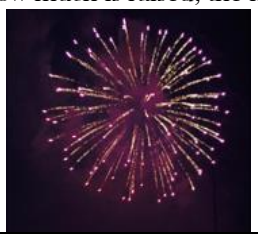
Yorke Mead School Newsletter

Friday 11th November 2016

This Week at Yorke Mead

Yorke Mead Fireworks

What a fantastic night we had last week. Thank you to everyone in the Friends of Yorke Mead who helped; most especially Mel Southin, Claire Singleton and Linda Walke who led the whole event. Final profit figures are not yet confirmed but no matter how much is raised, the fireworks put Yorke Mead firmly on the map!



Dazzling Dancing

Both Year 4 Maple and Pine performed at the Rickmansworth Sports Partnership Dance Festival on Tuesday night. With two wonderful whole class performances, Year 4 entertained a crowded hall and made everyone at Yorke Mead very proud!

Fun Runners

Year 5 boys ran their way to victory at the Sports Partnership Fun Run on Thursday. With three boys finishing in the top 10 the Yorke Mead boys took the overall title. Well done to all the children who participated – on a cold, wet afternoon these events are always very tricky.

Dates for your diary

This week

w/b 14/11/16 – Please sign up for parent consultations. Sheets are in the school hall. (no teacher led clubs running this week
15/11/16 – Y3 Verulanium Trip
18/11/16 – Mufti Day; Donations to Children In Need

Up and coming events

22/11/16 – pm parent consultations N, RW, Y1SB, Y2HC, Y3, Y4P, Y5R
23/11/16 – evening parent consultations all
24/11/16 Nov – pm parent consultations RL, Y1E, Y2C, Y4M, Y5 A, Y6
25/11/16 – Occasional Day – school closed
2/12/16 Non Uniform Day School
Clubs finish
7/12/16 Reception Nativity2:00pm
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
10/12/16 FOYM Christmas Fayre
14/12/16 Year 2 Nativity 2:00pm
15/12/16 Christmas Lunch
Year 2 Nativity Evening
16/12/16 Christmas Café
19/12/16 Rec and KS1 Celebration Assembly 9:00am
20/12/16 KS2 Celebration Assembly9:00am
21/12/16 Term Ends 2:15pm

Try talking to your child about…

Those less fortunate than themselves

Children In Need will dominate our televisions again next week. This will be a perfect opportunity to talk to your children about others who may not be as fortunate as others are. With Christmas coming we all begin to think about the things we would like to have whereas for some they dream of things they need rather than things they want.

Perhaps you can encourage your child to do something kind or thoughtful for a relative or friend this Christmas.

Safety First

I have spoken to the children this week about walking through the school car park. Please do not use this as a route into or out of school. The footpaths are much safer routes.

Children In Need

The children have chosen to raise money for Children In Need by having a mufti day on Friday 18th November. Children are asked to bring in a donation (No fixed fee – just as much as you can manage) in exchange for being able to wear clothes of their choice for the day. Please ensure clothes worn are safe and suitable for school and school playtimes.

Christmas Jumper Day

On Friday 16th December Yorke Mead will be supporting Save the Children by wearing their Christmas Jumpers and donating a few coins to support save the Children. This fantastic organisation supports children all around the world aiming to make life a little better for them, at Christmas and all year round.

Parent Consultations

From Monday 14th November parent consultation sheets will be available in the hall for you to sign up for your parent consultation appointments. For families new to Yorke Mead, the sheets are available at the start and end of the day in the hall and you sign up for your chosen time. Parents in KS2 please remember we encourage your children to join you. If you wish to have a few minutes without your child, they can wait for you in the dining room. Remember it is essential that you arrive promptly to avoid missing your slot. Clubs that are run by teachers will not run this week.

Learning Next Week:

Nursery- Acorns **Learning Behaviour-** *Looking after toys outside* **Focus** - *Night Monkey/ Day Monkey, creating a fox, making hedgehogs, play dough techniques*	**Reception- Willow & Lime** **Learning Behaviour-** *Using new learning areas* **Focus** - *Maths counting to 20, recognising numbers. Non -fiction texts about woodland animals, ck, e,u,r*

Year 1 – Elder & Silver Birch **Learning Behaviour:** *Using the 5Bs* **English –** *Adjectives using Halibut Jackson* **Phonics & Spelling –** *ll,ss,zz,ff,ck* **Maths –***Subtraction* **Topic –** *Sorting toys into materials* **P4C –** *You Choose*	**Year 2 – Horse Chestnut & Cedar** **Learning Behaviour:** *Presenting our work neatly* **English –** *Great Fire of London Diary entry* **Phonics & Spelling –** *'y' endings* **Maths –***Money* **Topic –** *The Great Fire of London* **P4C –** *Should you always think about safety?*	**Year 3 – Sycamore** **Learning Behaviour:** *To use mindful listening* **English –** *Diary entry and editing work* **Phonics & Spelling –** *'sion' endings* **Maths –***Fractions of qualities* **Topic –** *Science – muscles /History Boudicca's revolution* **P4C –** *S*
Year 4 – Pine & Maple **Learning Behaviour:** *Being ready for learning* **English –** *Writing an advert* **Phonics & Spelling –** *'ed' suffix* **Maths –***Multiplication* **Topic –** *Paris :Cities of Europe* **P4C –** *Remembrance Day*	**Year 5 – Rowan & Ash** **Learning Behaviour:** *Working effectively with a partner* **English –** *poetry from our class book* **Phonics & Spelling –** *silent letters* **Maths –***fractions and shape* **Topic –** *WWI timeline* **P4C –** *Compensation v punishment*	**Year 6 - Oak** **Learning Behaviour:** *Presenting work neatly* **English –** *Skellig by David Almond* **Phonics & Spelling –** *Tricky spellings* **Maths –***Number problems* **Topic –** *The Mayans* **P4C –** *Can advertising be dangerous?*

WE NEED YOU!

Volunteering in School

Do you have a spare hour or two on your hands? Are you looking for something that gives a strong reward and helps others to learn? We are looking to recruit more parent/grandparent helpers in school. Volunteers would need to commit to coming into school at least once a week and we would need to complete appropriate safeguarding checks and training. Activities you could help with include reading and talking to children about the books they are reading. There is nothing more rewarding than watching children grow in confidence as you help them. Please be aware volunteers do not work in their own child's class.

ENVELOPES to school – Please ensure money is placed inside envelopes with details clearly marked with name of child, class and reason for payment

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