



## Newsletter

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2016

### *This Week at Yorke Mead*

#### *Year 6 Leaver's Evening*

Our wonderful Year 6 finished Yorke Mead on a high with their Peter Pan performance and a fantastic version of the song 'Once I was 7 years old'. It is always emotional to say goodbye to our children; our job is done and they leave us ready for the new adventures and opportunities secondary school will bring. We wish them all well and will miss them!



#### *Year 5 and 6 Drumming*

Year 5 and 6 performed to parents on Tuesday playing on the djembe drums. Rhythm beat and improvisation was the mark of the day. They sounded fantastic and did amazingly well. Thank you to Mr Makondo.

#### *Sport's Day*

Don't you just love the British weather. We abandoned sport's day because of the rain and failed to complete it because of the heat! Based on what we did manage, the winning team this year is Yellows. Well done to all of them.

#### *Bastille Day*



Madame Faulkner organised Yorke Mead's first Bastille Day this week. The children learnt all about the French Revolution and the storming of the Bastille! The children cooked, created models, played boules, be-headed myself and Mr Rees, tasted traditional French food and had a thoroughly good day. Obviously with the terrible events in Nice, we couldn't let that moment pass unmarked so the Key Stage 2 children held 2 minutes silence as a mark of respect to the victims.



# A softer start

This has worked very well, giving the children a much calmer start to the school day. We will continue with this method from September, which I am sure will be greatly appreciated in the cold, wet winter months ...or even the cloudy, wet summer days! Reminder for all – doors will be opened at **8:45 am** and stay open until **8:55am**.

# Funday Friday

We appreciate that there were a few disappointed children this week as their payments for Funday Friday were not in on time. Maintaining deadlines is essential in order to enable the school and office to run efficiently, and for the wellbeing of the staff. Whilst we fully appreciate that people might think that one child makes no difference, but it never is just one child. We use the newsletter and written communication to keep you informed. If parents can think of any other way to ensure everyone gets the information required please pop in to see me or drop me a line. We want to make things as easy as possible for you, whilst ensuring it is manageable at our end.

# Goodbye

You will be aware that today we have said Goodbye to our Year 6 children and to Mrs Roe and Miss Winter. We are also sad to have needed to say goodbye to Mrs Smith and Mrs Moone. Mrs Smith has been ill for a while and returning to work just isn't plausible for her at the moment. Mrs Moone has found the journey too much since she relocated to Surrey and this has taken its toll on her health. She has therefore decided she will not be returning in September. Both members of staff have been amazing support for our children. We wish them well.

# End of Term

Please ensure that your children take everything home with them on Friday. Mr Culverhouse will not be working next week and so school will be closed and there will be no access to school after I leave for the end of the day.

We return to school on **Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September at 8:50 am**

**Have a wonderful summer everyone and thank you all for another year of amazing support.**

*Lucille Pollard*  
Head teacher