



Newsletter



A great start to 2024!

The month has flown by and what a lot of learning has been happening!

- We hope to see you at Open Door Friday soon, so you can share some of what your children have been involved in.
- Thank you for your generosity in Y2's toiletries special Food Bank Friday – we have received our certificate from the Food Bank acknowledging your great support.
- Thank you to everyone who contributed to the uniform swap shop. We will hold another one in the summer term – look out for the details.
- Due to the stormy weather, we have not displayed the hearts on the wishes and hopes tree yet but aim to do so shortly – please support Y5 in this initiative, which is helping them to develop their understanding of charity and enterprise.
- Y5 singing group were exemplary in their behaviour and singing (!) recently at a local schools Singing day at Yarm auditorium. It was lovely to see so many of their families who were able to come along and see the afternoon performance.
- I have been asked to share the following message with you all from one of our neighbours - *Is it possible to inform parents not to idle their engines while waiting for their children. As well as polluting the environment it is also an offence apparently. It is also not very considerate. Even if we are in the garden they still continue to idle their engines outside our houses. This would seem to me, a reasonable request and I hope you can empathise and respond positively.*
- **Parents evenings** this term will take place on 12th & 13th 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 request that you move around school using the external doors only 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... **The appointments will be available to book via MCAS from tomorrow (Wednesday).**
- We have welcomed Mr Sheppard in his role as Academy Business Manager and he is enjoying finding out about what we are all about, and what we need. His skills and experience will add capacity to the team.
- As you may have heard there are some internal changes being made across school – parents of children in all classes directly involved have been contacted and I am so appreciative of the messages of support we have received. We look forward to continuing the second half of the school year in the same positive way we did the first half.
- After many years of service Mr Wood will be leaving us at the end of the half term to take up a post in a local Trust school. We offer him our congratulations

on this great opportunity and Good Luck for the future. We will miss him but as part of the Trust family will continue to work with him as a colleague albeit from another setting.

- Miss Hesketh will be joining us, to work in Reception class, after half term. It is a genuine thrill to welcome ex-pupils back to school in an educator role. We currently have 6 staff who are ex-pupils, or as I call them 'home grown talent'!
- 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 Indoor – Dance	Wednesday Indoor/Outdoor sports
Spring 2	Y4	Y5
Summer 1	Y2	Y3
Summer 2	Y6	Y1

- Congratulations to the **Sports teams** who have taken part in events this month - Teams from Y6 have played in Football tournaments and a team from Y3 took part in a sports 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.

Coming up:

Tuck shop – 30th January from 3.30pm

Y1 café – 7th February – details already shared with Y1 parents

Flipping amazing pancake prime time and book swap – 13th February

World Book Day - Thursday 7 March – more details to follow.

FYI - We close school for half term at 3.30pm on Friday 16th February.

School reopens at 8.50am on Monday 26th February.

Jill Wood