

**Statutory tests** – our young people in Year's 6, 2 and 1 have all completed their statutory tests. The children have approached these 'tests' with confidence. All year groups have begun new topics and have a packed programme until the end of term.

Thanks to EY2 staff for providing robust evidence around the **external moderation** of their judgements this month. What shone through for me (as it does across the school) is the way that staff 'know' the children and the very positive relationships, which exist.

You may have seen on social media that our **Peace Pathway** was 'officially' dedicated recently. School Council have been involved in this project from the start and Y6 represented the school respectfully – in their words and songs. Peter Monck, who we have worked with in his role as Chairman of the Yarm 1914 group was invited to represent the community and was impressed by the respect shown by the children around this. Thanks go to Mrs Gartland for securing the funds outside of our budget to do this work. We think that the front of school is looking lovely and ask that you help us to keep it this way – please remind children that the sculpture park (near the kitchen) should not be walked on – Thank you.

Pupils at Yarm Primary School have been working with the Yarm 1914 Commemoration Group to create a Peace Pathway at the entrance to school.

👏 Well done to everyone involved in this special project which remembers those from Yarm who lost their lives in WW1.

#LestWeForget



**The changeable weather** – I just wanted to ask that we try to keep up with the needs as dictated by the weather so the children can be as prepared as possible - sunhats/coats and sun cream /rain coats, wellies – good luck! – Thank you.

**Thank you** to parents who have recently donated items they no longer need which we can use – if you are having a summer clean please think of us. And what may seem a strange request but here goes – if anyone has access to a small wooden boat, which they are happy to donate to us, we would be DELIGHTED!

Y6 are currently in rehearsal for their end of year performance of **The Wizard of Oz**, which this year for the first time will be performed for 'one night only' in the Princess Alexandra auditorium. The performance is on the evening of Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> July and as this is a large venue we would love to see you come along – Y6 families will of course have a priority around booking tickets, but there will be plenty to go around. We are just waiting for the tickets to be printed and we will let you know when they are on sale. FYI – the rest of the school will be coming along on the afternoon of that day for the dress rehearsal – a very exciting time!

More exciting news – We have as you know been trying to build a **den making area** near KS1 yard, but our plans were stalled due to available funds – we are using the grant you helped us achieve through Tesco to get our plans back on track. We aim to get all of our resources in place by the end of term, ready for a great start in September for our younger children, to ignite their writing. We ask that you support us in keeping this area as a teaching/learning space and therefore it is not to be used outside of the school day – we really appreciate your support with this.

Since our last newsletter there has been a 'rush' of **school residential visits** - Y5 had a successful stay over in Carlton and learned new skills by being in the outdoors and working together. Y6 had a very soggy time in Northumberland, but were praised by members of the public wherever they went for their positive behaviours (and they had a good time!) and Y3 had a forest adventure; the highlight of this for many being some very efficient dam building. Thank you to staff who give up their time (and sleep!) to ensure these events go ahead – we really value them as a school and know the positive impact they can have on our young people.

Fingers crossed for a dry night on Friday, when the Y2's have the opportunity to campout on the field and enjoy a Saturday morning of activities.



We do have a packed programme until the end of term and we hope to see you in school joining us as much as you can. I would like to point out our final **parents evening** of the academic year on 8<sup>th</sup> July from 3.30 – 6.00pm. This is historically the least well-attended parents evening of the year but is the opportunity for you to attend with your children and for them to share with you a year's learning. I know that the children relish this chance to celebrate and look back positively on what they have achieved; so we ask that if you can come along on the 8<sup>th</sup> we would love to see you – no appointment necessary...

The children will be **meeting their new teacher** in the week beginning the 8<sup>th</sup> July, before moving into their new classes the following week. We ask that you support this phase positively, as early transition is part of our school plans in order to support and reassure children before the long summer holiday that the coming year is going to be a great one. As we have some new staff joining us who may not be able to attend all of this programme, the children will be kept informed, meet their teacher and then be supported through transition by familiar Yarm Primary staff.

**School reports** will be sent home next week (we will send a parentmail out on the afternoon so that you know to look in your child's bag!)- We request that if your child requires multiple copies, that you provide us with current contact details of where the duplicate report should be sent. Thank you.

We have a large amount of **lost property** that is unclaimed. Please encourage children to have a look for lost items if they have misplaced something. We have also had an increasing amount of jumpers and cardigans that have 'gone missing'! Could you please have a look to check that the items brought home haven't been 'swapped' accidentally and if this is the case return to school – many thanks.

This evening (in between discos!) I will be going with the Head girl and Head boy to collect a cheque from the **Yarm social charitable trust**, a group who were formed to manage money from the sale of local community property. They have allotted schools in the area a fund, which for us will enable us to work on initiatives to enhance the curriculum offer, which we would not be able to do otherwise through our budget. We are very grateful to the committee and will enjoy sharing the developments with you in time.

A reminder that there will be **no School Crossing Patrol** service on The Spital on the morning of Tuesday 25 June 2019 as the Patroller is unavailable to work that session. The Patroller will be back on duty on the afternoon.

### Some further dates for your diary:

Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> June – Festival on the Field

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> July – **KS2 sports afternoon** from 1.15pm - \*\*\* we respectfully request that if you do take any pictures that they are STRICTLY of only you own child. WEATHER PERMITTING!

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July – **KS1 sports afternoon** from 1.30pm - \*\*\* we respectfully request that if you do take any pictures that they are STRICTLY of only you own child. WEATHER PERMITTING!

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> July – **EY2 sports afternoon** from 2pm - \*\*\* we respectfully request that if you do take any pictures that they are STRICTLY of only you own child. WEATHER PERMITTING!

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July – PDDay – the school will be closed for pupils

Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> July – Yarm Fun Run

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> July – Parents evening

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> July - Y6 leavers assembly – details to follow

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July – school closes for the summer



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