



Newsletter



A great start to 2023!

- In school **new topics** are well under way and you will continue to receive knowledge organisers and curriculum letters as the rest of the year moves on – please contact us if you do not receive these. There are more details around the curriculum on the website:
<https://yarmprimaryschool.net/curriculum>
- We would like to invite you into our next **Open Door Friday** – on 3rd March from 3.30pm. This will be to showcase the STEM work the children have been doing – all funded by the efforts of FoYPS – many thanks!
- We will also be holding a toiletries focused **Food Bank Friday** on that day – we would like to particularly think around oral health with children's toothbrushes and toothpaste being very welcome donations. Y1 are co-ordinating this event – look out for more details from them.
- Friday 17th March is **Comic Relief** day and the Y3 team are going to be leading on this, as part of our cultural capital offer – look out for more details from this group.
- Well done to those classes/year groups who are showing **great attendance** – at the end of this week we will hold an assembly for all the 100%ers(?) and continue to celebrate each week to reinforce with the children how important great attendance is in securing great learning. Thank you for your continued support.
- An update on the **crossing patrol** – having had the service on The Spital removed briefly, our crossing patrol officer is returning to us shortly – this service is great for our older children in gaining independence when they start to walk to school; especially in the summer months. Please use it or next time we may lose it altogether. We have been in touch (again) with the local authority and are aware that parking patrols will be supporting safety around the site – thank you to everyone who supports us in this on a daily basis.
- As you may know, the **electronic gates** are temperamental (!), despite a high level of engineer intervention and Mr Graham's maintenance. When the gates are not operational we rely on you to keep the pedestrian gates closed – thank you for your support in this.
- **Parents evenings** this term will take place on 27th & 28th February. This parents evening invites you to look at the children's work – so arrive early! And appointments are 10 minutes. If you know that you will be involved in a graduated approach meeting this will replace the parents evening appointment. We will let you know when appointments are available. We request that you move around school using the external doors and remain in the designated spaces so that we can ensure the safety of the children in After school club. Thank you and hope to see you then...
- Reminder – **School is closed on Monday 13th March** for a training day. For your information – staff are going to Leeds to a Trust wide event to mark 10 years of Enquire Learning Trust. We know that we will return to school feeling challenged and motivated and proud to be part of the ELT family!

- REMINDER – we offer some free after school clubs to KS1&2 pupils across the year. These are not always well attended and we want to remind you about them – please contact the office if you wish for your child to take part:

	Tuesday Sport OUTDOOR	Wednesday Dance SMALL HALL
Spring 1	Y6	Y3
Spring 2	Y4	Y2
Summer 1	Y1	Y5
Summer 2	Y3	Y6

- FYI following many years of **swimming** in Splash in Stockton; before the end of this half term our Y4 children will begin accessing the pool at Ingleby Barwick Leisure Centre.
- Congratulations to the **Sports teams** who have taken part in events this month - Teams from Y5&Y6 have played in Football tournaments and a team from Y2 took part in an athletics festival. Well done to these pupils who represent the school so well. REMINDER – children can come into school in a PE appropriate kit on the days they have PE – this should have been communicated to you via the class teacher – if you need clarification please contact us.



We have been accessing some enrichment events in our local community through Yarm Grammar School – the latest being a Singing day. Our **Y6 Singing group** gave a wonderfully spirited performance and Mr Newton & I were proud of the conduct and commitment of the pupils. We look forward to showcasing this group later in the year for our own school community to enjoy. Well done team!

COMING UP – our **flipping amazing pancake** prime time and book swap on Tuesday 7th February. This has already been well publicised – thank you to my Y6 community group who did a great job last week around school telling children about this event – if your child does not want to have a pancake they can still be involved as we are running a book swap at the same time. Bring along a book that they have finished with – good condition please – and find one to swap with – no cost and a new book to enjoy – we hope EVERYONE joins in! Proceeds to supporting reading in school. This is also the day when we will be working in school around **Safer Internet Day** – Mr Parry our E-Safety ambassador will be in touch shortly with further information.

COMING UP – **World Book day** – 2nd March - we aim to mark this occasion in the usual way with a Yarm library and Waterstones visit in the days up to and following. If your child wishes to dress up to share a favourite book character that would be great – we love your imaginative home-made creations and in the past repurposed oversized t-shirts decorated with a favourite book cover have been especially eye-catching. Some children may not wish to and we will of course support them with this. Mr Jefferies, our English lead will be in touch nearer the time and will circulate the gift vouchers when we visit Waterstones; as well as share some tips around supporting reading at home.

FYI - We close school for half term at 3.30pm on Friday 17th February. School reopens at 8.50am on Monday 27th February.

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