



More busy weeks, with just a few left until the end of the academic year. People sometimes talk to me about how we must 'slow down' up to the summer break – which always makes me smile – Not at Yarm Primary!!! We have LOTS of things in store, with a high level of enrichment to engage and enthuse the children.

AND the crucial transition plans in the last couple of weeks of term, which can make such a difference to a great start in September – so please ensure your children are in school to benefit. We are making lots of **changes** to the use of the building over the summer and will keep children up to date with any changes which affect them. This is a great opportunity for Yarm Primary to make a cracking start to 26/27 – we will share our plans nearer to the end of term...

Congratulations to the children who have represented the school during this month – at sporting events, school visits and residentials – members of the public and fellow professionals regularly comment to our staff during these activities on the way our pupils conduct themselves in public – we are very proud of this...

While there is lots to look forward to this year, we are well under way in making our **plans for academic year 26/27**. We will be in touch nearer the time about changes to structure and organisation. As usual at this time I ask you to contact me if you have anything you wish to discuss prior to me finalising class lists etc. I urge you to do this over the next couple of weeks (following the break) as making changes after our plans are well underway is not always possible. Thank you.

Thank you for your support at the recent Y6 post SATs **cake sale** – with the vast majority of the sweet treats being made and embellished beautifully by the Y6 pupils. The money raised - £207.75 – is going towards funding the Lionesses 2-day competition in a few weeks' time.

You should have received a flyer about our **Family Fun Afternoon** – July 4th. Please don't miss the chance to get an early bird offer on your admission. We hope to see you there – all profits to go to resourcing our new academic year AND in the experience our Y6 pupils will get in planning and driving this new event.

MESSAGE FROM THE TRUST

We would like to make you aware of a recent online trend involving soft “squishy” toys (sometimes referred to as NeeDoh or jelly cube toys) that is currently being shared on social media platforms. This trend encourages children to place these toys in a microwave. This is extremely dangerous. When heated, these toys can burst and release hot contents, which may cause serious burns to the hands, face and skin.

What you can do:

- Talk to your child about the risks of copying online challenges or trends
- Remind them that not everything seen online is safe or accurate
- Ensure squishy toys or similar items are never heated or microwaved
- Encourage your child to come to you if they see something online that concerns them

Open conversations at home play a vital role in helping children make safe choices, particularly when engaging with online content.

Further information and practical advice, can be found via the Ineqe Safeguarding Group:

[SAFEGUARDING ALERT: Viral Trend Risks Causing Severe Burns to Children - Ineqe Safeguarding Group](#)

Thank you for your support while we have not had access to the side of the site which leads to the upper school playground. The **new fence** is being installed at the moment, but unfortunately the existing path became a casualty of the demolition work that was

undertaken – so we ask that you follow the indicated 'coned off' pathway until a new one is established – Thank you.

We have forwarded several messages from our neighbours over the past couple of weeks about **parking** – if you park illegally or irresponsibly around people's property please reconsider – if you are running late etc. we will always make sure your children are safe until you get to us – keeping safe around the site is a priority too... we are inviting the local authority parking patrol to visit us after the holiday. Thank you for your support.

If your child is part of the **Yarm Fun Run** team, please ensure they are at Conyers by 10.15 on Sunday 31st May – look out for Yarm Primary staff and I will see you at the finish line! (Snaith's Field). Good Luck to all our runners.

Following half term, all classes will receive a caterpillar environment and caterpillars – we plan a **YPS Flutter off** shortly after, once all children have experienced life cycles and looked at Butterflies in Art. If you have any plants/cuttings to spare we would love them to support creating a more Butterfly friendly site – herbs are a particular favourite – thank you. This initiative has been funded by the profits from the Y6 events held in the Spring term – well done Y6.

Nathan & Henry from Y5 are our **World Cup** ambassadors – classes will be allocated teams, and the children will plot the progress of each team, keeping the chart in the main corridor up to date. This will coincide with a World Cup Maths event which all children will take part in. I will share some of the Maths challenges via the website in the coming weeks...

Sports days have been planned since last September(!) and will be upon us soon. We will host a **produce sale** on the 18th of June (KS1 & 2 sports day), so we hope that after the races and events you will join Miss Puttick and some of our pupils in our very first produce sale...

Open door Friday on 26th June will be an opportunity for you to see some of the Artwork children have been involved in (and to have a go yourself?). We hope you can come along.

At this session there will also be a PowerPoint in each class showing the work that has been done in our **partner school in Uganda** and the plans for future developments. Thank you for your support with this – your money from the BIG song & Dance Day goes a long, long way... The children braved the rain to dance, thanks to Joanna and Y6 for leading the way – if they haven't shown you already, ask your children to teach you their version of 'Let's get ready to rumble' – ENJOY!

We close for the half term break today at 3.30pm and will open again on 1st June. I hope you have a good time over the break with your family – I have my fingers crossed for a bit less rain and bit more sun.

Take care
Yours
Mrs Wood

