



Yealmpton Primary School

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Dear Parents / Carers,

I hope this letter finds you well. As we approach the weekend, it's with a big smile I look back at our first week in school. What a start it was! Following days of hot sunny weather, the thunder, lightning and downpours decided to pay us a visit just as the children were returning through our doors! Despite the wet start, it's been a fantastic week. All the children, without exception, have come back positive, well behaved and ready to learn. What a delight it's been to see them all come together for whole school assembly, lunch in the hall and playtime with peers and siblings from other year groups. A special mention goes out to all our new children, across the year groups, who have started their educational journey with our Yealmpton family – how well you've settled in and what a credit you all owe to your families.

I must take time to congratulate the youngest members of our school family. What a delight and honour it's been to see the children in Reception begin their journey with us. We've seen you come in with your parents on Wednesday, then wave goodbye to them on Thursday and Friday and enter Willow class all by yourselves for the very first time. How proud the whole school are of you and how happy we are to welcome you to our family.

I'm happy to share with you the dates for Wild tribe this term. I understand how well received it has been in school since its launch and I fully value the importance of children having opportunity to explore, engage and develop different opportunities for learning that can be found outside the classroom. Wild tribe days are –

EYFS	Monday
Year 1	Tuesday
Year 2	Monday
Year 3	Friday
Year 4	Thursday
Year 5	Thursday
Year 6	Wednesday

On these days your child will come into school in school uniform and bring with them some outdoor clothing to change into. This routine will remain the same for PE, where children will be expected to bring their PE kit into school with them, then change before and after the session, just as we did before the pandemic. The exception will be In Reception, where our new arrivals should come into school already dressed in PE kit or outdoor clothing.

It brings me great pleasure to also announce that Celebration Assemblies will be starting again from next Friday! If your child has received a Star Learner award, you will be notified on Wednesday and invited to the assembly on Friday. Should any child win or earn any awards for other accomplishments, both in and outside of school, please see me in the week and either myself or Mrs Honywill will be delighted to present any awards or certificates to the children in the celebration assembly.

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Communication with you all is of utmost importance to us. We will be regularly populating the website with learning snapshots and key updates. In addition, we are currently exploring Dojo as an online communication tool to use between school and home. Having seen this work extremely successfully, I am really keen to get this embedded soon and will hopefully be able to provide an update for you next week as to when this is up and running. In the meantime, homework will come home this week in the form of hard paper copies.

This term, parent forum will start again. This time we will endeavour to make it a more informal affair, with tea, coffee and biscuits on offer and an opportunity not only for you to talk to me and other members of the Yealmpton team, but a chance for you to catch up with your friends in our school family. Parent forum for this half term will be on Friday 24th September and Friday 8th October, following morning drop off.

A final note on key dates – we are very excited about being able to invite you back into school for Open Mornings. Our first one of the year will be a DEAR Reading Open Morning, on Friday 15th October, when you will have the opportunity to share the reading experience with your child in their own school setting. Furthermore, to end the half term, we look forward to our Harvest Service, on Thursday 21st October, at St Bart's Church. We sincerely hope you may be able to join us for one of these events.

As I sign off may I take opportunity to say how proud I am of all the amazing staff at Yealmpton who have made this first week such a success. Well done everyone!

And...finally...did you ever wonder how Miss Yorke changed to Mrs John over the summer? Take a look below! Congratulations Mr and Mrs John, wishing you both every happiness for the future!



'Be the best you can be'

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