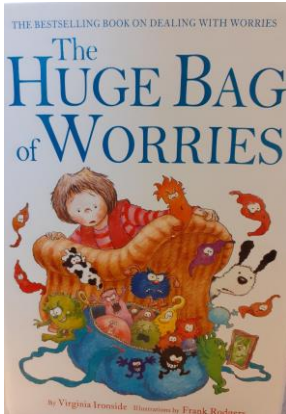


Dear Parents/Carers,

**World Mental Health Day - 'Hello Yellow'**

This year has been a tough one for us all. The months of lockdown and loss have had a huge impact on mental health. Within schools this year's #Hello Yellow theme was all about coming together. It was a chance to emphasize the importance of looking out for each other, being kind and getting everyone to feel hopeful again about their future.



Thank you to Mrs Bidmead for organising and Class 5 who took the lead on the day. Through Zoom, their class shared the story 'The Huge Bag of Worries' then asked each class questions. They also set mini challenges which the children enjoyed completing within their class. I had the pleasure of having Oliver Davis as my co-host for the session.



An amazing £130 was raised for the charity 'Young Minds'.



Class 2 completed Mood Jars. Different colours represented various emotions - yellow was happy, purple excited, red was angry, blue worried and green sad.

*"I am happy because I am learning at school and excited to be playing outside."* Ben

*"I love being back at school and with my friends."* Penny  
*"Sometimes I'm sad because I miss my mum but mostly happy because I am learning new things in school."* Eden



*"Mental health is important like our body health is, but people might find it harder to see if you're hurt in your mind."* - Millie

*"Kindness matters"* - Daisy (message on her t-shirt!)





**House Points:**

Week ending 2<sup>nd</sup> October:

Green 117, Yellow and Red 109, Blue 100

Week ending 9<sup>th</sup> October:

Yellow and Blue 106, Red 105 and Green 64

**Attendance and Punctuality:**

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: 28 <sup>th</sup> September 2020	Week beginning: 5 <sup>th</sup> October 2020	Overall Percentage:
Class 5	98.15%	99.63%	97.47%
Class 4	97.39%	99.63%	98.76%
Class 3	95.71%	95.71%	96.88%
Class 2	95.45%	96.85%	97.40%
Class 1	100% - Wow	98.61%	99.24%

**Star of the Week**

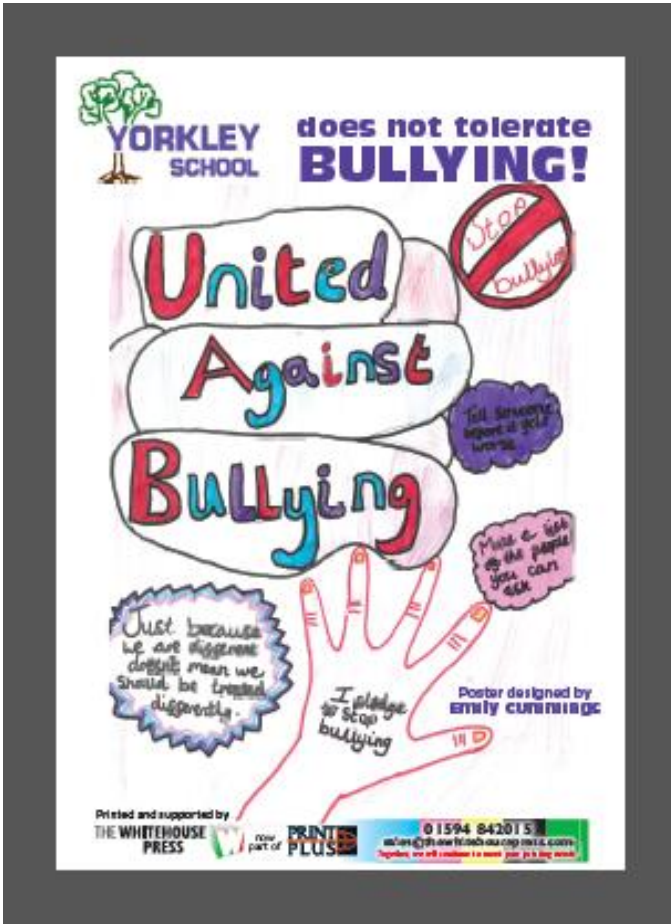


Congratulations to Emily, Kai, Noah, Ben and Olivia-Rae



Congratulations to Skye, Archie, Evie, Ella and Taylor.

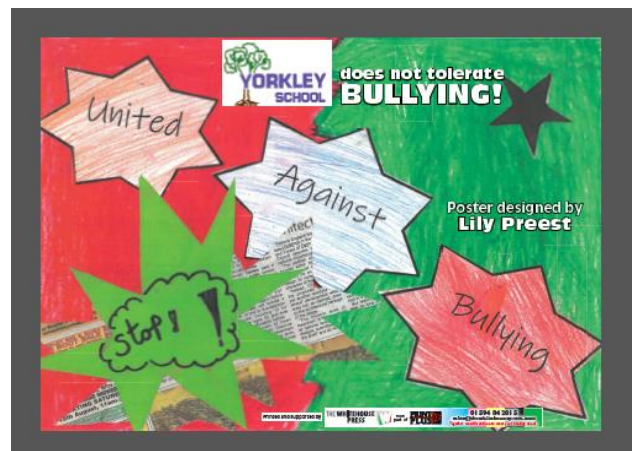
**Anti-Bullying Competition:**



Huge congratulations to Emily Cummings (Class 5), the winner of our Anti-Bullying Competition. Her winning design is currently being made into an A1 board to go outside of our school gates.

Runner up was Lily Preest (Class 3) whose design is being made into an A3 board for the inside of our school.

Special thanks must go to Whitehouse Press, as they donated both the boards and posters free of charge to the school. They have also made a short video showing the process which the whole school will be able to watch.



Miss Smith has launched our first competition for the term.

Boys V Girls in each Junior class:

Class 3 - BOYS won - Sammy had the highest score!

Class 4 - GIRLS won - Maisie had the highest score

Class 5 - GIRLS won - Daisy L had the highest score



Current competition that is running is Year 3 against Year 4 / Year 5 against Year 6.

**Achievements out of School:**



Congratulations to Harrison as he has been offered a part in a feature film. (mum is sworn to secrecy so cannot tell us anymore until it's filmed!) We are all looking forward to hearing more about it once that's allowed. Congratulations also to Daisy as she has been asked to do a Christmas commercial.

Brilliant efforts Freddie and Ben for your football trophies. Sorry I missed you off last time around.





Further congratulations to Ben as he has been awarded Primary Ambassador of the Year 2019/2020 from Forest Green Rovers. On our school website is a mini video from Aaron Collins, a Forest Green Rovers striker congratulating Ben.

Ben attended all the matches, walked out with the players and took part as ball boy.



### Operation Christmas Child:

It's already that time of the year where we are asking for families to start collecting for Christmas Shoe boxes. Final date for school drop off is Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> November. Leaflets with key information are attached.

### Thank you:

I would like to again say thank you to staff who continue to do an amazing job, the extra care, time and dedication is not going unnoticed.

Thank you to our PTA team, who behind the scenes are trying to ensure your children still get amazing gifts, treats and opportunities. As you know, school cannot hold any events which mix 'bubbles', so unfortunately whole school events are still not allowed.

Thank you to the parents /carers who are supporting the school through these unprecedented times. Keeping the school safe and reinforcing our procedures and rules makes my job that little bit easier. I am so proud of how well our children have adapted to the changes since the start of the pandemic and how resilient and settled the majority of children are since the start of term.

Kind regards

*K. Burke*

Mrs K Burke

**IMPORTANT DATES:**

**Autumn Term 1 & 2**

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> October: Whole School Maths day

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> October: Virtual Harvest Assembly. (Donations accepted for the food bank)

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October: Halloween / non-uniform day. No Face paint (£1 donation towards the school PTA)

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October: End of term

Monday 26<sup>th</sup> - 30<sup>th</sup> Oct: HALF TERM

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November: INSET day - School closed to children

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November: School open

NEW: Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> November: Deadline for Photo orders

NEW: Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> November: Deadline for Christmas Shoe Boxes

NEW: Monday 30<sup>th</sup> November: Whole School Flu immunisations

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December: End of term

**Spring Term 1 & 2**

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January: School open

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> Feb: End of term

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup> Feb: HALF TERM

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb: INSET days - school closed to children

Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> Feb: School open

Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> April: End of term

# PTA Newsletter



Hello and welcome to our first ever PTA newsletter. Our newsletters will be sent out termly with lots of information about what we have been up to, events still to come and any help that we need.

Firstly, we'd like to welcome all of the new starters and their families! We hope you have settled in well. We are always after new committee members, if you'd like to join us please email [yorkleypta@outlook.com](mailto:yorkleypta@outlook.com)



This year has been a rough ride for all of us, especially the children. As things stand at the moment, we are going to be unable to run our usual fundraising events including; the Halloween disco, film night, Christmas disco, Christmas crafts fair, and tuck sales. This is a huge blow to the PTA, However, fear not! We have a small amount of money in the pot which we would like to use towards making the children's time as normal as possible.

## Our plans within bubbles:

We are running a Halloween competition within the classes, prizes for the competition winners in each bubble will be awarded. We would also like to present the children with a Halloween goody bag each.

**NON SCHOOL UNIFORM Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October** - children can come in normal clothes or Halloween costumes - £1 donation please, which will go towards the PTA. **NO face paint, masks or accessories** as our reception children may get frightened due to the current situation.

We are having discussions with Santa about his visit this year to ensure all children receive their gift from him. We have the Christmas cards ready for the children to design.

We are also looking to hold a Christmas raffle with funds going towards the leaver's hoodies.

## Onto some good news:

Last year we received a £500 grant to purchase Djembe (African) drums. We are still looking to spend this grant as it came in just before lockdown.

Just before the summer holidays we also received a grant for 'project pandemic' this enabled us to purchase all of the year 6 leavers gifts, a scrapbook, pen, pencil and ruler for each child and once all of this is over a whole school trip to bring our school community back together.

## A few things we need from you:

**Uniform** – if you have any unused, unwanted, or outgrown uniform at home we would be very grateful for it. Our uniform stocks are running very low, especially jumpers and shirts in ages 5 to 8. The PTA try and hold regular uniform sales to ensure parents can purchase second hand uniform for an affordable donation.

**Committee** – This is the final year for our Chair, Natalie, and Secretary, Tasha. Our Treasurer, Vicki, will be required to change roles too. We are looking for either existing committee members or new members to fulfil these roles, to be voted in at this year's AGM. We are also welcoming new committee members, so if you are interested in any roles, please email [yorkleypta@outlook.com](mailto:yorkleypta@outlook.com)

**Facebook** – Why not keep up to date with everything we are doing by joining our Facebook page? Just search "Yorkley School PTA". We post letters from the school as well as activity reminders.

Lastly it is almost time for our AGM. We are trying to find a way to do this safely, and once it's all worked out we'll pop a post-up on our Facebook page. Please join us to see how much work has been done to support the school, and how much more there is to do.