



Yorke Mead School Newsletter



Friday 7th October 2016

This Week at Yorke Mead

Harvest Time at Yorke Mead

Thank you to those parents who have sent in donations for our Harvest collection, which will be donated to the local food bank. This wonderful charity supports families who suddenly find themselves in such hardship that simply putting food on the table becomes impossible. People find themselves in this situation for all sorts of reasons beyond their control – critical illness that suddenly means parents cannot work or find themselves caring for their ill relatives, job loss, etc. No parent wants to find themselves in such a place, many are reluctant to accept the help of a food bank – but seeing your children go hungry must be unbearable. Your donations will help fill a little tummy and put a smile on a child's face for a short while, lifting a family and helping them carry on. If you haven't yet donated and wish to on Monday please do.



Harvest Celebrations

Children in key stage 1 celebrated their harvest festival by making scarecrows and writing harvest poems about their favourite fruits. They retold the story of the harvest mouse and acted out this story. Key Stage 2 have focused on the elements and how these influence our harvest.



No Pens Day

On Wednesday we put down our pens to focus our attention on speech and language skills for a day. It was tricky to experience a day without a pen – for everyone! However role playing, dancing, singing, typing, reading, playing games, problem solving all created fun and positive experiences for all!



Dates for your diary

This week

Mon 10th Oct – School Governor Coffee Morning 8:50 am

Tues 11th October – Y4 Egyptian Day

Up and coming events

Mon 17th Oct – Individual photographs

w/b 24th Oct – Half Term

w/b 31st October – Safety Week

Fri 4th Nov – FOYM Fireworks night

Tues 22nd Nov – pm parent consultations N, RW, Y1SB, Y2HC,

Y3, Y4P, Y5R

Wed 23rd Nov – evening parent consultations all

Thur 24th Nov – pm parent consultations RL, Y1E, Y2HC, Y4M,

Y5 A, Y6

Try talking to your child about...

Thinking of others
less fortunate

In these days when we seem to have it all and still want more – encourage your child to think about what life with no electricity, no food, no toys would be like. Maybe try a day without something to help bring the message home.

Parent Support Worker

Please remember Debbie Greenfield, our parent support worker, is in school Monday and Thursday mornings and Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons. She is here to support you – please use her! She makes a good cuppa and has the best listening ears.



Car Park

The school car park is for school staff only. If you park in there as a parent you risk the gates being locked and a wait until they can be opened. Please respect the school rules on this.

Healthy Snacks

Please could I remind all parents that any snacks sent in should be healthy snacks? This could be fruit, vegetables, cheese nibbles etc. Cereal bars, fruit winders and packets of crisps or cheddars are not healthy snacks and should be in lunch boxes only and not for break time snack. A further reminder that we only allow still water in bottles – I am shocked to say some children have been bringing lemonade. Any snacks/ drinks not allowed will be taken from children if seen in the future. This is for the benefit of your child's health and fairness for all children.

Learning Next Week:

Nursery- Acorns

Learning Behaviour- *To practise our mindfulness*

Focus - *I'm a little teapot rhyme, counting to 5, matching cubes to dots, teapot colouring, joining techniques.*

Reception- Willow & Lime

Learning Behaviour – *Good listening on the carpet*

Focus – *2 d shapes, mathematical terms to describe shapes, hearing initial sounds, letters s,a,t,p*

Year 1 – Elder & Silver Birch

Learning Behaviour: *Starting work on time*

English – *Little Red Hen own version*

Phonics & Spelling – *consonant blends*

Maths –*place value*

Topic –*our timeline*

P4C –*Sharing and being kind*

Year 2 – Horse Chestnut & Cedar

Learning Behaviour: *Start learning task straight away*

English – *Necklace of Raindrops*

Phonics & Spelling – *le*

Maths –*Time*

Topic –*Keeping healthy & healthy eating*

Year 3 – Sycamore

Learning Behaviour: *Avoiding distractions*

English – *Poetry*

Phonics & Spelling – *sure and ture endings*

Maths –*Subtraction*

Topic –*Skeletons, stop motion movies*

P4C –*Birds on a wire*

Year 4 – Pine & Maple

Learning Behaviour: *completing work on time*

English – *Letter writing in role*

Phonics & Spelling – *Adding - er*

Maths –*Angles*

Topic –*Egyptian Day*

P4C –*Why should we be greedy when harvest is in?*

Year 5 – Rowan & Ash

Learning Behaviour: *Working effectively with talk partner*

English – *UFO diaries*

Phonics & Spelling – *ive suffix*

Maths –*Multiplication and fractions*

Topic –*Creating a Mars rover*

Year 6 - Oak

Learning Behaviour: *Settling to work on time*

English – *explanation text*

Phonics & Spelling – *Homophones*

Maths –*The 4 calculation rules*

Topic –*What causes a volcano to erupt*

P4C –*Should you always put others before yourself.*

School Governor

**Do you want to make a difference to your child's school?
Are you skilled and wish to use your skills to support others?
Are you keen on helping shape the future of your school?**

Being a school governor is both rewarding and interesting. You find out about school from behind the scenes and have a chance to learn more about how your school is developing and support it along the way. There is a time commitment involved but I am confident that this time is time you will find well spent and rewarding.

To help you find out more about the role we have arranged a drop in coffee morning on Monday October 10th straight after school drop off. This will be held in the dining room - please call in and find out more about the role.

Your school needs you!

Lucille Pollard
Head teacher