sadly this brings challenges. Most recently these challenges have been the damage to property by youths who climb fences to access the school. Last night I found two youths bashing our young trees trying to break these. The police have been called and the crime reported, along with other damage to property this week. We have also arranged for police to patrol more. Please if you ever see any youths in our grounds at night call the police on 101 and report this. Together we can make this stop!

YM Fireworks

A huge thank you to the Friends of Yorke Mead team, especially Linda, Claire and Mel, for organising another fantastic firework display. A new YM staff member commented afterwards that he thought it would just be a few fireworks – he hadn't imagined anything so amazing could have been organised at a school. Well done to everyone involved.

Learning Next Week:

Whole School Learning Behaviour: **Moving around the school safely and with respect**

Nursery- Acorns

Focus - Baa Baa Black Sheep. Singing / acting out the rhyme. Using shapes to create a sheep, counting, recognising numbers.

Reception-Lime & Willow

Focus – Owl facts, numbers to 20, woodland animals, ck,e,ur

Year 1 – Elder & Silver Birch

English: Halibut Jackson- learning the story
Phonics & spelling: ll,ss,zz,ff
Maths: Numbers 10 and above
Science: Materials – what can you see?
Topic: What do we know about toys?
P4C Focus : Anti bullying

Year 2 –Cedar &Horse Chestnut

English: Claude in the City character profile
Phonics & spelling: 'y' as 'i' sound
Maths: Take away and rebalancing
Science: Experiment with materials
Topic: Art – Tudor Houses
P4C Focus : Antbullying

Year 3 – Laurel & Sycamore

English: Non chronological reports
Phonics & spelling: -tion
Maths: Subtraction
Science: Joints in the body
Topic: Roman roads
P4C Focus : Antbullying

Year 4 – Maple

English: Introduction to persuasive writing
Phonics & spelling: suffix -ed
Maths: Converting units of measure
Science: Introduction to teeth
Topic: Using maps –Europe
P4C Focus : Children in Need advert

Year 5 –Ash & Rowan

English: write in role
Phonics & spelling: silent letters
Maths: Adding & subtracting mentally
Science: experimenting with materials
Topic: WW1 introduction
P4C Focus : Antbullying

Year 6 –Red Oak & White Oak

English: Skellig – David Almond
Phonics & spelling: -able suffix
Maths: Area of shapes
Science: Linneus system of classification
Topic: What did Mayans believe?
P4C Focus : Should you have to have vouchers to eat junk food?

Fun Run

Congratulations to Cicely and Isaac who have succeeded in getting through to the county finals for the Year 5 fun run.

As a school we are currently considering introducing the daily mile to help our children build on and improve their fitness. If you have any thoughts please let me know.

Thank you!

A few weeks ago a parent at the school approached me to ask if they could support Freddie and Arthur too. They organised a fun day and have raised £1861 for our two little heroes. A huge Yorke Mead thanks to William's mum and to the Onboard Spa company. We have heard from Freddie. It sounds like hard work but things sound like they are going just fine!



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