



Yorke Mead School Newsletter



Friday 3rd July 2020

This week at and away from Yorke Mead!

#YorkeMeadstilllearning #TheArts

In these days when 'the arts' in all their formats are in such crisis, we should remember the importance of these play in lives - as recently commented by Joanna Lumley on tv 'without the arts we become creatures who just eat and make money and go to sleep again'. It is well known that the arts support our creativity, which is so future!

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Letters sent out this week

- ❖ Home learning packs
- ❖ New to Reception and Nursery information packs and video links
- ❖ Your child's individual reports

School in September



At last we have received the promised guidance to enable us to plan for school in September. This was only received yesterday and we are working through the finer details, but there is now clarification that all children will be able to return to school and this will be full time schooling, which will be a relief to you all and will be far better for the children. There will be some 'changes' but these are not anything we haven't already been working with...our challenge is now to make these work for the whole school rather than a small group of children. We know you will support us in doing so.

Once we have had chance to work through these in detail we will be in touch to give you the plans, but you can rest assured that some form of 'normality' is back in sight! This will include children being back in their school uniforms for those of you who like to shop early.

Transition to Key Stage 2

Mrs Carter has put together this short film to support the parents of the Year 2 children in Key Stage One who are about to transition into Key Stage Two. Whilst this film is predominately aimed at these children, any key stage two parent may find it of interest. The link to the powerpoint is: <https://youtu.be/qlhTrscqnuA>

There will be a transition to Key Stage One video following next week.

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Transition into KS2
Phase 3 / 4 Leader: Mrs Carter



Giving everyone a chance to be in school



Next week we will be sending out the details for the Year 2, 3, 4 and 5 children who will be joining us for the last three days of term. Information will only go to the parents of children we are expecting.

We are planning this time so that the children all get the same opportunities (keyworker and children joining for the last few days) – this will be a time focused on being settled and happy in school. This is by far the most important thing.

Internet Safety

A letter has been sent out today to parents outlining the importance of knowing what your children are doing online and keeping themselves safe. Please do not think that this is not relevant to you or your child. Please check their devices, keep conversations open and ensure they understand how to stay safe online. The 'Think you know' website is a great place for getting support to help you in this strand of your work. Please follow the attached link.

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/>

Saying goodbye and welcoming staff new to Yorke Mead

We are very sorry to be saying 'goodbye' to Mrs Pappararo, who has decided to resign her post at Yorke Mead for personal reasons. We wish her well and hope that she decides she can return to a teaching assistant role soon as she is a very good teaching assistant.

We have a number of new staff joining us as we expand our teaching team. You will know already that Mr Parr is joining us as the Year 3 class teacher. We will also be welcoming Ms Kingham, Mrs Pykerman and Mrs Holland who will be part of our teaching assistant team.

If your child is due to be in Year 3 Sycamore next year, you may be wondering when they will be able to meet him. Do not despair...Mr Parr will be in school this week to meet the Year 2 keyworker children in school at the moment and he will join us on the 20th July to meet the other children.

We hope to arrange for Ms Kingham, Mrs Pykerman and Mrs Holland to visit us to meet the children before the end of term too.

School Reports

The school reports were sent home via email on Wednesday to all parents who submitted their blank email for teachers to reply to. By the end of today the office will have sent to those parents we had not heard from a copy of the school report. If we do not have an email address this report will have been placed in the post.

If you have not received your child's report by email, and nothing arrives in the post by Monday, please contact the school office who will arrange for you to collect a copy from the office.



Lucille Pollard

Head teacher