



Yealmpton Primary School

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A partner school in the Westcountry Schools Trust (WeST)
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Dear Parents/ Carers,

Everyone is enjoying getting back into the swing of learning and on Monday the children found out about the good causes that Comic relief supports during assembly. On Friday 19th March is Red Nose Day and we are planning a 'Share a Smile' joke session in each class to brighten up our day. Red Noses are available for the children to buy in school on Friday. Please send your child in with £1.50 in a named envelope if you would like to purchase a red nose. We shall also be selling red nose biscuits for a donation of 20p to go towards the charity.



Extensive global research has shown that turning on the subtitles while children are watching television is very effective and can double the chances of a child becoming good at reading. More information can be found at <https://turnonthesubtitles.org/> So, turn on the subtitles and help your child to read well.

Outdoor Classroom

The children and staff are very excited about our new outdoor classroom which we hope will be built very soon! As well as providing shade and seating during our Wild Tribe, classes will also be able to use the classroom for other lessons too. A huge thank you to the FYVS for funding this project and Mr Lowe for his help with the design and purchase of the equipment. Every time parents support FYVS fund raising events, you are contributing to exciting projects like this. Thank you.

British Science Week

We are very excited to get involved with British Science Week this year which runs from 5-14th March and is a 10 day celebration of science, technology, engineering and maths on the theme of "Innovating for the future". The children have emerged themselves in exciting scientific innovations this week which have included designing digestive system t-shirts which show the journey of food in the body (Year 4); making edible soil deserts using layers of chocolate soil (Year 3) and creating a new filtering system for dirty water using bottles and natural materials (Year 5). We are looking forward to many more innovations using science and design and technology.

While there has been a buzz of excitement as our children return to more normal school, some children may find this more challenging than others. Please do not hesitate to get in touch in confidence by calling or emailing myself or the class teachers should you need further support.

Enjoy the weekend when it arrives

Louise Young
Head teacher



Covid Symptoms in Children

This is a reminder that symptoms of Covid-19 in children can look like symptoms of other common illnesses such as colds, strep throat, or allergies. The most common symptoms of Covid-19 in children are fever and cough, but children may have any of these signs or symptoms of Covid-19:

- Fever or chills
- Cough
- Nasal congestion or runny nose
- New loss of taste or smell
- Sore throat
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Diarrhoea
- Nausea or vomiting
- Stomach ache
- Tiredness
- Headache
- Muscle or body aches
- Poor appetite

Please ensure that you keep your child at home if they are unwell, if you send your child in when unwell even though we are washing hands all the time and following all the risk assessment processes, the children are still mixing in their bubbles and therefore things can be passed on. We would ask that if your child is suffering from any/several of these symptoms that you are extra cautious and get them tested for Covid 19 before they return to school. Rapid lateral flow tests are available from various sites. Thank you for your support.

School Lunches

Please can you ensure that you have enough funds in their account to pay for their school lunches. The kitchen will be unable to serve your child a school meal if there are not sufficient funds in their Parent Pay account. Please note that you should pay into the Yealmpton School Dinner tab and not the tab you use for school trips. Thank you.

Let's Walk to School

We actively encourage all our families to find healthy ways to come to school and go home.

We love to walk to school because ...

We want **SAFER ROADS**

We are helping improve **AIR QUALITY**

And because it's fun!

Walk and Chat Park Local and Stride Bike or Scoot Safely

There has been an impressive reduction in the cars on the school site, and it is much safer for everyone at drop off and pick up.

Thank you to everyone for supporting each other. We understand a few families need to use a car and we're nearly there in achieving a car free site, where possible, this remains the safest option for all our children. If you can help by closing the left hand school gate this helps to reduce the speed of the very few cars that are still coming onto the school site.

