

Dear Parents/Carers,

It was lovely to see all the smiling faces returning to school last week (children, parents and staff). The children have adapted to the 'new norm' which is staying in school bubbles and learning to be more patient with each other as everything is taking slightly longer to ensure we remain safe. In line with Government Guidelines, children will only be photographed in their 'bubble', allowing me to still include photos on my newsletter.



I'd like to welcome our new Reception children to the school, all 25 of them (another full year group). Welcome to Skye and Ted who have joined our Year 2 bubble and to new staff, Miss Sleeman, Miss Cross, Mrs Dyer, and welcome back Mrs Jones.



I have wonderful news to report from Mrs Adams. She had a healthy baby boy last week. Welcome to the world Reuben x

Virtual Whole School Assembly:



Last Friday I tried my first whole school Zoom assembly. The children were really excited by this and loved seeing and saying hello to friends from other classes. Whole school assemblies in the hall are not allowed in schools currently, however celebrating success remains vital so we are having to adapt.

Congratulations to Jesse, Alexander, Cameron, Sammy and Elliott for completing the online Summer Reading Challenge. This is the first five effort marks awarded this year.



House Points:

Last years results: **Red = Winner 2019/2020 with 2503 points**

Week ending 11th September

Blue 108, Red 83, Yellow 71 and Green 63.

House Captains - Class 5 :

Introducing our new House Captains:

- Blue: Owen and Ellie
- Green: Jennifer and Codie
- Red: Bea and Jesse
- Yellow: Coby and Emily



Attendance and Punctuality:

Attendance is going to fluctuate more than normal; however, we still intend to report the percentages as it remains an area of focus for us. If your child is displaying symptoms and absent from school, please get them tested as soon as possible and keep the school informed with test results. If they are off relating to Covid-19 it will not affect their attendance. Please don't panic if unsure what to do, just ring 119 and seek advice, then ring the main office.

Classes	Week beginning 1/9/2020	Week beginning 7/9/2020	Overall Percentage:
Class 5	92.86%	93.75%	93.49%
Class 4	100%	96.97%	97.85%
Class 3	97.32%	97.10%	97.16%
Class 2	100%	98.36%	98.84%
Class 1	100%	96.15%	96.77%

Star of the Week 11th Sep 2020



Congratulations Kyra, Alfie, Elliott, Holly and Bea our winners for this week.

Music Opportunities:

Yorkley School has been chosen to be part of a special music programme this year (Muscate) run by the Cheltenham Music Festival. Class 3 and Class 5 took part in an outdoor assembly to meet their Musicat for this year, violinist, Emily Dore. She played a variety of music for the children from folk to rock music. "I really enjoyed all the music and clapping out the



rhythms" Class 5. As well as teaching the children about rhythm and pitch. "I liked learning new words like *pizzicato* and *arco*"- Class 3.

Emily will be returning to school several times over the coming year to work with the classes on small musical projects, where the children can learn about composing and playing a range of musical styles.



Yorkley Newsletter Writing Competition (from Spring Term)

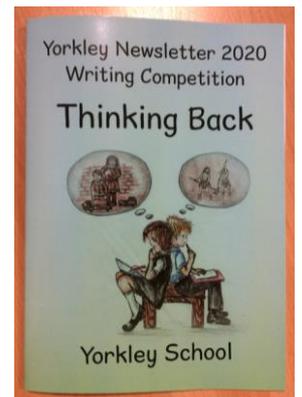
Back in the Spring term, children from Class 4 & 5 entered the Yorkley Newsletter 2020 writing competition. The theme was set in the Iron and Stone Ages or the Second World War. A presentation assembly was planned, however with the disruption of Covid-19, this sadly couldn't take place.

Congratulations to our remaining pupils who were awarded their books last week.

Prizes were awarded last week to:

Joshua Parker - Overall Winner

Commended: Ashlee Burcher.



Kind regards

K. Burke

Mrs K Burke

Cancer Research Support:

As some of you are aware, I have had more than my fair share of scrapes with cancer in the last 2 years. However now I feel ready to put something back into research. To support this charity, I have signed up for the 'Cancer Research Cycle 300 miles in September' project.

It is quite a challenge so I hope that some of you would consider supporting my Just Giving page and donate to the cause. The link is below

<https://fundraise.cancerresearchuk.org/page/peters-cycle-300-fundraising-page-90>

Thanks in advance for your support - Mr Tomley (P.E Teacher)

Community News:

Autumn 2020 **SIX VILLAGES NEWS** Issue 1

Covering POVY villages Parkend and Whitecroft

We have been asked to promote a local publication called 'Our first village New Sheet' which is available at the Yorkley Post Office. This has replaced 'Yorkley Community' Newsletter (Due to Covid-19 it currently can't be delivered). It includes local news from six local villages.

IMPORTANT DATES:**Autumn Term 1 & 2**

Monday 1st & Tuesday 2nd Sep: INSET days - School closed to children

Wednesday 3rd Sep: School open

Wednesday 16th Sep: Musicate workshop outside Classes 3 & 5

Monday 28th September: The Big Anti-Bullying Assembly (on-line Nationwide)

Monday 5th October: School photographer - Colour Box in (letter on this to follow)

Friday 9th October: Mental Health Day - 'Hello Yellow' Non-Uniform - Children to wear anything with yellow on, donation of £1 towards the charity Young Minds

Friday 23rd October: End of term

Monday 26th - 30th Oct: HALF TERM

Monday 2nd November: INSET day - School closed to children

Tuesday 3rd November: School open

Friday 18th December: End of term

Spring Term 1 & 2

Monday 4th January: School open

Friday 12th Feb: End of term

Monday 15th - 19th Feb: HALF TERM

Monday 22nd & 23rd Feb: INSET days - school closed to children

Wednesday 24th Feb: School open

Thursday 1st April: End of term