



# Newsletter

# APRIL



We hope you had a lovely spring holiday and the children are raring to go for a super term 3!

It was wonderful to see the **Y4 Robin Wood group** got back safe and well on Wednesday and hear about their exciting adventures. Well done to the children for challenging themselves and a debt of gratitude to the staff who supported them. A group from Y5 are off on their **Carlton experience** after the bank holiday – fingers crossed for great weather and another super residential visit.

Miss Williams has been working to develop our plans to mark the **Queens Jubilee** and we will have a week in school researching the decades in which she has been our monarch.

We will celebrate as a whole school on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> May with a street party. FoYPS (the Friends of Yarm Primary School) are releasing funds so that every child in school can have a celebratory lunchtime menu/tea party. If you do not wish for your child to take part please let us know and provide a packed lunch – thank you. We will then have an afternoon partying and finding time to reflect on why this is such a special event. The children are invited to wear their party clothes (including tiaras and crowns!) for a special day for us as a school. This does mean that the **school photos** that day will take on a novel appearance, but hopefully in years to come will trigger happy memories of this time in history.



On Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> May, as part of our Jubilee celebrations, we will be holding a KS2 **cross country** event – with very regal looking medals up for grabs! Mr Smith will be sending more details shortly – please note this is during the school day. This may be a good rehearsal for the children who will be taking part in Yarm Fun Run as part of Team Yarm in June...

Mrs Voules from the kitchen, leaves us next week to take up a post which is a promotion for her – well done and Good Luck! As one of the team who were in school throughout lockdowns and holidays during the pandemic she holds a special place in our hearts.

Our thoughts are turning to the **new academic year** and as usual this is the opportunity for 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; as making changes after our plans are well underway is not always possible. Thank you.

Congratulations to all the children for decorating our local **Sainsbury** store with their Easter colouring pictures. The following children were judged as winners in their in store **competition** and are taking home their tasty treat today.

1<sup>st</sup> place winners – Mia C (KS1) & Jude (Y5)

2<sup>nd</sup> place winners – Olivia A (Y6), Theo C (KS1) & Evie (Y6)

3<sup>rd</sup> place winners – Harriet (Y5), Aylidia-Faith (Y5), Isabella H (EY2) & Dylan (KS1)

Reflecting the government approach to the management of **Covid** moving forward, the email address which we used to report positive cases has now been deactivated. Please let us know via the school office during school opening hours if there are any cases we need to know about. Thank you.

We have really missed welcoming you into school throughout the academic year, as we have always typically done. Class teachers will be sending out details of when their year group will be holding an '**Open Friday**', when we will be opening our doors for you to come in to the learning areas from 3.30 – 4.30pm, with your children to see what they have been doing and share some of their learning. Look out for the invitation for your year groups.

**Parking** continues to be a headache and potential risk to our school community. This week the coach coming into school to collect the children for the school trip was impeded by a large number of cars parked at the front of school and all around the turning circle. At the other entrances our long suffering neighbours continue to face unacceptable behaviour from a small minority of parents. Thank you to the people who continue to support us and address issues directly with those who are not compliant or thoughtful around this issue. We will continue to seek solutions...

The diary is already looking packed so please look out for details of all the things which will be happening. We do rely on you **reading the messages we send home** and try our very best to make communication comprehensive and useful; but cannot send reminders around everything we send out. Thank you for your understanding and diligence.

It is that time of year again when children across school are part of the governments **statutory assessment tests** (SAT's). I have been really impressed with the way the staff and pupils meet this challenge, and our Y6 cohort in particular are focussed on 'doing their best'. It is crucial that over this period we are punctual at the start of the day, so that we can prepare the children well – Y6 parents will be aware of the offer of a special breakfast club for SAT's week.

Put it in your diary! We are delighted that we can officially announce the return of **Festival on the Field** – our annual summer family event. There will be more details to follow, but this is an unmissable occasion in Team Yarm's year. We hope to see you, your family and friends on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> July from 2.00 – 7.00pm.

Enjoy the long weekend.

Mrs Wood

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