



Newsletter

Friday 6th July 2018

Events

This week

W/b Monday 9th July

Transition Week (Meet the teacher day 12th July)

Y5 to Rickmansworth School

Tuesday 10th July

Y5 drumming concert 2:00pm

Wednesday 11th July

Y3 strings concert 9:15 am/

10:00am

Police to discuss safety with

Y5/Y6

Thursday 12th July

Meet the Teacher Day

Parents Meetings current Rec

and Year 2

Friday 13th July

Bastille Day

Reports Home

Open Afternoon 2:00 pm

Saturday 14th July

FOYM Summer Festival

Up and coming events

Tuesday 17th July

Y1 Kew Gardens trip

Wednesday 18th July

A morning of music 9:15am

W/b Monday 23rd July

Y4 Level 1 cycle training

Thursday 26th July

Term ends 2:00pm

This week at Yorke Mead!



Well done to all of Year 3 for a fabulous effort at the Rickmansworth Athletic competition. A special well done to Year 3 Laurel girls who took 1st place – Sycamore girls came second! WOW!

Athletic Champions

Children's University

On Tuesday, a number of Yorke Mead Children Graduated at The Children's University. This success came about because of the hours they put into extra-curricular learning. Well done to each and every one



Year 2 Zoo Lab

Year 2 had a lovely afternoon exploring and finding out more about animals not normally found in the UK as part of their Africa Topic



A Morning of Music

Wednesday 18th July

A reminder that children who wish to perform in the Music Morning need to have informed me. Please let me know by Friday 13th July 2018.

Headlines

This week a key focus of the Leadership Team has been on the end of year assessments; reported to you in your child's reports, which will be sent home on Friday.

I hope you enjoy reading the reports, as much as I have done. The children have worked very hard this year and the reports take a very long time for teachers to write. Many schools have moved away from the personal style we use to save teachers time, but we feel they are part of the personal approach we take to the children and their education.

A key finding from the assessments I have looked at is the impact of children, particularly in Key Stage 2, not reading. If children do not read, they do not develop the stamina to read and later in life will struggle to complete tests in the given time. Their vocabulary does not develop and in the long run the writing suffers as they do not develop the author's voice as they write. It is easy to think that once they can read that is it – however, if our reading stops developing through lack of practise at the age of 7 or 8 years of age, our adult life will be tricky. Equally as important is the fantastic opportunities reading brings to explore other stories and worlds, develop and feed your child's imagination and support that all important well-being. Please, please, please do not let your child's reading stop developing because they cannot be bothered to practise. There is a style of book out there for everyone – we find the style we like by reading widely.

Transition Week

Next week the key focus of learning in school is around Transitions. The KS2 children will have written their own report for you and their teachers. Children will spend time with their new teachers and TAs over the week. On open afternoon (Friday at 2.00pm) parents will be able to visit the new classrooms with their children as well as enjoy looking at what your child has done this year. On Thursday, Year 6 will head off to their new schools and the new Reception children will all be in school together.

P.E. Bags and Book Bags

From September please can we ask that all PE kits are in a draw string bag, not a rucksack. The cloak rooms cannot cope with over 400 large bags. PE kits are stored in boxes below the coats and these become dangerous when the bags are too large due to kits spilling over the floor. A **SMALL** bag is acceptable for children to carry home learning and reading books in – but please keep these small. Some children could pack enough for a week away in their bags!
Thank you

Nursery and Reception Places

Please make any families looking for either Nursery or Reception spaces that Yorke Mead Primary School still has vacancies for September 2018. If you are able to help spread the word so that anyone interested in joining our happy school is made aware.

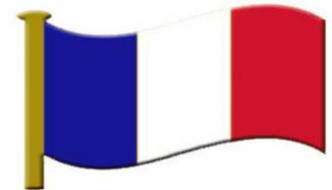
Bastille Day

Yorke Mead will be celebrating Bastille Day on Friday 13th July. Children are invited to come to school wearing blue, white and red (bleu, blanc et rouge) instead of their uniform. There will be opportunities to sample French food and French past times.

Please could children bring in any sets of Boules they have at home, named please (For H&S reasons, no metal sets please.)

Parents and carers welcome on Upper playground at 2:00 pm (start of Open Afternoon) for French disco dancing workout

Open Afternoon will then continue after this and you can visit your child's current classroom and their new classroom.



FOYM Summer Festival

If this date is not yet in your diary please put it in. It will be a wonderful day and everyone at FOYM has worked very hard to make it a special day for you and your families.

Volunteers to help on the day are still very much needed.

I am sure you do not need to worry about that little football match that day – England will not be involved in that one (they plan to play the next day) and if they are – well who worries about the third place when you can be enjoying a wonderful family event in what should be glorious sunshine!



A craaaazzzyyyy end to a hot week!



Lucille Pollard

Head teacher