

Dear Parents/Carers,

**Music to our ears:**

Classes 3, 4 and 5 had completed just 10 guitar lessons before putting on a concert to a packed out audience. The concert started with class 3 performing 2 songs; Prelude and Drunken Sailor. Class 4 and class 5 played additional tunes such as a traditional folk song, The Fiddler and Dutch folk song. Children demonstrated how much progress they had made when Ethan exclaimed in the middle of the concert, "Mr FP, I think my G is flat!"



Class 5 will be hosting the afternoon tea-party and Christmas concert next week on **Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> from 1.20** in the school hall.



There will be singing from all classes as well as performances from music club and solos from children who receive 1-1 music lessons.



**Royal Wedding of our own!**

This term Class 1 have been learning about celebrations. To support their interests and family cultures, they have been bringing in the 'all about me bag' which they have shared within the class. This week, Trish, the church warden talked to the children about Christian weddings and civil ceremonies. The children really enjoyed acting out the wedding and wearing their party clothes. Thank you to the parents who sent in their wedding photos which were shared. If you haven't already sent photos in, and would like to, please feel free. To further develop the children's knowledge of weddings they will be looking at a Hindu ceremony and similarities between both ceremonies.



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**Request for dressing up clothes:**

Still requesting any dressing up clothes which you no longer want. Children would love a dressing up box for our outdoor stage area at lunchtimes.

**Star of the Week**



**10<sup>th</sup> November**

- Class 1 Heavenleigh
- Class 2 Cameron
- Class 3 Eeve
- Class 4 Freya
- Class 5 Sophie

**17<sup>th</sup> November**

- Darcey
- Bella
- Owen
- Lauren
- Jazmin

Our School choir performed at the playgroup's Xmas shopping night last week. The children's next performance will be on **Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> December between 10.15 and 11.00 at Taurus Crafts.**



Well done to Adam, Aston, Chloe, Daniel, Frank, Honey-Rose, Lacey, Tiana, Savannah and William for our entry to this years Christmas Art competition at Taurus Crafts. The theme being Christmas 1942 linking to the class topic on World War 2.

The diorama is currently on display over the Christmas period and visitors to Taurus Crafts are able to vote for their favourite. The winning entry will receive funds towards further Art equipment.

**Please make an effort to go and vote for our school.**

**Attendance:**

Overall winners:	13 <sup>th</sup> - 17 <sup>th</sup> November	20 <sup>th</sup> - 24 <sup>th</sup> November
Class 1	97.93%	97.89%
Class 2	99.38%	96.88%
Class 3	98.33%	99.33%
Class 4	98.28%	95.52%
Class 5	91.56%	96.13%

**House Points:**

17<sup>th</sup> November **Red 257, Yellow 166, Green 115 and Blue 107**

24<sup>th</sup> November **Blue and Green joint winners on 187, Yellow 179 and Red 152**



**Creative Homework:**



**WOW!**

The standard and care that has gone into this terms creative homework is outstanding.

Many schools are currently being criticised for only focusing on English and Maths. At Yorkley, however, it is evident for all to see, that our children get a huge range of opportunities and experiences to keep them enthused, engaged and eager to learn more through History, Science, Music, Design Technology and Food Technology.



**Christmas Craft Fair:**

Following on from the success of last years Christmas Craft Fair, we will be hosting this year's Craft Fair on December 14<sup>th</sup> 3.00 - 4.30 in the school hall. Children are currently making gifts which they will sell to parents and visitors. All the money raised goes back into buying resources so the children can continue to enjoy these types of activities. Raffle tickets will also be on sale in the school office from next week and at the Fair for a wonderful Christmas Hamper.

**Sporting Events:**

On Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> 18 of our children travelled to Blakeney School for a "friendly" football match. Yorkley won one of the games 5-1 with Fletcher King scoring 4 goals to ease the pressure after a tense and even start to the game. In the other game, Yorkley had an exciting 3-3 draw. The pitch was very wet and players worked hard to produce some great football in difficult conditions. All the children we great ambassadors for the school and managed to keep themselves warm on a very cold day.



**Infant Play:**

I look forward to seeing parents and family members next week for our Infant Christmas Play 'Christmas Counts'. All parents should by now have ordered and received their tickets.

Kind regards

*K. Burke*

Mrs K Burke

**Clubs in Autumn 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>	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**

**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)
- Thursday: Choir club (Autumn term 2)
- Play leaders are always out every lunchtime overseeing equipment and teaching new games

**No Clubs commencing 11<sup>th</sup> December (last week of term)  
Wednesday's music club has now finished.**

**Clubs for Spring term will be mentioned on our last newsletter for the year  
which will be out in two weeks.**

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

Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Infants dress rehearsal - whole school, <b>parents with toddlers 1.15</b>
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Family Carol Concert - Parkend Church (Class 5 leading) 6.15 start
Wed 6 <sup>th</sup> Dec	<b>Adult Tea Party</b> - Class 5 hosting with music performances throughout 1.20 start
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Infant Christmas play 1.15 <b>parents invited - No toddlers</b>
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Last swimming session for class 4 & 5 - Fun Splash
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> Dec	PTA Christmas Disco 6.30 - 8.00
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Infant Christmas play 9.30 <b>parents invited - No toddlers</b>
Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Choir singing at Taurus Crafts 10.15 - 11.00
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Class 1 parent craft day - 9.10 - 10.10 or 2.00 - 3.00
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> Dec	School Christmas Dinner
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Flu Immunisations years 1-4 1.30 onwards <b>(only for children whose parents have given written permission or applied online)</b>
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Whole School Panto (Cheltenham) - Show starts at 2.00p.m.
<b>NEW: Thur 14<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	Christmas Craft Fair - gifts and art on sale in the hall 3.00 - 4.30
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Last day of term (Merry Christmas)

**Spring Term 1:**

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

**Spring Term 2:**

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

**Summer Term 1:**

Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> April	School starts
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> May	Last day of term

**Summer Term 2:**

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