



Yorke Mead School



Newsletter

Friday 25th May 2018

Dates for your diary

This week

HALF TERM BREAK

Monday 4th June
School closed INSET day
School re-opens
Tuesday 5th June

Up and coming events

W/b Monday 11th June

Y1 Phonics Check

Wednesday 13th June

Y5 to Synagogue

Thursday 14th June

Y6 White Oak First Aid Training

Wednesday 20th June

School Council to Rickmansworth School
Yr4 Performance 6pm

Thursday 21st June

Y6 Red Oak First Aid Training

Yr4 Performance 6pm

Yr2 Singing Festival

Friday 22nd June

Y5 to London Eye

W/b Monday 25th June

Health & Wellbeing week

Walk to School Week



Year 6 Red Oak are this week's star walkers to school. Well done to everyone who walked and embraced the week to improve well-being, fitness and the environment.

This week at Yorke Mead!

Chessington

Year 6 had an amazing day at Chessington World of Adventure following their Year 6 SATs - the perfect way to relax after all of their hard work!



River Studies

Year 4 had a wonderful day at River Chess investigating the flow and features of the river



SPORTS DAY: Wednesday 27th June.

Please note Year 3 children will be completing their races in the morning with FS/KS1 and they will be Sport Leaders supporting the younger children in the afternoon. Y4-Y6 will race as usual at 1:00pm. Our picnic lunch will start a little earlier around 11:45am

Office changes

There are a few minor changes in the office – this doesn't change the roles people will be doing, just where they are sitting!

Mrs Dawkins will be working from a different office after the half term. The aim is to give her more time to support the children who need help and encouragement to get to school and to allow her to work with new parents coming into the school. She will still be at the office entrance in the morning to greet children, can still be contacted the normal office route (if you need to talk directly to her just ask for her) and will still be the main point of call for parents who wish to visit or meet with staff at school. Hopefully, away from the busy office and day to day deliveries etc, she will be able to focus more time on supporting the children and parents.

This is a trial period for the next half term.

Toys, Keyrings and Rucksacks

Our cloakrooms, book boxes and PE boxes are very small and are often overloaded with things. The large rucksacks really do not help. I have already made a request that children have the small drawstring pe bag – from September we will insist on these please.

Could I also ask all parents to restrict the key rings on book bags and ruck sacks to **just one**. I know the key ring helps children identify their bag quickly but the multiple key rings are making it impossible space wise, and becoming a competition between children.

IF toys come to school they must be pocket sized and must not be played/ fiddled with in the classroom thus distracting learning. Thank you for your co-operation!

Forgotten Items

There are now everyday many items again being delivered to the school office as children have forgotten them – swimming kits, book bags, hats, musical instruments. The office cannot cope with the constant delivery of these items to school. Children in KS2 need to take responsibility for ensuring they have with them everyday what they need for school – this is a life skill that will enable them to avoid numerous detentions at secondary school!

Please try to ensure your child has all they need before school. The office will not deliver to KS2 children (they will need to go to collect things from the office now) and please be aware that we cannot guarantee items be delivered as promptly as you might hope.

Parent Partnership

I am beginning to consider ways we can further improve the parent: school partnership, and am keen to get your views about how we can improve things. I will be contacting you about this after the half term to organise this formally, but wanted to give you chance to consider ideas you may have. Please feel free to speak to me directly with any thoughts or to drop me an email.

Timestables

Children are expected to know all of their times tables by the end of Year 4. For some children this is easy, but most need a little help and extra time to practise.

In school we have introduced a new programme called Tables Rock. Your child has been given their log-in details and you can access the programme at www.trockstars.com

Please encourage your child to learn their tables – knowing these speeds calculations and allows children to focus on the tricky maths.

Uniform

Could I please remind everyone that trainers are not school uniform and should not be worn to school.

In summer a hat is an essential part of children's uniform and I suggest a hat comes to school every day as British summer isn't exactly predictable.

Wishing you all a lovely half term - hopefully with some sunshine

Lucille Pollard *Head teacher*

