

Dear Parents/Carers,

Our Latest Award:

We are proud to announce that Yorkley School has passed the first year of re-accreditation under Bristol Standard scheme. The Bristol Standard is recognised nationally as an outstanding self-evaluation framework which helps Early Years settings, Childminders and Play settings to develop and improve the quality and effectiveness of their provision through an annual cycle of reflection.



Over a three year cycle, we are able to identify strengths and weaknesses by reflecting on what we do and what we would like to do, so:
 year one - we reflect on our practices, year two - we work on some targets, year three - we work on different targets. Each year we submit a portfolio which is examined to ensure we are making the improvements we are aiming for.

Playgroup and Class 1 links:

Class 1 were very lucky to be invited to see the Reptile Roadshow at Playgroup. The children got to hold the animals and find out all about them. They found out what they ate and where they came from.

"I was brave and held them all" Riley
"My favourite was the tortoise. He was bumpy!" Tilly



Thank you to playgroup for inviting us!

The Enormous Pumpkin:

Class 2 had a fantastic trip to Over Farm where they learnt all about the vegetables that are grown locally. The children were able to use their senses to describe the vegetables, whilst pulling them from the ground or picking them from the plant. They had a wonderful time and especially enjoyed feeding the farm animals!



NEWSLETTER

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Stars of the Week:



13th October

- Class 1 Kodi
- Class 2 Lily
- Class 3 Alfie
- Class 4 Aliyah
- Class 5 Aston



20th October

- Lucy
- Riley
- Ashlee
- Freya
- Tiana

Happy Halloween:

Many thanks to the PTA for hosting another great disco. The children's costumes were fantastic and a great evening was had by all. All money raised by the PTA goes directly back into the school so if you want to help support and join up, please attend the **AGM next Tuesday 7th November 3.00 at Yorkley School.**



House Points:

13th October: **Green 195, Yellow 158 Red 137 and Blue 71**

20th October: **Green 155, Blue 140, Yellow 97 and Red 67**

Attendance:

| Overall winners: | 9 th - 13 th October | 16 th - 20 th October |
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| Class 1 | 96.88% | 98.90% |
| Class 2 | 95.48% | 92.58% |
| Class 3 | 96.67% | 95.33% |
| Class 4 | 100% - Fantastic! | 93.10% |
| Class 5 | 95.31% | 94.38% |

Shoe box appeal - Deadline NEXT FRIDAY

Every Christmas we join thousands of other schools in donating shoe boxes filled with gifts for children. Leaflets have already come out so a reminder our collection date is Friday 10th November first thing.



Toys

Include items that children will immediately embrace such as dolls or stuffed toys (with CE label), toy trucks, harmonica, yo-yo, skipping rope, ball, small puzzles etc.



School Supplies

Pens, pencils & sharpeners, crayons or felt pens, stamps & ink pad sets, writing pads or notebooks & paper, solar calculators, colouring & picture books etc.



Hygiene Items

Toothbrush and toothpaste, bars of wrapped soap, comb or hairbrush, flannel.



Do Not Include

Used or damaged items, war related items such as toy guns, play soldiers or knives; chocolate or other food items; liquids or lotions of any type including bubbles; medicines; hand-made or knitted stuffed toys; anything of a political, racial or religious nature; sharp objects; glass containers, mirrors or fragile items; playing cards of the 4-suit variety; clothing other than as listed above.

Pen Licence

Congratulations to Devon Sutton class 5 as he has gained his pen licence. What a great way to start this half term!



Sporting Events:



Congratulations to all our children who took part in the first sporting fixture last term. 20 children represented our school against Severnbanks.

Scores were a mixture of wins, draws and loses however all the children came back to school the next day buzzing with excitement as so much fun was had by all!

Cycling Club a great success.

Many thanks to Dan Lewis and Mrs Wood for running the mountain bike club last term. A new club will start for year 5 in the Summer term.



Parent Request for help:

One of our families from Lydney is currently having car issues and is struggling to get their daughter to and from school on certain days. If anyone lives in the Lydney area near Rodley Road and is willing to help out short term they would be most grateful. Please let the office know or contact Kelly Partridge.

Job Opportunity:

Yorkley School is currently advertising 2 posts:

- General Midday Supervisor (6 hours weekly)
- Midday Supervisor - 1-1 post (5 hours weekly)

If you are interested in the position please send in an application letter to the main office with relevant experience: Job specification and description attached separately for more details.

Kind regards

K. Burke

Mrs K Burke

School Council Projects:

Children in Need:

School Council are asking for cakes and biscuits for Thursday 16th November to sell for children in need day. Children can come in fancy dress and trainers as throughout the morning children and staff will be taking part in our own 'Country File Ramble'. More information will follow, however, keep the morning free as we would love parents and carers to join in with the ramble.



School Council will be selling merchandise in aid of The Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal. As well as the traditional poppies we currently have friendship bracelets and snap bands for £1. Poppy reflectors and wristbands are 50p.

The Royal Legion Poppy Appeal

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Clubs in Autumn Term 2017

Children in years 5 and 6 can walk home after clubs however we require this in writing from a parent/carer before we allow this to happen due to the late nights already drawing in. All other children need to be met at the junior entrance at 4.00pm **All clubs except mountain biking will continue this half term.**

| | Mondays 3.00 - 4.00 | Tuesdays 3.00 - 4.00 | Wednesdays 3.00 - 4.00 | Thursdays 3.00 - 4.00 | Fridays 3.00 - 4.00 |
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| After School: | Running / Cross Country Years 2-6 FREE Mrs Burke & Miss Agg | Football Years 3-6 FREE Mr Tomley | Panto Club Years 5 & 6 FREE Mrs Creber | Multi-Sports Years 3-6 FREE Mr Tomley | No clubs - family time |
| | | | Music Club Orchestra Payment required 3.00 - 4.15 | Homework Club Year 2 - 6 FREE Mrs Phillips | |

'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. **'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.**

Lunchtime Clubs: Children are also getting the opportunity to attend clubs at lunchtimes.

- Monday: **French Club** Years 3-6 Miss Newbury
- Tuesday and Thursday: - Sports with Mr Tomley (no need to sign up for this, anyone welcome)
- Thursdays: Choir club (Autumn term 2)
- Play leaders are always out every lunchtime overseeing equipment and teaching new games

IMPORTANT DATES - KEEP THIS SHEET ON FRIDGE!**Autumn Term 2:**

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| Monday 30 th Oct | School starts |
| Tuesday 31 st Oct | Bonfire safety talk whole school assembly |
| NEW DATE Tue 7th Nov | Cross Country Team event, earlier start - 2.00 Five Acres Secondary School |
| NEW Fri 10th Nov | Class 4 Trip to Dean Heritage Centre |
| Tue 14 th Nov | Reception & Year 6 height and weight checks |
| Mon 13 th - Fri 17 th Nov | Anti-Bullying Week |
| Thursday 16 th Nov | Playgroup Xmas shopping night |
| NEW: Thursday 16th | Children in Need cake sale and ramble event. Parents invited for the ramble. |
| Wednesday 22 nd Nov | Open afternoon for prospective new parents Sep 2018 1.15 - 2.30 |
| 29 th Nov | Guitar concert to parents and whole school |
| Monday 4 th Dec | Infants dress rehearsal - whole school, parents with toddlers 1.15 |
| Wed 6 th Dec | Adult Tea Party - Class 5 hosting with music performances throughout |
| Thursday 7 th Dec | Infant Christmas play 1.15 parents invited - <u>No toddlers</u> |
| Thursday 7 th Dec | Last swimming session for class 4 & 5 |
| Friday 8 th Dec | Infant Christmas play 9.30 parents invited - <u>No toddlers</u> |
| Sunday 10 th Dec | Choir singing at Taurus Crafts 10.15 - 11.00 |
| Tuesday 12 th Dec | School Christmas Dinner |
| Tuesday 12 th Dec | Flu Immunisations years 1-4 1.30 onwards |
| Wednesday 13 th Dec | Whole School Panto (Cheltenham) - Show starts at 2.00p.m. |
| Friday 15 th Dec | Last day of term (Merry Christmas) |

Spring Term 1:

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| Tuesday 2 nd January | School starts |
| Thursday 4 th January | Swimming starts for classes 2 and 3 |
| Friday 9 th February | Last day of term |

Spring Term 2:

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| Monday 19 th and Tuesday 20 th Feb | INSET DAYS - School closed to children |
| Wednesday 21 st Feb | School starts |
| Thursday 22 nd March | Last swimming session for classes 2 & 3 |
| Thursday 29 th March | Last day of term (Happy Easter) |

Summer Term 1:

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| Monday 16 th April | School starts |
| Friday 25 th May | Last day of term |

Summer Term 2:

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| Monday 4 th June | INSET - School closed to children |
| Tuesday 5 th June | School starts |
| Monday 18 th June | Year 5 Taster day at Dean Academy |
| Tue 19 th , Wed 20 th and Thu 21 st Jun | Wyedean Yr6 induction days |
| Mon 25 th - Fri 29 th June | Residential year 5 and 6 |
| Mon 9 th July - Wed 11 th | Year 6 at Dean Academy |
| Tuesday 24 th July | Last day of term |