

Yatton Federated Schools Newsletter

25th September 2017



Dear Parents,

Welcome back to the start of a new year. I hope you had a great summer break; I have enjoyed listening to the children's stories about their holidays. Our Year 6 children have already enjoyed a week at Morfa Bay on their residential trip and we have loved hearing about their adventures.

Joining the Lighthouse Schools Partnership

The Governors and Senior Leadership continue to work with the Lighthouse Schools Partnership (LSP) MAT and colleagues in our local schools to develop our Backwell hub. We are pleased to report that the Diocese of Bath and Wells and the Regional Schools Commissioner are supportive of our move to an academy and joining the LSP. We have received our Academy Orders and now the work is to complete all the operational and legal jobs. The target date for joining is 1st December. We will keep you informed on our progress as we move towards December.

Annual Planner

We have already sent out our annual planner this month via ParentPay. Everyone should also be receiving a hard copy for ease of reference, and hope that you find it useful. We do try not to change dates, but of course, sometimes it is unavoidable.

A few reminders...

Playground Access

The gates open at 8.40am each morning. Please do not send pupils to school before this time. There is no one to supervise them in the school grounds. Please keep children

off the play equipment in both schools, before or after school.



Eating Healthily

To encourage healthy eating habits, sweets are not allowed in school. Infant pupils have fruit provided for morning break (as part of the School Fruit and Vegetable Scheme). Junior pupils may bring in a healthy snack or make use of the healthy tuck shop for morning break.

Infant pupils enjoy free milk every day until their 5th birthday, after which parents/carers can opt to purchase milk for their child. **The school pays for all those children entitled to Pupil Premium funding to have school milk across both schools.** Please do not provide cakes or sweets to share with other pupils on birthdays.

All children must bring a sports bottle of water to school each day, which they can have in the classroom to use throughout the day. This should be in addition to their lunchtime drink.

Uniform

Please can you ensure your children are in the appropriate uniform. We do not expect you to have a jumper with a logo but we would like the right colours – we are proud of our red and green! School shoes should be black. Children can wear trainers/trainer-like shoes as they do a lot of running around at this age, but they should have another pair specifically for PE.

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Attendance

Please ensure you contact the school if your child is unwell – you can leave a message on the attendance line. Good attendance is essential to your children's academic progress. Attendance that drops below 95% will be followed-up by the leadership team and discussed with you if there is a concern. Holidays in term-time will not be authorised. More information on this can be found on our website.

PE Kits

PE is part of the statutory curriculum for all children and therefore every child must have a **named** PE kit in school.



Please ensure your child has a raincoat in school. We do go out in all weathers as your children **always** need a fresh air break. In the Junior school only children with a change of shoes or wellies will be allowed on the field. Infants should also bring in wellies so they can enjoy the puddles/ mud in the garden area.

Car park

Please remember the car park is for **permit holders only** and anyone driving into the school must do so slowly. If you think you are eligible for a permit please speak to the office staff. When the car park is very busy please ensure you park in an appropriate space - not the curve by the reception playground as this jams the whole system.

Dogs

If you bring your dog down as far as the school gates at school drop-off and pick-up times, please can you ensure that you tie your dog up so that they do not impede access to the paths and gates. Please clear up after your dog and put the waste in an appropriate bin off-site. Thank you.



understand your child's homework or, your child may have a worry, or you are worried about something. If this does happen please do pop your head into class at the end of the day and talk with the class teacher. Things are often easily solved straight away or you can make an appointment to see them. My teachers really want to talk with you in these cases – social media (Facebook) cannot give you information pertinent to your child, so please do seek us out, that's what we are here for.



School Photographs

We have booked Tulip photographers to take photos of children across both schools on the same day (**6th October**).

This also means that we will take sibling photos during the school day and that you only need to queue before registration for family pictures if you have pre-school children and would like a whole family photo (children only!) **It would be really helpful if we could have a couple of parent helpers to help move children around the school and join their siblings for their school photos. If you can spare a couple of hours in the morning, please let the school office know.** Thank you



Booking forms are

available on the school website or from the school office for October break and the Inset Day on 30th October. The holiday club will not be open over the Christmas break (including the School Closure Days on 4th and 5th January).

ParentPay Account Activation

Activation user names and passwords have now been issued to all new Reception pupils, pupils transferring to Year 3 as well as other new starters. Please activate your accounts and verify your email addresses as soon as possible, so that you are in a position to pay for services, school trips, etc, and receive email communication from school.



Come and ask us!

Sometimes things happen or are going to happen in school that you feel you haven't had the right information about e.g. you don't

Yatton Federated Schools Association AGM – 7.30pm, 3rd October

Yatton Federated Schools Association (YFSA) is a charitable fundraising committee run by parents, to raise money to support the schools in all sorts of ways and to help fund those 'extra sparkly bits', which enhance children's lives at school. The Association has just paid a fantastic £15k towards our wonderful new ICT Suite and and helped fund the popular Learning College in both schools. The Schools really value this support, but the Association's success depends upon the help of our parents. Please come along to the AGM at 7.30pm on Tuesday, 3rd October in the Infant Hall if you can.

Harvest Donations

Both schools would like to support both the **Clevedon Foodbank** over Harvest time, which supports families in crisis. The items needed by the Foodbank are listed below. Donations can be brought to the main entrance of the school during the week 9th - 13th October. Thank you.

ITEMS NEEDED FOR THE FOOD BANK
CHILD FRIENDLY BREAKFAST CEREALS
PASTA SAUCE
TINNED FRUIT
SPONGE PUDDING
INSTANT MASH POTATO
SUGAR
TINNED SWEETCORN
TINNED SPAGHETTI
DRIED PASTA
FRUIT JUICES- LONG LIFE
SWEET TREATS (CHOC BARS, SWEETS)
TINNED FISH- TUNA AND SALMON
TINNED HAM
BAKED BEANS

Infant Harvest Celebration

Unfortunately due to the increased numbers in the Infant school this year, we are unable to invite parents to this celebration at the church as we cannot safely accommodate all those who would want to attend.



Congratulations to the team who took part in the Primary schools gala at the end of last term at the Strode Leisure Centre. Yatton finished 5th overall against some very strong competition and everyone received a certificate. Well done to everyone who took part.



Lunchbreak Supervisor

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| School: | Yatton Junior School |
| Hours: | 2.67 per week (11.50am – 1.10pm Tuesdays and Wednesdays) - Term time only |
| Contract: | Permanent |
| Salary: | JG1C £15,246 - £15,375 per annum pro rata |

We require a Lunchbreak Supervisor to join our enthusiastic team to support children at lunchtime both in the dining hall and with playtime activities.

Please contact the school office to request an application form and job information pack.

We are committed to the safeguarding of and promoting the welfare of children and expect all staff, volunteers and external agencies to share this commitment. This post is subject to an enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) check. We are an equal opportunities employer.

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| Closing Date: | Friday 29 September 2017 |
| Interview Date: | To be confirmed |
| Address: | High Street, Yatton, Bristol BS49 4HJ |
| Tel: | 01934 833 524 |
| E-mail: | yattonjun@n-somerset.gov.uk |
| Web: | www.yattonschools.co.uk |

Yatton Federated School Association News

As always, all updates on YFSA are sent via ParentPay email and posted on the Yatton Parents Facebook page. Please email any questions to YFSA@gmail.com.

YFSA AGM is taking place on Tuesday 3rd October, 7:30pm at the Infants Hall. Parents/carers from both schools are welcome to come along for wine and nibbles to find out what YFSA do, how the money raised this year is being spent...and decide what the plan is for this year coming. More details have been sent via ParentPay, including how you can nominate yourself for a specific committee or Trustee role.

Cauliflower Cards

Yes, 'tis' officially the season to be jolly: Cauliflower Cards Christmas Cards are back! This fundraiser enables children to design a festive picture and parents can choose to order professional Christmas cards and gift labels with their child's name and picture on it. All money raised goes to YFSA.

Some teachers will choose to complete the artwork in class so you may be asked just to complete the order form if you want to order any cards and labels. Other teachers will send the pack home so your child (or children) can design the picture at home.

All designs and orders with payment need to be completed and returned to your child's teacher by Friday 13th October with orders returned by end November. If you have any questions, contact Ruth MacNeill.

Table Top Sale

Grab some top quality second hand baby & kids clothing, toys and equipment...and some superb homemade cake. Saturday 14th October, 11am to 1pm at the school: £1 adult entry, free for kids. There are some tables left for £6 each.

And we need bakers! If you can bring along something sweet for our refreshments stall (or can help out serving) please contact Angie Hall, mum to Rowan (9J) and Tara (4I) on angie_walpole@hotmail.com.

MUFTI - the last day of term is usually a YFSA dress down day, where kids can wear what they want for a £1 donation to their teacher. Completely optional! The next one is Friday 20th October before we break up for half term.

Time to start school

Parents of children born between 1 Sep 2013 and 31 Aug 2014 need to apply for 2018 schools places now!

Closing time and date: **23.59 on 15 January 2018**



Will your child be aged four between 1 Sep 2017 and 31 Aug 2018? If yes, then you need to apply for their school place now.

You can apply online at www.n-somerset.gov.uk/admissions

An online guide will also be available on the website. Alternatively a paper application form is available from:

School Admissions Team
North Somerset Council
Town Hall
Weston-super-Mare BS23 1UJ

Tel: **01275 884 078**

email: admissions@n-somerset.gov.uk



Homestart North Somerset



is recruiting volunteers NOW

You can make a real difference to families who are struggling to enjoy family life for a variety of reasons by volunteering for Home-Start.

You will need to be a parent and able to offer friendship and support to a family with children under 5 in North Somerset.

We offer comprehensive support and training.

Phone us now for more details on how to become a volunteer.

Call the Home-Start Team on 01934 419396

Email admin@home-startnorthsomerset.org.uk

or visit www.home-startnorthsomerset.org.uk



Support and friendship for families

Successful applicants will be subject to an enhanced DBS check



CLEVEDON GIRLS RUGBY

We WANT YOU!

SCHOOL YEARS 1-6
Tag Rugby
Sundays 10:30am
Contact: Tim Shelton
timshelton2729@gmail.com
0797 4093240



SCHOOL YEARS 7-10
Thursday 6.30pm
Contact: Catherine Wren
clevelandgirlsrfc@outlook.com
07804833345



Yatton Youth Club

Thursdays 6pm-7pm (during term time)
Years 4-6 Sessions

Yatton Youth Club are starting a junior night for school years 4-6, on a Thursday during term time 6-7pm. Here's what's on next term:



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| 14 th September | WELCOME Tea, Toast & Clay Art |
| 21 st September | Clay Art Painting & Biscuit Decorating |
| 28 th September | Lasertag (Later time of 6:30-9pm) |
| 5 th October | Cake Making |
| 12 th October | Pizza Decorating |
| 19 th October | Halloween craft & Chips |

Plus More.....

If you are interested please feel free to drop by or contact Niccy Hook on 07706 381744, 01934 835702 or youthworker.yatton@outlook.com

You can find us at:
Yatton Youth Club, Rock Road (Opposite Fire Station) Yatton, BS49 4JE



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