



Yorke Mead School

Newsletter



Friday 22nd September 2017

Dates for your diary

This week

Harvest Donations please

Monday 25th September

Clubs start

Tuesday 26th September

Reception Parents reading and
Handwriting morning

Thursday 28th September

Year 4 Tri-golf tournament

Friday 29th September

Yorke Mead Harvest
Celebrations Y1,2,3 : 9:30am
Y4,5,6 : 2:00pm

Up and coming events

Friday 6th October

Perform workshop FS-Y3

Wednesday 11th October

My First Day photograph

Watford Observer

Tuesday 17th October

Individual School Photos

Friday 20th October

FOYM Spooky Disco

This Week at Yorke Mead

Year 6 PGL

It is always a fantastic week – enjoyed as much by the staff as the children. The Year 6 PGL allows everyone to challenge themselves, learn to be a little more independent and to have a totally fantastic time. This year was no different. Well done Year 6 – you were a real credit to yourselves, your parents and to Yorke Mead!



Harvest

I wrote to you earlier in the term to explain that this year we will be supporting Freddie and his family at Harvest. Please send your cake, juice, biscuit, sweet treat (**No nuts please**) donations to school this week for our super fun café on Friday. If you cannot attend the café and wish to allow your child to bring in money, we will arrange for them to have a chance to purchase something. Key Stage 1 will have their café after their Harvest Festival and key stage 2 at the end of school. Reception children do not have a café but parents may join after school if they wish to.

School Council

Our school councillors for 2017-18 are:

Year 2 – Tommy, Harriet, Tabitha & Oli

Year 3 – Lily, Ruben, Annabelle, & Harlie

Year 4- Hollie & Nye

Year 5- Harry, Ava, Zain & Hazel

Year 6 – Beau, Nave, Rhys, Katherine, Nathan, Niamh, Momin & Sara

Well done to everyone who stood to be a school councillor and congratulations to those who have been elected.

School Uniform & Hair

Could I remind you that the uniform policy states that the following:

'Hair – Long hair must be tied back at all times (boys and girls). Any headband should be plain and not of the novelty type'. There is currently a fashion for jojo bows, novelty hair slides and for head bands that have bows or bits attached. These are not in the school policy and should not be worn to school.

May I also remind you that socks/tights should be plain black, white or grey (red tights may be worn) and that school shoes should be flat in style and black. Trainers are not suitable for school.

These are important finer details that ensure children look smart and are comfortable. If every child please comes to school meeting the uniform expectations we do not get upset. Thank you

Learning Next Week:

Whole School Learning Behaviour: **Working co-operatively**

Nursery- Acorns

Focus - *Humpty Dumpty. Learning & acting out rhymes, building walls, exploring eggs*

Reception-Lime & Willow

Focus – *The crayon Box that Talked- colour mixing, skin colours, Marvellous me, numbers and quantities*

Year 1 – Elder & Silver Birch

English: *Dingle Dangle Scarecrow*
Phonics & spelling: *Tricky words*
Maths: *Estimating & ordering*
Science: *Labelling parts of the brain*
Topic: *Our brain*
P4C Focus : *Creating a community*

Year 2 –Cedar &Horse Chestnut

English: *The Magic Finger (planning a story)*
Phonics & spelling: *'gn' 'kn'*
Maths: *Adding odd & even numbers*
Science: *Animals including humans*
Topic: *Creating a photo frame*
P4C Focus : *Creating a community*

Year 3 – Laurel & Sycamore

English: *The Green Ship – persuasive writing*
Phonics & spelling: *'ou' alternatives*
Maths: *Place value and problem solving*
Science: *Animals including humans*
Topic: *Creating our own maps*
P4C Focus : *Creating a community*

Year 4 – Maple

English: *Plan and write a chronological report*
Phonics & spelling: *suffix - en*
Maths: *Subtraction*
Science: *Introducing circuits*
Topic: *Howard Carter -Egypt*
P4C Focus : *Egyptian stimulus*

Year 5 –Ash & Rowan

English: *Cosmic – focus on vocabulary/ structure to persuade*
Phonics & spelling: *unstressed vowels*
Maths: *Negative numbers/decimals*
Science: *Understanding day & night*
Topic: *Design a Mars Rover/ The Space Race*
P4C Focus : *Equal v Fair*

Year 6 –Red Oak & White Oak

English: *Ice Trap – language exploration*
Phonics & spelling: *Tricky words*
Maths: *Place value and number operations*
Science: *Inheritance*
Topic: *Investigating natural disasters*
P4C Focus : *Creating a community*

Improving playtimes!

You may have read that the Government is investing more money into getting children active and ensuring they have good well-being. This money is intended to target all children, not just those who enjoy sports. As we already have a number of clubs for children after school I am hoping to encourage children to be more active at lunchtimes. One way of doing this is to extend the children's play with play leaders – next week we have a trial session for Year 3 and Year 4 children; if this is successful we will buy in leaders to support and encourage play 2 days a week. If your child tells you that they had a great playtime next Wednesday, please let me know.

Tissues

Last week I put out a plea for tissues – coughs and colds arrive quickly upon us and we really do want to be ready. Just one box per family means we will be well supplied and really help us.

Thank you!

Lucille Pollard
Head teacher

Reception Reading & Handwriting Morning

On Tuesday morning (26th Sept) we are holding a reading and handwriting information morning. This is to give parents some helpful tips on supporting your child as they learn to read and write. We will start at 9:15am to give parents with younger children a chance to drop them at playgroups and nurseries. I do hope you can join us.