

Yatton Federated Schools Newsletter

Federation of
Yatton Schools



Together is better

31st March 2017

Dear Parents,

It has been a very busy term with lots of fantastic learning opportunities. These include science week, our wonderful reading week, where we saw so many parents and grandparents at the reading cafes, drumming and chocolate-making workshops and a lot more besides. A very big thank you must go to everyone who participated and donated during our Comic Relief Fundraising day. We raised a magnificent **£712** across both schools so well done to all!

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a wonderful Easter break and we look forward to seeing you back well rested and refreshed on 24th April.

Formal Consultation Period to establish a MAT

As you will already be aware, all schools are being encouraged to establish Multi Academy Trusts (MATs) i.e. a group of schools working in partnership. We are working together with a group of several other local schools to consider our next steps and ways in which we can support each other to provide the very best learning opportunities for our children. Within our proposed MAT partnership all schools will retain their own autonomy and our own "hub" will form part of the highly regarded Lighthouse Schools Partnership.

In Term 5 our future plans will be fully shared in a formal consultation period for all stakeholders and our parents/ carers are warmly invited to a Parent Information Evening at Backwell (Secondary) School on Tuesday, 23rd May at 7.00 pm. This will be an opportunity for you to find out more and share your views so please do come along. All very welcome.

Welcome back and Goodbye

We are happy to inform you that three teaching members of staff are returning to school next week following their maternity leave. Miss Jarvis will be teaching Class 1J on Tuesdays to Fridays and job sharing with Mrs Hockett. This means that Mr Hackeson will be teaching Class 9J full-time after the Easter break. Mrs Howard will be teaching Class 6I on Mondays to Wednesdays, job sharing with Mrs Taylor, and finally, Mrs Lilley will be returning for 2 days a week and will be teaching intervention groups for terms 5 and 6. Sadly, this means that we have to say farewell to Miss Jenny Binns and Miss Phillippa Hawker. They have both been great additions to the teaching staff over the past 6 months and will be very much missed by children and their colleagues. We all wish them all the best for the future.

Scarlet Fever

We have recently been notified of a few pupils being diagnosed with Scarlet Fever. What used to be a dangerous disease is now much less serious and common due to antibiotic treatment. However, if you think your child has Scarlet Fever, it is important to consult your GP. Children should not return to school until they have received antibiotic treatment for a minimum of 24 hours. We have put a fact sheet on the school website for your information.

<http://yattonschoools.co.uk/blog/2017/03/23/cases-of-scarlet-fever/>

Scarlet Fever should not be confused with Slapped Cheek which does not normally require medical attention.

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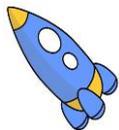
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Science Week

Last week, the Infant and Junior Schools were involved in science based around rockets. Children were involved in experiments looking at explosions and propulsion, including making 'pop' rockets with film canisters, vinegar and bi-carb, water rockets and the highly entertaining Diet Coke and Mentos! All of which were aimed at showing children how rockets produce 'thrust' and hence acceleration. The culmination of the week was the building of 'stomp' rockets by every child in the two schools. In groups of 4 to 6, children built their own air-powered rocket, using the specification set out by the 2017 Science Challenge – a local area competition organised to promote science. Winners of each class competed with others in the year group and finally the whole school, to establish two winning teams – one from each key stage. (There were a lot of rockets flying around all week).



On Thursday morning, the two winning teams were taken to Clevedon School, where they competed against other schools in the categories of distance, accuracy and engineering design. It was a very exciting morning (and nerve wracking!) as the children took part in each event. The two teams performed fantastically and won their respective events in accuracy, as well as picking up an award for the best engineering design too! Better still, it was brilliant to see so many children enthusiastically involved in science, as well as having a lot of fun!



School Games

We have had a busy few weeks with School Games competitions and other sporting events going on across the school. The activities we have taken part in are archery, 'Quicksticks' hockey, football, netball, Tag Rugby, and trampolining. Well done to all the children who have taken part. A particular mention must go to the Tag Rugby team who came second in the North Somerset Level 2 School Games tournament. Thank you to the staff members who have organised and accompanied the children in all these activities.

You can read some of the event reports which the children have written on the School Games blog. Visit

www.yourschoolgames.com/your-school

and search 'Yatton' in the box on the left or follow the link from the school website.



As part of their topic on 'The Ancient Maya', Year 6 had a fun-filled morning learning all about chocolate. They had a visit from

Lisa at The Chocolate

Tart (<http://www.thechocolatetart.co.uk>)

who talked to the children about how chocolate is made. All the children took part in a chocolate workshop creating their own chocolates to take home. The children also explored the issues surrounding Fairtrade and made hot chocolate using a traditional Maya recipe with cinnamon and chilli!!!

Drumming Workshops

Thanks to the quite brilliant winning performance of Spotlight Sparklers at the Carol competition in December, all children in years 3 and 4 were treated to a Taiko (Traditional Japanese drumming) workshop with the Prize money; a fantastic time for the children to experience something powerful, exciting and completely new. Huge thanks also go to Cath and Ali for their inspirational hard work with the Spotlight children so far this year.



Thank you to the children and parents of the Junior School who donated games for Mrs Young to take

to South Africa. Mrs Young is a director of a charity, the Za Foundation, which is based in Portishead but works to support a community in Nkomazi in the east of South Africa. Part of the charity's work is to fund 3 after school clubs which provide educational support, counselling, fun and games and a decent meal to around 300 vulnerable and orphan children every day. The games went down a storm with the children and were played with immediately. These children face huge challenges every single day, often with no



parents at home to support and guide them. Something as simple as playing a new game with some friends can really give them a boost. Thank you!

Yatton library and Children's Centre

As you may be aware, Yatton Moor Children's Centre is going to be relocated to Yatton Library. The key dates for the building works are as follows:

Yatton Library closed	29 April
Refurbishment work on current library site	1 May to end July
Refurbished library and children's centre re-opens	Provisional date 28 July

Entrances around the library site used as a throughway to the school and children's centre will be closed for public access whilst the building work is carried out.

If your child has packed lunches, please can you remember to provide your child with a drink and any cutlery that they need.
Thank you.

Online safety update - LEGO Life

LEGO have recently launched LEGO Life; a social network app aimed at children under the age of 13. On LEGO's website parents can sign up to receive the LEGO Life magazine if their children are aged between 5 and 9 or help their children sign up to the LEGO Life app.

<http://www.childnet.com/blog/what-is-lego-life>

Governor Spot

It can be seen from within this newsletter that the busy pace of the school continues, and I think that it is amazing how the community comes together to support our schools.

There are members of the school community, perhaps like governors, who are very visible, but the vast majority are parents who come in to help in classes, support projects and trips as well as those who give up time to help us with decorating or other important maintenance projects. On behalf of the Board of Governors, I thank you all.

I have not forgotten about our fantastic Yatton Federated School Association (YFSA), but instead have left the best to last. Without their unstinting support, many of the events that embody the very DNA of the school, such as the Summer Carnival, fireworks, school discos and movie nights, would just not happen. Not only do our children have a great time, but these events raise money for valuable projects in the school.

Some of our real stalwarts at YFSA will be leaving us at the end of the summer term. Whilst thanking all YFSA members massively, I would also like to put out a plea on their behalf for new committee members and volunteers. Their meetings are in the school calendar - please, please, please come along and see how you can help. This support makes such a BIG difference to the school community and is greatly appreciated. Have a great Easter break.

Mike Sewell, Chair of the Board of Governors

Yatton Federated School Association News

Movie Night: £1130 raised in total

The Juniors Movie Night on 10th March raised nearly £600. When you add that to the £530 from the Infants Movie Night that's over a thousand pounds raised for the school! A huge thank you to the volunteers - without you, this money wouldn't have been raised and the kids wouldn't have had such a good night out.

Easter Bingo - sold out!

This event on 6th April is now sold out, but if you'd like to be put on the reserve list, contact Ruth MacNeill (Ruth_Breslin@hotmail.com). Thanks in advance to all our volunteers and raffle prize donations - if you'd like to help out on the night, just make yourself known. We always welcome clearer-uppers at the end of the evening!

Children's Table Top Sale - 6th May (11.00am-1.00pm)

- We still have some tables available for £6 each
- Can you help out with set-up or tea/cake serving?
- Or could you donate a cake?
- Email sarahgriffin354@btinternet.com



Pamper Night - 19th May

Do you offer any of the following? Nails, hair, massage, reflexology, facials, threading, reiki or anything else beauty or pampering-related? Save the date for our fundraising pamper night - more details to follow.

Other YFSA dates for your diary

End of term MUFTI: 7th April (volunteers needed for counting donations please)

YFSA meeting: 2nd May, 7:30pm at the Market Inn (planning for the Carnival!)

Have Your Say on Yatton's Future

If you live in Yatton you should have received the draft version of Yatton's Neighbourhood Development Plan through your door as a booklet with the 'Yatton Paper' with a link to an online survey which will be open until 21st April. If for some reason you did not receive a copy or if you want to complete the survey with pen and paper, then you can pick up copies at Yatton News ("Clive's"), the Post Office, the library or the Yeo Vale Medical Practice. There will then be further opportunities to have your say at a series of engagement events running in the summer term, from Easter to the end of July – details will be posted in due course at www.yatton.org, where you can also access the draft plan and online survey. Please contribute to this important process that will help shape our community's future for you and your children. A referendum on the final plan is expected to be held next year.

Sports Camps in Easter Holidays

Our sessions give children the chance to interact with each other, play sports and have fun while keeping active.

Sessions include:

Fun games, tournaments, skills practices, team games, crossbar challenge, inflatable football pitch, football flick, speed shot challenge plus lots more.

Clevedon Football Camp

Clevedon Utd Jfc (Hazel Close)

10th-13th & 18th-21st April

Weston Football Camp

Baytree Rec (Milton Nomads)

10th-13th & 18th-21st April

Claverham Multi Sports Camp

Court De Wyck School

11th, 13th, 18th & 20th April

All sessions 9.00am-3.00pm

£11 per day

Children aged 5-11 years old

Things to bring: Lunch, Drink (non-fizzy), appropriate footwear (boots/trainers), appropriate clothing.

To book or for more information: 07725 632214

info@rmcsports.co.uk

***PARENTING COURSE STARTS AT THE
BARN, CLEVEDON
TUESDAY 25TH APRIL, 7.30PM to 9.30PM
A 6 week course for parents of children up to
the early teenage years
An opportunity to share experiences,
learn from each other
& explore some essential parenting principles***

***To book or find out more contact Jane
Wheeler 01934 834019***

Jane Wheeler is the Families Ministry Team leader at Clevedon Baptist Church and has been running parenting courses for a number of years for parents of primary age children and teenagers.

The course uses the Care for the Family resources (www.careforthefamily.org.uk)



Dates for your Diary

INFANTS

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TERM 4 Monday 20th February 2017 to Friday 7th April 2017

02/03/17 World Book Day
07/03/17 YFSA meeting (7.30pm, Market Inn)
24/03/17 Comic Relief
23/03/17 and 28/03/17 Parent Consultations
 (details for booking on-line to follow)
06/04/17 YFSA Easter Bingo (Infant hall)
07/04/17 Mufti Day

02/03/17 World Book Day
07/03/17 YFSA meeting (7.30pm, Market Inn)
10/03/17 YFSA Junior Movie Night (Junior hall)
24/03/17 Comic Relief
23/03/17 and 28/03/17 Parent Consultations (details for
 booking on-line to follow)
06/04/17 YFSA Easter Bingo (Infant hall)
07/04/17 Easter celebration – St. Mary's Church
 (children only) 9.30am
07/04/17 Mufti Day

TERM 5 Monday 24th April 2017 to Friday 26th May 2017

02/05/17 YFSA meeting (7.30pm, Market Inn)
CHANGE D 06/05/17 YFSA Toy Sale (Infant and
 Junior halls)
19/05/17 YFSA Pamper Night (Junior hall)
**NEW 23/05/17 Parent Consultation Meeting on
 joining a MAT, 7.00pm, Backwell School**
25/05/17 Mufti Day
26/05/17 INSET DAY

02/05/17 YFSA meeting (7.30pm, Market Inn)
CHANGED 06/05/17 YFSA Toy Sale (Infant and Junior
 halls)
08/05/17 to 12/05/17 Year 6 SATs assessment period
19/05/17 Mini-Marathon, 2.00pm
19/05/17 YFSA Pamper Night (Junior hall)
**NEW 23/05/17 Parent Consultation Meeting on joining a
 MAT, 7.00pm, Backwell School**
25/05/17 Mufti Day
26/05/17 INSET DAY

TERM 6 Monday 5th June 2017 to Friday 21st July 2017

13/06/17 YFSA meeting (7.30pm, Market Inn)
19/06/17 School photographer – all Infant classes
 and Year 2 leavers
20/06/17 Reception New Parents Evening, 6.30pm
22/06/17 Sports Day 1.45pm (Reserve day
29/06/17)
24/06/17 YFSA Summer Carnival
03/07/17 Reception 2017 visits
04/07/17 Class transition day
11/07/16 YFSA meeting (7.30pm, Market Inn)
13/07/17 Reception 2017 visits
14/07/17 Reports Out
14/07/17 YFSA Discos (Infant hall)
19/07/17 – Year 2 Leavers Service, 2.30pm
 (Parents welcome)
21/07/17 Mufti Day

13/06/17 YFSA meeting (7.30pm, Market Inn)
19/06/17 School photographer – Year 6 leavers
23/06/17 Sports Day 2.00pm (Reserve day **30/6/17)**
24/06/17 YFSA Summer Carnival
04/07/17 Backwell Induction Day for Year 6, Class
 transition day and Year 3 New Parents Evening 6.30pm
05/07/17 – Parents meeting at Backwell School for Year
 6, 7.00pm
11/07/16 YFSA meeting (7.30pm, Market Inn)
14/07/17 Reports Out
14/07/17 YFSA Discos (Infant hall)
20/07/17 Y6 Leavers Service, 2.00pm, St Mary's Church
 (Parents welcome)
21/07/17 Mufti Day

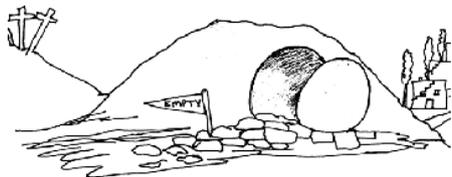
NB: These dates have been fixed at the beginning of the year to aid both school and parent/carer planning. Occasionally, due to unforeseen circumstances, dates may need to change. Any changes will be notified by the Federation newsletter and website.

St Mary's and Yatton Methodist Church invite you to

The Easter Journey

An interactive trail around St Mary's Church for all ages

Through the trail discover and reflect on the relevance of the Easter story for us and the world today



St Mary's Church, Church Road, Yatton

Monday 10th April 2.30-4.30pm and 7-8pm
Tuesday 11th April 2.30-4.30pm with tea and cake
Tuesday 11th April 7-8pm
Wednesday 12th April 2.30-4.30pm
Thursday 13th April 2.30-4.30pm
Friday 14th April 12-1pm
Saturday 15th April 6-7pm

Come and go as you wish. This is a free event.

For details of other Easter events:

www.yatton-methodist.org.uk and www.yattonchurches.org

St Mary's and Yatton Methodist Church invite children and their friends and families to the

Easter Experience



Jesus is risen

A morning of fun, crafts and hot cross buns telling the Christian story of Easter.

Where? St Mary's Church, Church Road, Yatton

When? Good Friday, April 14th

Time? 10am - 11.45am

This is a free event. Come for all the morning or just a short while. Children to be accompanied by an adult.

For details of other Easter events:

www.yatton-methodist.org.uk and www.yattonchurches.org

Yeo Valley Lions Club - 7th Strawberry Lion Walk on 7th May



Three walks start from Yatton Station, a leisurely 5 mile return trip to the Fishing Lakes Café at Congresbury, a 13 mile return trip to Winscombe and a 20 mile return trip to Axbridge. For the first time this year we are offering a 6.5 mile walk from Winscombe Millenium Green to Yatton.

The object of the event is to allow walkers to raise money for their own club or charity and to contribute to the Lions chosen beneficiary. The 2016 walk raised over £2400 and enabled the Lions to present a cheque for £1150 to

Hearing Dogs for Deaf People.

In 2017 the Lions chosen charity is Meningitis Now, an organisation whose purpose is to raise awareness and fund treatment of the condition in older children and teenagers.

In past years the walk has been well supported by the local Guides and Brownies, sports and youth clubs, school PTAs and individual families who just want a fun day out to raise money for a good cause.

Local businesses generously contribute by allowing the Lions to provide a pack of drinks and snacks for all entrants.

All the relevant details including walk information, maps, application and sponsorship forms are available on the Lions website www.yeovalleylions.org.uk.

For more details contact Roger Gibbins on 01275 874875 or rogerngibbins@gmail.com

EASTER HOLIDAY ART & CRAFT CLASSES

in the Art Block, **Clevedon School** Valley Road, Clevedon BS21 6AH



MONDAY 10th, TUESDAY 11th & WEDNESDAY 12th APRIL

Creative Art and Craft classes for ages **5 to 14**, running during the **Easter Holidays**. We will be drawing, painting, sticking, stitching and creating using materials such as wool, felt, fabric, paper and paint in a range of age-related activities.

Please bring a packed lunch/drinks/snack.

£20 per day

Contact Trudie.hawkins7@Hotmail.com
07849821576 for further details.