



# Yorke Mead School Newsletter

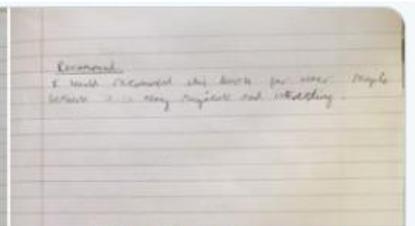


Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June 2020

*This week at and away from Yorke Mead!*

## *#YorkeMeadstilllearning*

*In school or out of school Yorke Meaders are simply amazing!*



**Letters sent  
out  
this week**

- ❖ Home learning packs
- ❖ FSM summer vouchers
- ❖ School reports

# Giving everyone a chance to be in school

Please can I say a massive 'Thank you' to everyone who has completed the questionnaire. You have given your overwhelming support for our plan to allow those children who have not had the chance to be in school for the last three days of the term.

I cannot express my gratitude enough and I know that the parents of children in Year 2 to Year 5 are extremely grateful too.

We will be organising the 'bubbles' and letting you know the arrangements – please do give us time now, and do not worry, this plan will be able to go ahead.



# Black Lives Matter

It should not be that awful things need to happen to bring about change, but sadly, this is so often the case. The tragic events of the recent weeks, and the death of George Floyd in America, have sparked protests around the world. Your children are sponges and they will absorb the information around them; I know many are asking many questions. The following website might help you to explain the black lives matter movement

<https://yooopies.co.uk/c/press-releases/blacklivesmatter>.

It is important that there is understanding that the Black Lives Matter movement is **not saying** that all lives do not matter – and there are excellent examples to explain this on this website. This is a screen shot of this part:

When we explain BLM to children, you're not saying that nobody else matters. However, by encouraging 'all lives matter' as parents we risk taking away the real difficulty felt by Black communities.

There are child-friendly analogies to help children understand Black Lives Matter:

1) Imagine if you broke your leg and had to go to the Doctor. You would want to tell the Doctor that right now, your leg was in pain. Whilst ALL your bones matter, right now, it's your leg that needs attention.

2) Imagine you were running a race to raise money at a cancer fundraiser, and someone said to you 'But don't all diseases matter?' Of course they do, but right now, it's cancer that needs funding

# New Reception and Nursery Children



If you have a child due to start school with us in September, either in Nursery or Reception, you will be wondering what the arrangements will be. Please be assured we are working out the plans for your child's transition and will be contacting you very soon. You have all been so patient and we do appreciate this. All of the powerpoints and meetings we would have had, have been turned into videos that you can watch at your leisure and for working parents these will probably prove to be a successful way forward.

You should be receiving these in the next few days.

# School in September

If you have been following the news you will have heard the government commitment that in September all children will be returning to school and that the bubble sizes will be increased to be their 'class'. This seems to tie in with the social distancing being reduced to 1m. We are still waiting the details around this – it was promised within two weeks and there is one week of that still to go, so next week hopefully. What we do not know is the wider impact that there will be in terms of our ability to run clubs and whether staggered starts/ends will still be required. We will of course let you know, as soon as we know, but please be prepared that school may be mostly normal, but not fully able to offer all the things we previously did.

I would also like you to be aware that we are now almost 100% certain that the school will not be required to open over the summer for keyworker children.



# Virtually fantastic pentathlon

A huge congratulations to all children who took part in the Three Rivers Sports Partnership virtual pentathlon.

Our Year 3 and 4 children took 4<sup>th</sup> place and the year 5 and 6 took 2<sup>nd</sup> place. These are tremendous results so a huge well done to all who took part.



# School Reports

Today you should have received a letter informing you how we plan to get your child's report to you this year. I know that this is an unusual way to proceed, but we must be conscious of the GDPR rules and replying to an email negates the risk of a typo causing an email to go to the wrong person. We would be very grateful if you could help us by sending an empty email to the correct year group email address and putting your child's full name and the word report e.g. John Smith Report into the subject header.



Teachers will then be able to reply to that email speeding the process and removing the risk of the report going to the wrong person.

Reports will be sent out on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> July – please do give us all day and do not contact us until Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> July if your child's report has not arrived.

# Lost Property!



I am thrilled to say our lost property is empty! This is amazing and it would be fabulous to keep it that way. However, we must be realistic and we have purchased a new cabinet for the reception area. Lost property will be stored in this moving forwards making it much easier to access for parents and much easier to find lost bits.

As much as I like our new cabinet – please remember as you buy your new uniforms to put your child's name in EVERYTHING, lost uniform costs you money and is part of the damage to the environment!

*Lucille Pollard*  
Head teacher