



# Yorke Mead School



## Newsletter

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> April 2017

This week we welcome Edward to Yr4 Maple and to Yorke Mead

### This Week at Yorke Mead

#### Au Revoir Mrs Steere



On Wednesday we celebrated Mrs Steere's final day at Yorke Mead before she started her retirement. We will see her again, many times, I am sure. After 22 years Mrs Steere very much deserves the chance to enjoy some time to herself. This amazingly talented lady, who has given so much to Yorke Mead and the Croxley community, shared her plans for the future with the children. These plans include learning a new language, many new skills such as spinning wool and pottery on a wheel, climbing hills and a very long walk – which she started yesterday, on day one of her retirement - walking Hadrian's Wall. An inspiration to everyone as always, I am sure everyone joins us in wishing Mrs Steere the best of wishes for the future.

### Dates for your diary

#### This week

Mon 1<sup>st</sup> May – **Bank Holiday School closed**

Thurs 4<sup>th</sup> May – KS1&2 Gymnastic competition

- Secondary School Transfer evening (Y4 & Y5 parents)- 6:30pm \* *Please ensure you have returned your confirmation of attendance slip*

#### Up and coming events

W/b 8<sup>th</sup> May – Key Stage 2 SATs week

Tues 16<sup>th</sup> May – Y4 to River Chess

Y6 Height/Weight Measurement

Thurs 18<sup>th</sup> May – Y6 to Chessington

Fri 19<sup>th</sup> May – Non uniform day

Y5 Rowan Playleader training

Thurs 20<sup>th</sup> May – FOYM Spring Fayre

Mon 22<sup>nd</sup> May – Perform Dance workshop

Tues 23<sup>rd</sup> May – Y5 Ash Playleader training

Wed 24<sup>th</sup> May – Y4 to Clay Lane

Thurs 25<sup>th</sup> May – Kwik Crocket

w/b 29<sup>th</sup> May – HALF TERM

# WOW!

Our WOW this week belongs to Mrs Elliott. On Sunday she completed the 26 miles of The London Marathon, despite suffering with runners knee which stopped her training, raising over £2000 for The Autistic Society. We are all so proud of her and her achievement. Congratulations Mrs Elliott.



## A plea please!

If anyone has any action figures, small world toys, animals, superhero toys etc. that they are planning to dispose of because their children have grown out of them we would very much love to give them a new home in our Early Years. Please send any donations to the school office or to Miss Bell in Reception.

## School Clubs

At some point today you will receive notification of the school clubs that have been allocated to your children. In the interests of fairness, we aim to ensure every child has one club before allocating anyone a second club. With the better weather many of the clubs will be outside – as they should be. If you are a family that stays to enjoy the school grounds after school, please ensure the children are kept under your supervision and are not playing in the area required by the club.

## Thoughtless Driving

Week 2 of a new term and already one parent has caused anxiety and upset by driving onto the pavement near children simply to ensure they can get as close to school as possible. The weather is better, we have hardly seen any rain – there really is no reason for anyone to need to drive right up to school! Be healthy and please park a few streets away and walk. Not just for your sake but for the sake of all the Yorke Mead Community and our neighbours!

## Year 6 Breakfast Club

During SATs week Year 6 will hold their own special breakfast club. The aim is to ensure all the children have enjoyed a tasty breakfast treat together, settled their nerves and to have enjoyed the daily comradeship of being a class before their Year 6 tests begin. This club really does help the children feel settled and most of all they love every minute of it.

## Children's University

Please ensure your children have logged their Children's University hours onto the system so that they can earn their maximum rewards. Remember, every club they attend at Yorke Mead counts towards this.

### Learning Next Week:

**Whole School Learning Behaviour:** *Learning from our mistakes!*

#### Nursery- Acorns

**Focus** - *The Gruffalo, Gruffalo Crumble, models owls, woodland scenes, letter 'b'*

#### Reception- Willow & Lime

**Focus** – *Monsters, letter writing, counting backwards in subtraction, revision of sounds*

#### Year 1 – Elder & Silver Birch

**English** – *Description*  
**Phonics & Spelling** – *Revision of sounds*  
**Maths** – *Inverse*  
**Topic** – *Shadow investigations*  
**P4C** - *What makes a hero?*

#### Year 2 – Horse Chestnut & Cedar

**English** – *Lila and the secret rain*  
**Phonics & Spelling** – *Commonly misspelt words*  
**Maths** – *Fractions of amounts and shapes*  
**Topic** – *Kenya – a hot climate*  
**P4C** - *Where is rain?*

#### Year 3 – Sycamore

**English** – *Explanation texts*  
**Phonics & Spelling** – *Prefix 'un'*  
**Maths** – *Data handling*  
**Topic** – *Plant needs*  
**P4C** - *Mr Gumpy's outing- health and safety*

#### Year 4 – Pine & Maple

**English** – *Paragraph in newspaper reports*  
**Phonics & Spelling** – *Suffix 'ly'*  
**Maths** – *Translations and multiplication*  
**Topic** – *Properties of solids, liquids and gases*

#### Year 5 – Rowan & Ash

**English** – *Introducing Odysseus*  
**Phonics & Spelling** – *Suffix 'able'*  
**Maths** – *Angles*  
**Topic** – *Ancient Greek Olympics*  
**P4C** - *Dilemmas in the jungle*

#### Year 6 - Oak

**English** – *Recapping skills*  
**Phonics & Spelling** – *Commonly misspelt words*  
**Maths** – *Recapping skills*  
**Topic** – *Pop Art*  
**P4C** - *M*

## Family Support

Many of you know Debbie Greenfield, our parent support worker, and I know her support is greatly valued by many of you. To help even more parents to find out the events on offer Debbie has created an information board just for you. Please pop into Reception and check it out!



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