



Yorke Mead School



Newsletter

Friday 8th July 2016

This Week at Yorke Mead

Hoodwinked

By Yrs 4&5

Congratulations to the Yr 4 and Yr 5 classes for their fantastic performances in Hoodwinked this week. The marvellous talents our children displayed – singing, acting, acrobatics, comic timing ... were a joy to watch. Everyone took their part, from back stage roles to front of house - creating a whole team effort!

Step into the Garden

We are so proud of our wonderful, new sensory garden. Special thanks to Mr Culverhouse who has worked so hard to transform this area. The garden is a safe space for children who simply need a place to go to feeling anxious need a little



if they are or simply space.



No Crows Please!

The children who attended Art Club this term have created two lovely Scarecrows to protect our allotments. The first crop has been cultivated – fantastic mange tout! Mrs Steere and Mrs Yates are out there most days working with the children.



Cassiobury Park

Yr 1

Year 1 children enjoyed two lovely days at Cassiobury Park this week. Travelling there on the train, it was an adventure from start to finish for the children. Once there they visited the small animal park.



Dates for your diary

This week

w/b 11th July – Y6 Level 3 Cycle training
Wed 13th July – Y3 Music Concert Laurel 9:15 am/ Sycamore 10:00 am
Thurs 14th July – Transition Day (Children meet the teacher day)
Fri 15th July – Open Afternoon 2:00pm
Reports home

Up and coming events

Mon 18th July – Bastille Day Celebrations (see below for details)
Y6 Leavers Evening 6:30pm
Tues 19th July – Y5/Y6 Drumming Concert 2:00pm
Thurs 21st July – Celebration Assembly 9:15am KS2
Celebration Assembly 11:00 am KS1
Fri 22nd July – Term ends 2:15pm

Try talking to your child about...

What they feel most proud of this year!

The end of the school year is coming round and it will soon be time to move onto their new classrooms, teachers and for Year 6 new schools. Look back on the year with your child and explore what they are feeling the most proud of this year.

Open Afternoon

Please try to visit on our open afternoon. This short visit allows you to see your child in their current classroom and some of the work they have produced, and to take your child around the school visiting the other classes including the classroom they will be in next year. At the end of the afternoon all children will need to return to their own classrooms where they will be handed their school report to take home. School finishes at normal time. Open afternoon starts at 2:00pm

Celebration Assemblies

After careful consideration we have decided to run two assemblies – one for KS2 and one for KS1. This is to allow space for parents to attend and also the children. Children in KS2 will have the chance to perform their instruments. KS1 children can enjoy a few songs. Attendance and DARE TO certificates will be issued – we hope you can join us.

KS2 Assembly is at 9:15am

KS1 Assembly is at 11:00 am

Sport's Day

We will assume that all arrangements for Sports Day will stay the same unless you tell us differently. I appreciate some people may have to alter plans due to work commitments. Please let your **teachers** know directly if there are any changes (please do not do this via the office – write letters directly to your child's teachers).

Sport's Day kicks off at 10:00 am.

Bastille Day

With French as the foreign language we study celebrating Bastille Day seems a must!. Unfortunately secondary school transfer day has made celebrating on the actual day impossible, so we have decided to devote Monday 18th July for this key French public celebration.

Please could the children come to school wearing anything red, white and blue. There will be a whole day of fun events for your children to enjoy – Merci !

Transition Day

On Thursday we will welcome our new Reception children and most of the new staff that will be joining us from September. Miss Jones (Yr2 Cedar) is on holiday (enjoying her last term time break) so she has already visited her class on Monday this week. Miss Vettese will meet Year 2 Cedar on Thursday when classes go to meet their new teachers. Children will visit in the course of the school day – parents who wish to say hello to any of the new teachers are welcome to pop in to see them at the end of the day. Existing teachers may be visited as part of Open Day on Friday

Office

Our office is extremely busy – and it has become essential that we consider ways to reduce the constant demands on the staff who work in there. Mrs Dawkins, Mrs Cook and Miss Bint do a fantastic job, but they cannot continue working at this rate. From September please note:

- If your child is in Y5/Y6 we will not be making phone calls because they have forgotten pe kits, musical instruments etc. At this age they need to be preparing for secondary school and begin to ensure they have all they need for the day.
- If you need to deliver anything to the office we will expect your child to come to the office to collect it. The office staff will not be delivering things for them.
- Please do not hand things to the staff that can go into the post box.

The office staff really do want to be able to be as helpful as possible – those of you who have experienced anxious children will know the amazing job they do. However, this can only continue if they are not overrun.

Other ways you can help:

- Please check that the entrance to the new building is not actually closed if you are a few minutes late. We do not close this door until at least 8:55am and often a little later.
- Collect your children on time please.
- Phone call messages after around 2:55pm are too late to be delivered to the classrooms. Please try not to call this late. If you can tell your child what is happening in the morning do so. These calls should only be for parents who have had to make last minute changes to their plans.
- Medicines that can be taken at home should be.

I know many of these are 5 minutes jobs – but a 5 minute job for one parent, is 1, 950 minutes for 390 children's parents – the equivalent to 32.5 hours. This is effectively a whole week's work!!!

Lucille Pollard
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