

Dear Parents/Carers,

**Yorkley Shortlisted for the National Outstanding Sports Project Award 2017**

Back in February four of our children: Millie Manning, Fiona Chapman, Tiana Oliver and Honey-Rose Thorne, all from class 4, entered our school into the Community Education Awards for a sports award which they called 'Inspiring All.' Last week we were congratulated on getting through to the finals with 9 other schools out of an amazing 781 entries. We now have 3 weeks to put together more evidence as to why we deserve to win, but to do this we need your help.

If you are happy to write a few lines on how your child(ren) have been inspired in any sports this year at Yorkley School please jot it down and hand into the office. We can then submit it with the views of our children, staff and governors.

**Silver in the Panathlon**

This week several parents and I had the pleasure of supporting 10 of our children as they competed as a team in a panathlon competition at Hartpury College. In total 7 schools took part: Coalway, Lydbrook, Mitcheldean, Picklenash, Tibberton, Severnbanks and Yorkley. The children thoroughly enjoyed themselves and huge congratulations to them all as we came away with silver medals, 2 points off gold!



**Musicians in the making**



This term all our juniors have started having formal clarinet lessons. So far most have managed a few notes but within the next few weeks you will be amazed what they'll come to produce. After half term on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> July at 2.15 we plan to put on a short concert to parents to showcase the music.

**Huge congratulations to Hannah**

Congratulations to Hannah Roberts as her entry into Chris Evans 500 word competition got through to the 2<sup>nd</sup> round of judging in this years competition, out of nearly 132,000 other entries. Her story called 'Wonder Worm' was about a worm who wanted to fly. In her story everyone told the worm he would never fly, it was impossible, however the ending turned out quite different. If you want to know how, ask Hannah.



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**Promoting the love of Science:**

Due to the pressures and demands of the new curriculum since its introduction a couple of year ago, science has had a bit of a rough deal. Mrs Payne, however has bought it back to the forefront and over the last two inset days staff spent the time looking at ways to make the subject more hands on, skill based and fun for children. More information will be sent home explaining what this will entail, however, below is a great experiment which you could attempt as a family. Please take pictures as you go as all children who participate will receive an effort mark in class and their write-up or photos will go on display. Alternatively, if you try any other scientific experiments at home, bring in a write-up or photos to put on our display.

**Making a Volcano in a Bottle****Materials you will need:**

Sand

- Pouring Jug
- $\frac{1}{2}$  Cup Vinegar
- Old Newspaper
- Red Food Colouring
- Bicarbonate of soda
- A small plastic drinking bottle

1. Spread some of the newspaper down in an area that is safe to make a bit of a mess.
2. Put a tablespoon of the bicarbonate of soda in the opening of the plastic bottle.
3. Place the bottle in the middle of the newspaper area.
4. Position the sand at the base of the plastic bottle and shape the sand half way up the bottle to make it look like a mountain.
5. Put a few drops of the red food colouring and  $\frac{1}{2}$  cup of vinegar in the pouring jug.
6. Pour the mixture into the bottle.

Wait and watch as the volcano will erupt in a few minutes with a bright red frothy lava.

Remember to take a photo and bring into school!

**Attendance:** Whole school target for each class is 97% (Green hit their targets).

Overall winners:	Week beginning 27 <sup>rd</sup> March	Week beginning 24 <sup>th</sup> April
Class 1	96.62%	96.15%
Class 2	94.48%	98.62%
Class 3	94.55%	94.64%
Class 4	96.15%	96.54%
Class 5	96.07%	99.26%

**House points:**

17<sup>th</sup> March 2017: Green 94, Red 91, Blue 87 and Yellow 85

24<sup>th</sup> March 2017: Blue 103, Green 101, Yellow 96 and Red 88

**Star of the Week:****31<sup>st</sup> March 2017**

Class 1	Lilly
Class 2	Tillie
Class 3	Hannah
Class 4	Tannis
Class 5	Brooklyn

**28<sup>th</sup> April 2017**

Finley
Alfie
Casey
Frank
Charlie



**Request from two of our children and what an achievement!**

"My family and I are walking the Gloucestershire Way for Comic Relief. It is very fun and exciting. We have already raised £270! We walk every weekend and have been doing this since February. In the Easter holidays we walked 5 days in a row. Our longest walk was 7.5 miles. The whole walk is 100 miles from Chepstow to Tewkesbury and we have walked 52.5 miles so far so we're over half way.

I enjoy walking because we get to go to new places we have never seen before. I especially like meeting the farm animals. Goats, chickens, geese, Shetland ponies, horses, dogs and cows so far. The cows are sometimes a bit scary because some of them have horns and calves!"

If you would like to help us on our way please visit

<https://my.rednoseday.com/sponsor/100MilesforComicRelief>



Sophie and Dillon class 4 and 2.

**Good luck to our Year 6 and Year 2 children.**

Over the next couple of weeks children in year 6 and year 2 will be taking their formal SATS. The children have been well prepared for these so please continue to support your child by ensuring they receive plenty of encouragement, sleep and arrive at school on time so others don't have a delayed start. Breakfast club will be available to all year 6 children next week free of charge so it would be great if they come along and chill with their friends and teachers before the start of school.

**Information regarding class 2**

Many of you will already know that Mrs. Wood had a new addition to her family last summer, a new little brother for Ben and Rhys. In order to spend some time with her new son, she is taking adoption leave after half term and will return to school in September. From 5<sup>th</sup> June until the end of the summer term Mrs. Creber will be the class teacher in class 2. I am sure you would all like to join us in wishing Tracy, Chris and the boys a special time together during the period of leave.

Kind regards

*K. Burke*

Mrs K Burke

**Community Links:**

**Craft Fair & Table Top Sale**  
Sunday 14th May  
10.00am - 12.30pm  
Yorkley Community Centre

Tables: £10.00  
Please book in advance by contacting Pam Jones  
Call 01594 826357 or email  
familyservices@forestpulse.co.uk

Entry: Donations In Lieu Of Forest Pulse

All proceeds will go to Forest Pulse - Registered Charity Number 900216





**Clubs in Summer Term 2017**

	<b>Mondays</b> 3.00 - 4.00	<b>Tuesdays</b> 3.00 - 4.00	<b>Wednesdays</b> 3.00 - 4.00	<b>Thursdays</b> 3.00 - 4.00	<b>Fridays</b> 3.00 - 4.00
<b>After School:</b>	<b>Eco Club</b> <b>FREE</b> Year 2-6 Mrs Payne	<b>GPJ Multi-Sports</b> (Selected juniors only for competitions within the term). <b>FREE</b> Mr Tomley	<b>Country Dancing</b> <b>FREE</b> Years 3-6 Miss Agg	<b>Summer Sports</b> Years 2-6 <b>FREE</b> Mr Tomley  <b>NOW FULL</b>  <b>Board Games</b> Year R-6 <b>FREE</b> Mrs Wood (Up until half term)  <i>*If any parent would be willing to help out and join in playing board games, please come along.</i>	No clubs

**'WAKE AND SHAKE'** - We will be continuing with our 'Wake and Shake' morning programme to promote an active way to start the day in readiness to learn. However due to the introduction of the daily mile, **'Wake and shake' will take place on Fridays only. Time 8.30-8.40**

Please can all children attending line up at the side hall entrance (disco entrance). Do not go onto the school yard. **Please note if your child is not in Wake and Shake they are not allowed into class before 8.40 a.m.**

Playleaders are always out every lunchtime overseeing equipment and teaching new games.

Children in Years 5 and 6 can walk home after school; this is up to parents' discretion and how far you live from the school. A parent/carer letting the class teacher know verbally is fine alternatively, send in a signed letter.

**IMPORTANT DATES - KEEP THIS SHEET ON FRIDGE!**

**Summer Term 1:**

Mon 8<sup>th</sup> - Fri 12<sup>th</sup> May  
Mon 15<sup>th</sup> - Fri 19<sup>th</sup> May  
Wed 10<sup>th</sup> May  
Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May

**Whole School Topic: Digging around**

Year 6 SATS week - ALL CHILDREN MUST BE IN SCHOOL  
Year 2 SATS week - ALL CHILDREN MUST BE IN SCHOOL  
Quad Kids competition (10 year3/4 children) at Dean Academy 1.30 - 3.30  
Last day of term

**Summer Term 2:**

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June  
**NEW:** 9<sup>th</sup> June  
Monday 12<sup>th</sup> June  
Mon 12<sup>th</sup> June  
Wed 14<sup>th</sup> June  
Wed 14<sup>th</sup> June  
**NEW:** 16<sup>th</sup> June  
Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> June  
Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> June  
**NEW:** Thu 22<sup>nd</sup> June  
Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> June  
Wed 28<sup>th</sup> - Fri 30<sup>th</sup>  
**NEW:** Thu 29<sup>th</sup> June  
**NEW:** Tue 4<sup>th</sup> July  
Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> July

**Whole School Topic: Lights, Camera, Action**

Children back in school  
Book Fair 3.00 - 3.30  
Class 5 junior wardens week  
Book Fair 3.00 - 3.30  
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Bedtime story session 5.30 - 6.00  
Wear something purple in support of 'Relay for life' Cancer support (£1 donations)  
Sports day  
Year 5 Taster day at Dean Academy  
Country Dancing Festival at Speech House 6.00 - 8.30  
Reserve Sports day  
Year 6 out at Wydean (Transition) - if attending this school.  
Reserve Country Dancing date (see above)  
Clarinet Concert to all junior parents 2.15 start. (Coffee and cake from 2.00)  
Parents information evening - the changing curriculum (in the meeting children will also find out their class/teacher for the next year)  
Year 6 out a Dean Academy all week - if attending this school.  
Moving up days whole school (Transition)  
Year 6 leavers day. Severnbanks hosting for all 5 local schools  
Final year reports out to parents  
Year 6 leavers assembly 2.00 for parents with toddlers  
Year 6 leavers assembly 6.00 parents only  
Year six leavers party  
PTA disco 6.30 - 8.00  
Last day of term

Mon 10<sup>th</sup> - Fri 14<sup>th</sup> July  
Wed 12<sup>th</sup> - Fri 14<sup>th</sup> July  
Mon 17<sup>th</sup> July  
Tue 18<sup>th</sup> July  
**NEW:** Wed 19<sup>th</sup> July  
**NEW:** Monday 24<sup>th</sup> July  
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Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> July

Children restart Tuesday 5th September 2017  
(Next years term dates overleaf)

**SCHOOL TERMS AND HOLIDAYS  
2017/2018**



**AUGUST/SEPTEMBER**

Mon	4	11	18	25	
Tues	5	12	19	26	
Wed	6	13	20	27	
Thur	7	14	21	28	
Fri	1	8	15	22	29
Sat	2	9	16	23	30
Sun	3	10	17	24	

**OCTOBER**

Mon	2	9	16	23	30
Tues	3	10	17	24	31
Wed	4	11	18	25	
Thur	5	12	19	26	
Fri	6	13	20	27	
Sat	7	14	21	28	
Sun	1	8	15	22	29

**NOVEMBER**

Mon	6	13	20	27	
Tues	7	14	21	28	
Wed	1	8	15	22	29
Thur	2	9	16	23	30
Fri	3	10	17	24	
Sat	4	11	18	25	
Sun	5	12	19	26	

**DECEMBER**

Mon	4	11	18	25	
Tues	5	12	19	26	
Wed	6	13	20	27	
Thur	7	14	21	28	
Fri	1	8	15	22	29
Sat	2	9	16	23	30
Sun	3	10	17	24	31

**JANUARY**

Mon	1	8	15	22	29
Tues	2	9	16	23	30
Wed	3	10	17	24	31
Thur	4	11	18	25	
Fri	5	12	19	26	
Sat	6	13	20	27	
Sun	7	14	21	28	

**FEBRUARY**

Mon	5	12	19	26
Tues	6	13	20	27
Wed	7	14	21	28
Thur	1	8	15	22
Fri	2	9	16	23
Sat	3	10	17	24
Sun	4	11	18	25

**MARCH**

Mon	5	12	19	26	
Tues	6	13	20	27	
Wed	7	14	21	28	
Thur	1	8	15	22	29
Fri	2	9	16	23	30
Sat	3	10	17	24	31
Sun	4	11	18	25	

**APRIL**

Mon	2	9	16	23	30
Tues	3	10	17	24	
Wed	4	11	18	25	
Thur	5	12	19	26	
Fri	6	13	20	27	
Sat	7	14	21	28	
Sun	1	8	15	22	29

**MAY**

Mon	7	14	21	28	
Tues	1	8	15	22	29
Wed	2	9	16	23	30
Thur	3	10	17	24	31
Fri	4	11	18	25	
Sat	5	12	19	26	
Sun	6	13	20	27	

**JUNE**

Mon	4	11	18	25	
Tues	5	12	19	26	
Wed	6	13	20	27	
Thur	7	14	21	28	
Fri	1	8	15	22	29
Sat	2	9	16	23	30
Sun	3	10	17	24	

**JULY**

Mon	2	9	16	23	30
Tues	3	10	17	24	31
Wed	4	11	18	25	
Thur	5	12	19	26	
Fri	6	13	20	27	
Sat	7	14	21	28	
Sun	1	8	15	22	29

**AUGUST**

Mon	6	13	20	27	
Tues	7	14	21	28	
Wed	1	8	15	22	29
Thur	2	9	16	23	30
Fri	3	10	17	24	31
Sat	4	11	18	25	
Sun	5	12	19	26	

Term Time		Holidays	
Bank Holiday		Inset Day	

<b>Term 1:</b> Tue 5 <sup>th</sup> – Fri 20 <sup>th</sup> Oct 2017	34 days
<b>Term 2:</b> Mon 30 <sup>th</sup> Oct - Fri 15 <sup>th</sup> Dec 2017	35 days
<b>Term 3:</b> Tues 2 <sup>nd</sup> Jan - Fri 9 <sup>th</sup> Feb 2018	29 days
<b>Term 4:</b> Wed 21 <sup>st</sup> Feb - Thu 29 <sup>th</sup> Mar 2018	29 days
<b>Term 5:</b> Mon 16 <sup>th</sup> Apr - Fri 25 <sup>th</sup> May 2018	29 days
<b>Term 6:</b> Tue 5 <sup>th</sup> Jun - Wed 24 <sup>th</sup> Jul 2018	37 days
<b>Total</b>	<b>190 days*</b>

Christmas Bank Holidays 25<sup>th</sup> December 2017  
26<sup>th</sup> December 2017

New Year Bank Holiday 1<sup>st</sup> January 2018

Good Friday 30<sup>th</sup> March 2018

Easter Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2018

Early May Bank Holiday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2018

Spring Bank Holiday 28<sup>th</sup> May 2018

Summer Bank Holiday 27<sup>th</sup> August 2018

\* 195 days are defined as "School days". In the school year 2017/18 pupils must attend for 190 days. Schools may decide individually or collectively which 5 days in the year are INSET or non-contact days (days pupils do not need to attend).