



Newsletter



Message from Mr Jefferies:

A huge congratulations to Tyler and Elizabeth for winning awards as part of this year's **Stockton Children's Book of the Year 2022**. They had the opportunity to meet with the mayor and the authors themselves at an awards ceremony on Tuesday 22nd March at Stockton Central Library. We are VERY proud and look forward to seeing them become superstar authors themselves in the future!

- The work around world book day with the visits to Waterstone's and the local library were well received by the children – we were reminded by **Yarm library** that all our children can access their services, including up to 10 books per visit. If you wish to find out more:

Contact Name- Yarm Library

Telephone - 01642 528152

E-mail - yarm.library@stockton.gov.uk

Website - <https://www.stockton.gov.uk/find-library>

- Well done to all of the winners of our **whole-school Poetry Festival!** The standard of work was excellent across school with so much imagination and creativity shown by all. Mr Jefferies had a difficult time choosing just one winner per class but these budding young poets really stood out: George and Jack (EY1), Esmae (EY2), Thomas (KS1VH), Mia (KS1RG), Theo (KS1AW), Bobbie (KS1DM), Sophie (Y3CA), Emilia (KS1KO), Teddy (Y4AP), Isaac (Y4SW), Jack (Y5SP), Erin (Y5PJ), Lucie (Y6BS), Jack (Y6JaW).
- We are beginning to invite parents into school, in line with the national guidance and our risk assessments, however are also experiencing an upsurge in positive Covid19 cases. We intend to plan more meetings in school with the caveat that we may need to respond to any changing 'picture'. Thank you for your understanding and continued support. Parents with children in Y2 & Y6, please look out for an invitation to brief meetings around the **statutory assessment tests** (SATs) which will take place next term.

- We have another special **theme lunch** planned for Tuesday 5th April. If your child does not typically have a school lunch but would like to have a Jungle feast please contact the school office by Friday 1st April to book a lunch.
- **Y6 will be leading an event** in our Peace Pathway on Thursday 7th April, to raise funds for Ukraine. They have set an optimistic target of £250 and we ask that you support their philanthropy. Please look out for their posters coming to you shortly and contribute what you can – Many Thanks.
- As you know **Class photographs** will take place in school on Thursday 7th April for all children. If you do not wish your child to be part of the class photo then please let us know via the school office. Thank you.



- The children have had such a lot to contend with over recent times and we acknowledge that absences due to Covid19 continue to impact on some pupil's learning. We totally understand if **absences** are linked to illness however urge you to consider the negative impact on children of being taken out of school for appointments or 'holidays'. Some children have had 'holiday' absence and then illness and for some this is causing significant anxiety and negative impact on progress. We are always happy to work with you to improve low attendance and will be inviting parents into school to discuss how we can move forward positively. We appreciate your support in this important area.
- Continued thanks to FoYPS (Friends of Yarm Primary School) for supporting us with sourcing materials and resources for our work in school. Thank you if you have sent in **craft resources, books and games** you no longer need – we can usually find a great use for your discarded things in school. Thank you again.
- Our **outdoor plans** have been resumed, following the storms which created such disruption. As the improvements are to support the curriculum and become part of scheduled lessons, we ask that you do not allow your children to use these before and /or after school. Thank you. We look forward to this work being completed so that the children can fully benefit...
- Thank you to Y3 for organising our **Red Nose Day** this year. The children will be sharing their joke competition winners and letting you know how much was raised. Thank you for your support.
- We will shortly be registering the children in KS2 who have told us they have discussed the **Yarm Fun Run** at home and are happy to run as a class or year group team, as part of 'Team Yarm do the Fun Run'! We will contact parents before we make the final submission – we will fund this group 'booking' through our sports fund. If you have any queries please contact Mr Smith via the school office.

FYI - Entries for the annual Yarm Fun Run are now open. The family friendly, three mile run will take place on Sunday 5 June 2022 starting at Conyers School and finishing on Snaiths Fields (off Bentley Wynd). All finishers will receive a goody bag and medal, presented by Tees Valley Mayor Ben Houchen. Entries are £7 Adult/£5 Junior, with a family ticket (2 Adults and 2 Juniors costing £20). All under 11s must be accompanied by an adult runner.

To book your place head to [//bit.ly/yarmfunrun22](https://bit.ly/yarmfunrun22)

If you would like some more information about the Fun Run please visit facebook.com/yarmrun.

Any queries please contact Chris Walker, Run Director at chriswalker32@hotmail.com.

Dates for the diary:

- 7th April 4.30pm – meeting re. Y3 residential visit.
- 7th April 5.00pm – meeting re. Y6 Alnwick residential visit

(Includes bank holidays on Friday 8th April and reopens 25th April
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- 2nd May – Bank Holiday
- Summer half term- school closes Friday 27th May and reopens Monday 6th June. Includes bank holidays on Thursday 2 June 2022 (Spring BH) and Friday 3 June 2022 (Platinum Jubilee BH)
- PDDay – Friday 1st July 2022
- School closes for the summer - Thursday 21st July 2022

Mrs Wood