



Yorke Mead School Newsletter



Friday 18th November 2016

This Week at Yorke Mead

St Albans Verulamium

This week, Year 3 have been able to see the history of Roman Britain brought to life as they explored the site and museum in St. Albans. This trip helped the children learn a little about events that helped to shape Britain and the influence of the Romans on our life today.



Dates for your diary

This week

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 **SCHOOL CLOSED OCCASIONAL DAY**

Up and coming events

2/12/16 Non Uniform Day School clubs finish
7/12/16 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 - afternoon
10/12/16 FOYM Christmas Fayre
14/12/16 KS2 to Panto –am
Year 2 Nativity 2:00pm
15/12/16 Christmas Lunch
Year 2 Nativity Evening 6:30pm
16/12/16 Christmas Jumper Day
Year 1 Christmas Assembly 9:15 am
Christmas Café
19/12/16 Rec and KS1 Celebration Assembly 9:00am
20/12/16 KS2 Celebration Assembly 9:00am
21/12/16 Term Ends 2:15pm

Try talking to your child about...

What to do if they see or hear something they know is wrong

Children are often the first to know if there is something wrong with one of their friends, or if something unkind is happening to one of them. Encourage your children to have the strength to step forwards to help them and to ensure they have told an adult in school. This means that everyone gets the support they need, as soon as possible.

Parent Governor

We are very pleased to welcome Zoe Newman to our governing body. Zoe was voted in by you last week. She will begin her term of office on Monday next week. Peter Hyland takes up his term in office from February



Children In Need

Today our children have come into school in clothes of their own choice for a small donation to Children In Need. This charity provides massive support to children in the UK – a worthwhile cause I am sure. I will let you know the total raised next week.

Parent Consultations

Please ensure you arrive punctually for your parent consultation appointments next week. Staff have appointments in 10 minute blocks; if you are late you may miss your appointment or have a reduced time.

If your child is in KS2 we invite them to join us. If you wish to have a few moments to talk to your child's teacher without your child that is fine. Please just let the teacher know and your child can leave the table early to allow this.

Clubs next week

There will be no school run clubs next week due to the parent consultation meetings, this includes home learning club.

When we return to our clubs the evenings will have drawn in and it will be quite dark by 4:15pm. Please ensure that you meet your children in school at the end of the club for their own safety.

If you plan to let your child continue to walk home alone (Y5 and Y6 only) please could you write a brief note or email for the attention of the teacher.

Learning Next Week:

Nursery- Acorns

Learning Behaviour- *To use our kind words to ask for toys/sharing*
Focus - *The changing seasons, taking turns and games and learning Christmas songs*

Reception- Willow & Lime

Learning Behaviour- *Using kind words and sharing resources*
Focus – *Naming and describing 3d shapes. Using phonics to write cards (f and ff)*

Year 1 – Elder & Silver Birch

Learning Behaviour: *Listening to others*
English – *Halibut Jackson – changing the setting*
Phonics & Spelling – *oy, ir, ue, aw*
Maths – *Halves (introduction to fractions)*
Topic – *Materials and Toys (magnets and metals)*
P4C – *Fixing our mistakes*

Year 2 – Horse Chestnut & Cedar

Learning Behaviour: *To come in from break and lunch sensibly*
English – *Great Fire of London, descriptive language*
Phonics & Spelling – *'all' spellings*
Maths – *Fractions*
Topic – *Making fire engines*
P4C – *Video stimulus anti-bullying*

Year 3 – Sycamore

Learning Behaviour: *Tidying up efficiently*
English – *Plan and write a story*
Phonics & Spelling –
Maths – *Time*
Topic – *Boudicca's Revolution/ Muscles*
P4C – *Mindful seeing*

Year 4 – Pine & Maple

Learning Behaviour: *Being ready for learning*
English – *Grammar focus, expanded noun phrases*
Phonics & Spelling – *Adding suffixes*
Maths – *Multiplication*
Topic – *Anti bullying PSHE work*
P4C – *Why do people bully others who are different?*

Year 5 – Rowan & Ash

Learning Behaviour: *Working effectively with a talk partner*
English – *Poetry - Kennings*
Phonics & Spelling – *silent letters*
Maths – *Properties of shape*
Topic – *Trenches WW1*
P4C – *Being grateful*

Year 6 - Oak

Learning Behaviour: *To focus on our presentation*
English – *Skellig – writing in role*
Phonics & Spelling – *tricky spellings*
Maths – *Multiplication and division*
Topic – *Mayan timeline*
P4C – *Anti bullying stimulus*

School Stage - the story so far!

You will have plenty of chance next week to see the new stage, if you haven't yet seen it, when you attend parent consultations next week. The next steps are to get the curtains up and the sound system in place, with mikes so that we can hear the children as well as see them.

Thank you to FOYM who have financially supported this project and to Mrs Gavin and Mrs Steere, as well as Mr Culverhouse for all of their hard work to get this project complete for the Christmas season.

Lucille Pollard

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