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Yardley Wood Community Primary School Newsletter

Welcome back.

Welcome back to what is a very short but very busy half term. I hope that everyone had a good break and didn't overdo it on the Easter eggs. The children have returned with positive attitudes, have settled quickly into routine and, on the whole, shown great behaviour choices. Attendance has been really good too. There is a lot happening before half term. Year 6 will be sitting their SATs during the week beginning 13th May, with Y2 following immediately after this, so these assessments will be all out of the way very soon. There has been a lot in the media about testing and undue stress placed on children. Please rest assured that we keep the whole SATs experience as positive and relaxed as we can for the children. After half term Y1 will have their phonics screening - they are well used to 1;1 phonics assessments so this will also be stress free - for the children at least.

I like to take this opportunity to thank you for your patience whilst our telephone lines were being repaired. The fault was finally located on Wednesday by BT and put right over night.

Mr Turner

Free Breakfast!

We encourage Year 6 to take advantage of Breakfast Club during SAT's week to ensure they have a relaxed start to each day. There will be no charge to any Year 6 children who attend Breakfast Club on SAT's week May 13th-17th 2019



Home time collection

It is very important that you inform School of any changes to home time collection for the safety of your Children. Please phone the School Office on 0121 675 2456 (before 3pm) and allow plenty of time for the office to relay messages to Class Teacher.

If you are sending a different person to collect your children then you must tell School and supply the name of the person collecting and a password.

We will Not release children to anyone unless we have been informed.

European Election - Unavoidable school closure.

The school will be closed for pupils on 23rd May 2019 as we are being used as a polling station for the European Elections. It is really important that pupils come to school on Friday 24th May, not just for our attendance figures, but because many children will still need to sit their KS1 SATs, which have to be completed in the last week of half term. The timings of the EU Elections and the KS1 SATs are both out of our hands, but apologies in advance for the disruption this may cause.

Mobile Phones



Children should hand their mobile phones in at the School Office first thing in the morning.



Behaviour

Behaviour in and around school remains very good, with the vast majority of our children coming to school with great manners and super attitudes, towards each other and towards staff. We do, however, have a very small minority of children who present challenging behaviour, but they are managed really well in the classrooms. The times that are most difficult to manage are break times, particularly the lunch break, and this is when most behaviour issues occur. Most issues at lunch break fall into two brackets; either arguments over football or 'play fighting.' The first is easy to deal with - arguing with the ref, losing temper etc will result in a football ban. This could be for individuals, groups, year groups or a total ban for a set period of time. Play fighting and rough play are a big issue for us. There are some groups of children, mainly boys, who love throwing each other around. This can lead to people being hurt or losing their cool when a game goes too far. If children continue to play-fight, they will miss some of their play times, as we need to ensure their safety and that of others. Head-locks are particularly dangerous and I'd really appreciate if you could reinforce this at home. WWF wrestling has it's place, but just not at school.



No Spitting

Please can we remind you that there should be **No smoking** or **vaping** on the School grounds,

No dogs allowed. (No matter how cute!!)

No scooters or bikes on the playground please. (There have been a few near misses)

No Spitting

Thank you.

Nursery places for September 2019

If your child was born between 1st September 2015 and 31st August 2016, you can apply for a Nursery place to start in September 2019. Please come to the School Office for more information.

Fiddlers on the Roof

This week we had some unwelcome visitors on our school roof. A group of 5 teenage boys managed to get onto the school site and up onto the roof. They ran away when Mr Price confronted them and thankfully caused no damage to themselves or the school building. My concern is not only the damage they could do to the building, but also the harm that they could do to themselves. The risks of falling or electrocution are very real. What these young men may not realise is that a small part of the telecom mast on our roof directs a concentrated beam of radio frequencies towards another mast, miles away. This is totally safe to be under, but incredibly dangerous to be directly up close to and in front of. If they want to father children in the future, it's not the best place to stand. Let's hope that this is an isolated incident and these lads will think before doing anything quite so reckless again.



[Our New Classrooms](#)

Planning permission has gone through for our x2 new classrooms. We desperately need the space - anyone who has visited school during the morning will have seen teachers and teaching assistants with groups in corridors, in the cloakroom, in my office and the staff room - any where they can find.

The two new rooms will give us much needed breathing space. I was really pleased that we managed to secure £45K of funding to go towards this project - with particular thanks to Jaswinder Didiaily, the local authority's Head of Education Infrastructure.

Parent Governor Vacancy

We have one vacancy for a parent governor post. If you can give some time after school, three or four times a term (usually on Tuesdays, 5pm - 7pm), have an interest in helping us with our school improvement and want to be part of a team that both challenges and supports the school leadership team, then please give it some serious thought. Another letter will go out soon with more information and then we will hold a ballot if enough people are interested.



Netball

YWCPS 2 - 6 Chilcote
YWCPS 4-6 Cedars Academy

Star Player Khalisah

Football

YWCPS 2-1 St Johns
YWCPS 4-2 Moor Green

Star Player Arun

YWCPS are the League winners well done!

**YWCPS Sports
Results**

Culmington Manor Residential Trip

Year 5 September 2019

**Could we please have the 2nd
instalment of £50 no later than the
10th May.**

Thank you.

School Year 2018 to 2019

Spring Term 2019

Term Starts: Monday 7 January 2019
Half Term: Monday 18 February 2019 to
Friday 22 February 2019
Term Ends: Friday 12 April 2019

Summer Term 2019

Term Starts: Monday 29 April 2019
Half Term: Monday 27 May 2019 to Friday 31
May 2019
Term Ends: Monday 22 July 2019

School Year 2019 to 2020

Autumn Term 2019

**Teacher Training days are Monday 2nd &
Tuesday 3rd September**

Term Starts: Wednesday 4th September 2019
Half Term: Monday 28 October 2019 to Friday
1 November 2019
Term Ends: Friday 20 December 2019

School Closures

Monday 6th May – Bank Holiday

Thursday 23rd May European Elections

Friday 14th June – Closed for Teacher Training



Attendance

