



# Yealmpton Primary School

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Dear Parents/ Carers

COVID-19 has demonstrated the importance and power of kindness. During the first lockdown we heard many stories of people who had gone out of their way to help others. Studies have shown that being kind to others also makes us feel good. Being kind is easy. Small gestures, such as checking on a neighbour who lives alone, or ringing someone for a chat, can have a big impact.

As the pandemic continues it's important for us to be kind, both to ourselves and to each other. The Mental Health Foundation also has a page on acts of kindness during the coronavirus outbreak, with suggestions for improving wellbeing through kindness.

[Do Good December](#) Action for Happiness has a Kindness Calendar for December which is free to download. The focus is on doing good for others. For each day in December the calendar suggests a simple kind act, which you could try.



## Homework and Remote Learning

The Reading Planet, Cracking Comprehension and Numbots logins have been set up this week and emailed out to families. Realistically we will be able to start using these in the New year and the class teachers will make contact nearer the time.

## Communication

Effective communication with you is very important to us. It ensures everyone feels included as part of the Yealmpton Primary family. We aim to do this in a number of ways...

**Website:** Our school web site includes key dates and documents available on [www.yealmpton.co.uk](http://www.yealmpton.co.uk)

**HomeSchool Link Books** Ask your child to give their HSLB to their teacher if they need to read a message.

**Class Emails:** Drop a message to your teacher so they can support you at home.

**Appointments:** Although we are not meeting on site at the moment we do operate an 'open-door' policy. Please contact the office if you would like a teacher to give you a ring to help us make your child's school day the best.

If you feel that a longer appointment is needed, you can make an appointment with them by contacting the school office.

## E safety

At school we emphasise the importance of a safe online environment and encourage parents and carers to set age-appropriate parental controls on digital devices and use internet filters to block malicious websites. Keeping the children safe when using the internet and mobile technology and considering their safety during times of learning from home is essential. **Please be aware, that social media sites including Facebook, TikTok, Instagram and Snapchat are not appropriate for primary aged pupils.** Most have an age restriction of 13 due to content which can be inappropriate for younger children. Thinkuknow is the education programme from NCA- CEOP, a UK organization which protects children both online and offline. There are some useful information videos, e.g. 4-7?, 8- 10?, 11- 13? and Parent/Carer. [Think You Know](#)

## What is Netaware ?

There is lots of advice to help you understand the risks and how to keep your child safe online. The NSPCC have collaborated to launch Netaware a range of advice from online safety, parental controls, games and video apps. [Net Aware](#)

**FYVS** Thank everyone who took part in the online quiz last Friday. We hope you all enjoyed it. Together they have raised a fantastic £225, such a lovely good news story.



**Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December.** Wear a Christmas jumper with your school uniform to support this wonderful charity. Donations can be made via Parent Pay.



**Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> December** Look out for our festive performances to bring you some cheer, the classes will post on their class website page for you to enjoy.



**Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December** Everyone is looking forward to eating lunch together in our class bubbles , it will be a jolly time with the teachers and TAs.



**Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December** Bubble Parties will be before the panto at 2:00 pm. Please can your child bring a party food **lunch box & a drink**. They can wear mufti or party clothes for the day.

As we approach the final week of term I find myself thinking back over where we've come from and what we've achieved over this last term. We are super proud of our children and how they have adapted to new routines and tried their very best in all they do at school.

I would also like to give a shout out to our incredibly amazing staff too - not just our teachers and teaching assistants, but our office staff, kitchen staff, cleaners and lunchtime supervisors too.

Everyone has thrown themselves into doing the best they can for our lovely children, and so many of them have gone over and above what is normally expected of them. They have remained positive, cheerful and dedicated throughout and I hope you will join me in wishing them all a much deserved peaceful and restful Christmas holiday when it finally comes next week!

Best wishes,

*Louise Young*  
Head teacher