



Yorke Mead School

Newsletter



Friday 29th September 2017

Dates for your diary

This week

Thursday 5th October
Year 4 Tri-Golf
Friday 6th October
Perform workshop FS-Y3

Up and coming events

Wednesday 11th October
My First Day photograph Watford Observer
Friday 13th October
Year 4 to Nat History Museum
Tuesday 17th October
Individual Photographs
Friday 20th October
FOYM Spooky Disco
Friday 3rd November
FOYM Fireworks Night
Tuesday 14th November
NSPCC event and workshop
Wednesday 15th November
Nasal Flu Spray – Yr R to Y4
Monday 20th November
Parent Consultations afternoon
RW/Y1SB/Y2C/Y3L/Y5A/Y6WO
Tuesday 21st November
Parent Consultations afternoon
N/RL/Y1E/Y2HC/Y3S/Y4/Y5R/Y6RO
Wednesday 22nd November
Parent Consultations evening
All year groups
Friday 24th November
Occasional Day – school closed

This Week at Yorke Mead

Year 1 -3 Harvest 2017



This morning Years 1 -3 shared their Harvest celebrations with the parents and grandparents, followed afterwards with juice and cakes to raise money to support Freddie and Arthur. The generosity of parents and grandparents has been absolutely amazing – we received so many donations and I am sure we will have raised a tremendous amount to help this family as they manage such a difficult time.

Many parents made very generous individual donations and a few have contacted school to ask if they can support the family through fundraising at work. One cheque we received today was from Watford Football Club who have raised and donated £2000. I will let you know next week the final amount as we still have the Year 4-6 Harvest later today – I am sure it will be a very positive amount.

School Clubs

Please could I remind parents that we have a policy about taking photographs at school and request that parents do not take photographs of their children at any of the clubs. Many children have very good reasons why they cannot have their image taken in order to keep them safe. Football club also request that you collect your child from the playground when they have been able to play outdoors and the hall for indoors.

Reading, Timestables and Spellings

From 2019 the government have decided that children at the end of year 4 will be tested on their times tables knowledge. The expectation is that children in Year 4 will know their times tables up to 12x12. Children in year 6 also have a spelling test as part of their SAT tests in year 6. Each week we give your child reading, spellings and times tables as part of their home learning...*please* help your child with these as these areas are the back bone of learning.

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Reception Reading, Phonics and Handwriting Morning

Thank you to those parents who attended the parent information morning – we will soon have the slides on the website and copies of the hand outs available on there too. I hope you found the morning useful and that it helps you to support your child with more confidence and understanding of the process.

Learning Next Week:

Whole School Learning Behaviour: **Remembering the power of yet!** *Don't say I can't do it ...say I can't do it yet!*

Nursery- Acorns

Focus - 5 Little Ducks, 1:1 counting, singing repeating refrains, acting rhymes

Reception-Lime & Willow

Focus – 1:1 counting, number recognition, different seasons and phonic songs

Year 1 – Elder & Silver Birch

English: *Little Red Hen bread making*
Phonics & spelling: *ng,st, mp*
Maths: *Addition*
Science: *Ourselves*
Topic: *Our local area*
P4C Focus : *Should we help everyone all of the time*

Year 2 –Cedar &Horse Chestnut

English: *Retelling The Magic Finger*
Phonics & spelling: *Silent 'w'*
Maths: *Place value and re-grouping*
Science: *Healthy bodies*
Topic: *Design photo frames*
P4C Focus :*Magic finger stimulus ; feeling angry*

Year 3 – Laurel & Sycamore

English: *Plan and write a story*
Phonics & spelling: *'ure'*
Maths: *Estimating, rounding, reading scales*
Science: *To plan diet for a client*
Topic: *To compare localities*
P4C Focus : *Creating a community*

Year 4 – Maple

English: *New text 'Ma'at's Feather'*
Phonics & spelling: *suffix -er*
Maths: *Data handling*
Science: *Apply knowledge of circuits*
Topic: *Egyptian Gods and Goddesses*
P4C Focus : *Gods in Egypt*

Year 5 –Ash & Rowan

English: *Writing to persuade*
Phonics & spelling: *-ive suffix*
Maths: *rounding numbers to 3 decimal places*
Science: *space – time zones*
Topic: *Build a Mars Rover/ The Space Race*
P4C Focus : *Building a community*

Year 6 –Red Oak & White Oak

English: *Newspaper reporting*
Phonics & spelling: *'ance' 'ence'*
Maths: *Multistep problems/ Prime Nos*
Science: *Animal and Habitats adaptation*
Topic: *Earthquakes explanations*
P4C Focus : *Creating a community*

Improving playtimes!

It was a great success – all of the Year 3 and Year 4 children were totally absorbed in the play as the parachute was flowing and the children ran around playing a 'cops and robbers' style chasing game. We have now arranged to have the play rangers in school leading play and getting our children active on Monday and Wednesday lunchtimes. All year groups will have a chance to enjoy the play sessions over the year and to be encouraged to be active in their play

Policy review

The governors have reviewed the child protection policy and have again adopted the Hertfordshire County policy – this is on the website if you wish to read it.

Lucille Pollard
Head teacher

Yorke Mead's School Council 2017-18

Here are your school councillors for this academic year.

