



# Yealmpton Primary School

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A partner school in the Westcountry Schools Trust (WeST)

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## Dear Parents/ Carers

I am pleased to report that the Autumn Term at Yealmpton School has got off to a great start and all classes are working hard. Everyone has adjusted to the new ways of working in accordance with COVID-19 guidance and I am very proud of the attendance we have achieved along with the positive attitude of our whole school community.

## DfE Online Platform Provisioning

As mentioned above, we are currently in the process of establishing an improved online platform to facilitate remote learning via Microsoft Teams should it be necessary to close a bubble or the school in connection with COVID-19. We will update you further after the half-term break.

## Wild tribe

Key Stage 2 have had a fantastic Wild Tribe session this week sipping hot chocolate before embarking on a scavenger hunt to encourage all kinds of sensory discoveries.

## Communication

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you as parents for the feedback on communication. During this half term we have set up a new system for emailing parents and initially some individual parent emails did not filter through. This seems to be resolved now however, please do get in touch if you are experiencing difficulties or you are aware you have missed some messages other families may have received.

We endeavor to respond to any emails as quickly as possible and ask for your understanding and patience whilst waiting for our response. Many thanks

I will be at the school gate for drop off at the beginning of the day and whenever possible at collection and available for a chat when required; it is always lovely to speak with you.

As always please do not hesitate to contact me via the school office if you have any queries or concerns.

## Parent Evening

As a school, we value the partnership we have with you, our parents, in helping your child's academic progress and personal development. Unfortunately, it is not possible to meet face to face, therefore after half term we will be in touch to update you with alternative arrangements for sharing your child's progress so far this term.



## Teacher Timetable Changes

When we return to school after half term there are going to be some slight changes in Willow and Elm as follows:

	<b>Willow Class</b>	<b>Elm Class</b>
Mon	Mrs Tomkins	Miss Yorke
Tues	Mrs Tomkins	Miss Yorke
Wed	Mrs Tomkins	Miss Yorke
Thurs	Mrs Tomkins	Miss Eales
Fri	Miss Holder/Ms Young	Miss Eales

## School Lunches no nuts/no melon

As we have children with nut and melon allergies, in order to reduce any risk, please can we ask parents to ensure their child's lunch box does not include products that contain melon or nuts.

Thank you for your support.

## Drinks and Snacks

We encourage healthy options during morning break and lunch. Children should only have one of the following snacks at playtime:

- Fresh or dried fruit
- Fresh vegetables
- Cheese or a healthy cereal bar (remember nut or melon free)

Please ensure no biscuits, crackers, dippers, sweets, chocolate, crisps, cakes, sugary snacks, processed fruit bars or similar. These can be kept for lunchtime if a child is a packed lunch. All children should have a bottle of water in class which will be kept in a designated space. Unless otherwise agreed with school, please can all bottles contain water only.

## Autumn/Winter Menu

We have recently emailed you the new Autumn/Winter school menu. This is also available in the Parent School Menu section on our school website.

## Non-medical absence

Any other absence request should be submitted on an S2 Form at least a week prior to the event for which the request is made. The form is available to download in the Parent Letters section on the school website.

## GDPR

During the current situation it is very important that we have the correct contact details for our families. If your contact details have changed please telephone or email the school administrator who will update our records. Thank you in advance.

Fingers crossed that the weather at half term is kind to us and we all have the opportunity to have a lovely half term together as a family, finding time to rest, do something fun and relax!

Best wishes

*Louise Young*

Headteacher

