

Dear Parents/Carers,

A Mammoth find for Yorkley School!

What could bring a topic about the Stone Age more alive than a real mammoth tusk, said to be around 100,000 years old! One of our parents, Kerry Bashford brought in the tusk after archaeologists discovered it near the A14 to Cambridge. The children have been fascinated with this discovery and it has brought their learning to life. Class 3 are currently waiting for replies from the archaeologists, as they have followed this up by writing to them with more questions.



"I thought it was part of a tree trunk at first, because it looks like it is made of wood. I was surprised when I found out it came from a woolly mammoth - they must have been very big!" Beatrice

"I was really surprised that I got to see a part of history in our classroom." Poppy

"I thought it was going to be light but I was really surprised just how heavy it was!" Oliver

Winners - Speech House Music Competition

On Saturday 17th November, Yorkley School Choir took part in a singing competition at Speech House. The children performed two songs: (I'm Only) Human and Let's Twist Again; the judges praised the children's singing, dancing and enthusiasm and announced Yorkley Choir in joint first place with Blakeney School. Following this, the children were asked to sing again as they had impressed the judges so much! The show ended with another performance of Let's Twist Again so that the whole audience could join in and twist! Well done choir!

Choir will also be performing at Lydney Town Hall on Saturday 1st December (7.30pm) and at Taurus Crafts Christmas Market on Sunday 2nd December (10.15-11am).



"We just wanted to say thank you to Miss Williams and all involved with the choir competition. It was a fantastic sight to see so many pupils of so many ages singing, dancing and really enjoying themselves on Saturday. They all did the school proud. Well deserved winners!" Parents of Yorkley School.



Science Competition at Dean Academy:

This week, Class 5 took part in an exciting Science competition: the children worked in teams of 4 to design a new organism/creature that would be adapted to live in an environment/habitat of their choice. Each team produced a 3D model of their creature and created information posters explaining the adaptations the new organism would have undergone in order to survive in its specific environment. The children really excelled themselves with all their excellent ideas, hard work and enthusiasm.



The competition was judged by the presenter of CBBC's Beyond Bionic, Andy Torbet, and the Science Department at the Dean Academy, who were all impressed with the standard of work and links to other subjects, such as writing, graphs and data, locating the habitats on the world map, as well as the high quality presentation of their work. Well done Class 5.

Congratulations to Tiana, Fiona, Ben and Kayleigh who were winners. All of the competition entries can be seen on our school website.



Road Awareness:

A group of children from Class 3 have been involved in practical projects this term. As they've been out and about, they've noticed that some vehicles seem to be travelling at unsafe speeds along the road right outside school. When they heard that traffic monitoring would be taking place at our gate they jumped at the chance to join class 2 to see how it all worked, to use the monitoring equipment and to help make drivers aware of the importance of driving at a safe speed. Many thanks to Claire Baldwin for this opportunity.



Polite notice: Please be respectful to the local residents when parking outside the school and refrain from blocking driveways

House points:

5th - 9th November = Yellow 143, Green 135 Red 131 and Blue 129

12th - 16th November = Red 137, Blue 132, Yellow 102 and Green 102

Attendance:

Overall winners:	Week beginning 5 th November	Week beginning 12 th November
Class 5	95.71%	99.29%
Class 4	97.31%	96.92%
Class 3	93.50%	93.00%
Class 2	95.33%	93.33%
Class 1	88.85%	93.17%

Star of the Week:



2nd November

- Class 1:** Riley
- Class 2:** Taylor
- Class 3:** Tillie
- Class 4:** Henry
- Class 5:** Chloe



9th November

- Lydia
- Jasmine
- Kyann
- Dominic
- Fiona

Operation Christmas Child

Earlier this week 25 shoe boxes of Christmas gifts were collected. Thank you for supporting.

Children in Need:



£90.77 was donated for Children in Need.



Cooking and Nutrition:

Mrs Phillips has been working with a group of children on healthy lifestyles. Pupils were taught how to cook and apply the principles of nutrition and healthy eating. Split into two groups, children made healthy smoothies and drop scones (Scotch pancakes). Although the Smoothie was made with chocolate it was a low fat powder and was accompanied by fresh fruit! Thank you to Aliyah Burcher's mum and K-C May Morgan's mum for their help. I was fortunate to join the group towards the end and was very pleased with my smoothie (banana included). It boosted my energy for running club!





Cross curricular links with maths measurement and capacity.

Request from Mrs Philips:

Are there any parents who enjoy working with wood/carpenters who would like to help on a Wednesday afternoon with a woodwork project?



Congratulations to both Carla and Angel Gorgueira for gaining their pen licence



Last week the school took part in Stop Speak Support Day, part of the Anti-Bullying Alliance's Anti-Bullying Week.

Stop Speak Support wants to tackle online bullying through their simple mantra:

Stop - take time to see what is really going on, check community guidelines.

Speak - talk to a trusted adult about what is going on, report bullying online.

Support - Send a supportive message to the person being bullied and encourage them to talk to someone they trust.

KS2 pupils watched some videos from Stop Speak Support and talked about being an upstander not a bystander. KS1 pupils discussed who to go to if they see something they're unsure of on a device.

The school will continue to cover E-safety throughout the school year with assemblies, lessons in class and guests coming into school. Later this term, Darren Peter, a Cyber Harm Reduction Officer from Gloucestershire Constabulary Headquarters, will be talking to Class 5 about online gaming.

For more information on Stop Speak Support, you can visit their website at www.stopspeaksupport.com

Kind regards

K. Burke

Mrs K Burke



PTA News:

YORKLEY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS FAYRE

The PTA will be holding a Christmas Fayre on **Thursday 13th December** straight after school until 4:30pm. Attractions will include:

- A Chocolate Tombola, Cake Stalls & a Raffle

Local stall holders including:

- Reindeer food, Reading books, Jewellery and much more!

There will also be an opportunity to purchase your child's Christmas decorations made in school and listen to our school choir.

Any donations of chocolate and/or teddy bears for two of our stalls would be greatly welcomed. Please hand into the main office who will store them for the PTA.

Clubs in Autumn Term 2018

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 drawing in already. All other children need to be met at the junior entrance at 4.00pm

	Mondays 3.00 - 4.00	Tuesdays 3.00 - 4.00	Wednesdays 3.00 - 4.00	Thursdays 3.00 - 4.00	Fridays 3.00 - 4.30
After School:	Running / Cross Country Years 2-6 FREE Mrs Burke	Football Years 3-6 FREE Mr Tomley	Design Technology Years 3-6 FREE Mr Berry		
	<u>Lunchtime Club</u> French Games Years 3-6 Miss Newbery		(FULL) - waiting list for January	<u>Lunchtime Club</u> Choir All year groups Miss Williams	

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

- Tuesday and Thursday: - Sports with Mr Tomley (no need to sign up for this, anyone welcome)
- Play leaders are always out every lunchtime overseeing equipment and teaching new games.

'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. 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.

IMPORTANT DATES

Autumn Term 1 & 2

NEW: Tue 27th Nov

Internet safety talk - class 5

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Class 1 and 2 phonics workshop 6.00 - 7.00 in the hall.

NEW: Wed 28th Nov

Class 4 Violin Concert 9.50 start in the hall.

Saturday 1st Dec

Choir singing at Christmas concert Lydney Town hall - 7.30pm

Sunday 2nd Dec

Choir singing at Taurus Crafts 10.15-11.00

NEW: Wed 5th Dec

Class 4 day at Dean Academy (D.T and Science focus)

NEW: Thu 6th Dec

Indoor athletics at Dean Academy

Monday 10th Dec

Infant Christmas play 1.30 start (dress rehearsal for school, playgroup & parents with toddlers)

Wednesday 12th Dec

Infant Christmas play for parents 1.30 start

Thursday 13th Dec

Infant Christmas play for parents 9.30 start

Thursday 13th Dec

Last swimming session for class 4 & 5

NEW: Thu 13th Dec

PTA Christmas Fayre 3.15 - 4.30 (Choir singing 3.15 - 3.45)

18th Dec

Christmas dinner

Wednesday 19th Dec

Aladdin, Whole School Pantomime, Cheltenham 2.00 start (late return) - (Early lunch)

Friday 21st Dec

End of term 2

Spring Term 1 & 2

Monday 7th Jan

Start of term 3

Thursday 10th Jan

Swimming starts classes 2 & 3 and year 1's in class 1. (All Spring term, last session Thu 4th April)

1st Feb

NSPCC Assembly and workshops

Friday 15th Feb

End of term 3

16th Jan

Year 6 and Reception height/weight and vision checks

Monday 18th - Fri 22nd

HALF TERM

Monday 25th Feb

INSET - School closed

Tuesday 26th Feb

Start of term 3

4th - 8th March

English week

8th March

World Book day (Children come dressed as a character from a book)

Friday 5th Apr

End of term 4

Summer Term 1 & 2

Tuesday 23rd April

Start of term 5

Monday 6th May

Bank Holiday

Friday 24th May

End of term 5

Monday 27th - Fri 31st

HALF TERM

Monday 3rd June

INSET - School closed

Tuesday 4th June

Start of term 6

Thursday 13th June

Country Dancing Festival Speech House 6.30-8.30

Friday 19th July

Last Day for children