



# Yorke Mead School Newsletter



Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June 2020

*This week at and away from Yorke Mead!*

## #YorkeMeadstilllearning

Another fantastic week of learning, both in school and out!



Hero Mum

She's never parachuted,  
off a rapid jumbo jet.  
Never met the Queens,  
and her royal dogs.

Never faced a vicious wrestler,  
or never fought a hammer-  
head shark while swimming,  
the pearly, mysterious Pacific Ocean.

She doesn't save people off a,  
falling skyscrapers.  
Or extinguish a burning, hot,  
that is in flames.

Or never circus-navigated,  
the world.  
Or even become a world,  
famous superstar.

But to her daughter,  
she is a hero all right.  
Because whenever she is,  
upheld she is there.

Hero mum

She's never turned flames into ashes,  
NEVER swam the deep blue depths of the ocean,  
NEVER ridden a huge, ferocious shark,  
or parachuted from a speedy jet,

She doesn't save falling buildings,  
or fight dangerous Super-villain,  
or save a big cat from a tree,  
or even jump off tall sky-scrapers

But to her daughter,  
She is a hero all right,  
Because whenever she needs her,  
she is there.



**Letters sent  
out  
this week**

- ❖ Home learning packs
- ❖ Classes next year
- ❖ Wider opening of school

# When will schools be open again fully?

If you are like me, you watch the 5:00pm press conferences eagerly to find out what the government plans for schools are. You probably have worked out that we get more education news when Gavin Williamson (Secretary of State for education) or Boris Johnson (Prime Minister) lead the conferences. I was very hopeful that there would be some announcement last night, but so far nothing has come through. I do understand this is extremely frustrating – believe me it is frustrating for us too. It is totally beyond our control.



However, we do believe that every child should have the opportunity to finish the school year. Last night I met with governors, who have agreed to the plan that I have written to you about today. This plan will only be possible if enough parents are able to support us. I know that many of you may only just have been able to return to work, so it will be about those who can help doing so and being understanding of those who are not able to do so. I really do hope that we can all work together on this and think about the emotional well being of those children who really need and want a few days in school but have not been able to have this opportunity. Please ensure you complete the very short questionnaire by midnight on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June [https://www.allcounted.com/s?did=30a5x0jl05oah&lang=en\\_US](https://www.allcounted.com/s?did=30a5x0jl05oah&lang=en_US)

# School Capacity

You will be aware from the news and previous correspondence that school must now operate in 'bubbles' of no more than 15 (8 in Nursery) and that this ruling now applies to the keyworker children. It is important that parents understand that due to the number of rooms in the school and adults available, we do have a maximum capacity. We are now almost at that capacity, most especially for keyworkers groups in Year 2 to Year 5. It really does not seem appropriate that we place your children in a different year group bubble, away from their year group peers, but we are reaching the point where that will be the only option available. I am working to see if there is anything more we can do, but please, do not assume that everyone who has a keyworker status can simply say 'I need a place' – I can only offer a place if we have one. I am sorry, but this really is beyond my control.



# Supporting Children Further



I know that many children are now struggling to maintain their focus and motivation, and there is a strong need for face to face teaching. We have been working on achieving this for a couple of weeks – it is a big process that requires the support of RM to complete background work and then takes time to deploy to each machine – but I do hope that we will be able to offer some face to face to our key stage 2 children soon. I know this has taken time, but I do not wish you to think we have not been working on it. It may be that it is almost summer before we can get this up and running, but on a positive note we will be all set if there is any delay to the opening of

schools in September.

# Here comes the sun!!!

If the weather forecast is correct next week looks to be extremely hot! We will obviously be doing all we can to avoid the sun but there are fundamental things we need you to remember next week – **a hat, suncream and water bottles!!!**



If it is as hot as forecast and your child does not bring these things into school we will be telling them they need to stay indoors, and with the lack of capacity due to bubbles that will be extremely difficult for everyone.

Please do not forget these important things. We are minimising contact at the office therefore do not want forgotten items being dropped off.



## A good cause!

Jake Jackson (father of Herbie Year 3) has taken up running as something to do in his spare time. He is going to do a Croxley Half Marathon on his birthday in a few weeks time, raising money for the NSPCC, as he recognises that children are going to need support more and more as time under these difficult circumstances goes on. If you would like to support him please donate at <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/jakes-half-marathon>

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