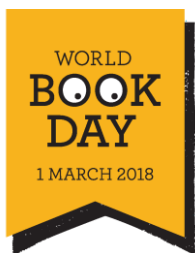


# Yatton Federated Schools Newsletter

**28<sup>th</sup> February 2018**

Dear Parents,

Term 4 is well and truly underway with opportunities for you to come into school to enable your children to share their learning. It will be great to see you at the reading cafés next week.



**Don't forget to dress up as a hero or a villain for our World Book Day tomorrow - Thursday, 1st March.**

## Book Week - Infants and Juniors

**Monday, 5th March -**

**Friday 9th March.**

This will include book swaps, reading cafe for parents to come in and read with their children plus an author visit.



### **A polite reminder ...**

**We would like to remind parents/carers of the timings of the school day. Infant classroom doors open at 8.55am and the school day ends at 3.20pm. The Junior classrooms doors open at 8.50am and the school day ends at 3.30pm. Please drop off and pick up promptly.**

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## **Parent Consultations**

Parent Consultations for all classes will now be on **Thursday, 12<sup>th</sup> April and Tuesday, 17<sup>th</sup> April**. Online booking for appointments will open at 6pm on Monday, 12<sup>th</sup> March. Please make sure that you book an appointment as early as possible. The booking system will close at 11.55pm on 10<sup>th</sup> April. We really value this opportunity to discuss your child's progress with parents and carers. **Please do not hesitate to contact the school office if you need any help with booking an appointment.**

**EXCEPT for Mr Froggett's Class (10 J) - more information to follow.**



## **A REMINDER ABOUT EMERGENCY/ EXTREME WEATHER PROCEDURES**

Depending upon the number of staff available, weather conditions or state of emergency, the Headteacher will make a decision **by 7.45am** about closing the school. Parent/carers will be emailed and the website will be updated to give full details about school opening and the likely arrangements for the following day. **PLEASE BE AWARE THAT ONE SCHOOL MAY BE OPEN BUT THE OTHER CLOSED.** Parents/carers are advised to listen to the local radio station for information about alterations to the pattern of school provision.

In the event of weather conditions worsening whilst children are at school, parents can continue to check the above sources for information about alterations to the pattern of school provision.

In the event of the school being closed, staff will remain on the premises to supervise the children. No child will be sent home early unless met by a parent or friend arranged by the parent.

## School Lockdown Procedures

It is now advisable that all schools have effective lockdown or "sheltering in place" procedures should they face an intruder threat, air pollution incident or similar crisis situation. It is obviously important that these procedures are regularly rehearsed and become as familiar as fire drills for pupils and staff. We will shortly be talking to pupils in an age-appropriate way so that they recognise the alarm tone that will initiate our emergency procedures. We will do our best to avoid pupils becoming frightened and distressed by presenting them with appropriate scenarios, but we thought it wise to communicate our intent to parents and carers in advance of the first lockdown drill. These procedures are to help us do everything possible to ensure pupils' safety and welfare.

In the event of an *actual* lockdown, please be advised that any incident or development will be communicated to parents as soon as is practicable.

Please do not contact the school. Calling the school could tie up telephone lines that are required for contacting emergency support providers. Please do not come to the school. This could interfere with emergency support provider's access to the school and may even put you and others in danger.



**Thank you for those of you who have generously donated bags of compost to help fill our lovely new raised beds. It's not too late to support us in this way. Donations of bags of general purpose compost would be gratefully received over the coming weeks. Thank you.**

## Sports News

At the end of last term, 6 children from Year 4 (Chris, Anya, Rio, Abi, Dan and Evie) took part in a New Age Kurling competition. None of the children had ever been kurling before, but were very keen to take up the challenge. When they first started, none of the children managed to hit the target, but their accuracy improved very quickly! After 6 rounds, Yatton Juniors were crowned the winners of the competition, with Rio and Evie beating their opposition in a very

tight final round. We will be heading to the next level of the competition later this term.

Last Wednesday, 16 children from Years 3 and 4 took part in a Change4life multiskills festival.

They had a fabulous time exploring a range of different activities, such as fencing, laser shooting, speed stacking, new age kurling, light-up skittles and lots more. Jessie and Felix received individual medals for speed stacking and skittles! Well done to all our pupils who represent the school in these sporting events.



## Annual Easter Egg Competition

The children are invited to create a hard boiled or blown egg for our Easter Egg Competition. Use your imagination to create a masterpiece - anything from an animal to a famous character, or even a scene from a book or film. **The competition is completely optional.**

To enter please bring your completed entry to your class on **Monday, 19<sup>th</sup> March** with a **50p optional donation to cover costs.**

Any remainder will be given to YFSA. Please put your name and class on the bottom of your creation, so the judges can't see it. Entries will be judged on **Wednesday, 21<sup>st</sup> March** - **there will be prizes for each class.**

All entries will be displayed by the office (Juniors) or outside Miss Keeble's office (Infants) for a few days and then returned to the classes to be taken home by the end of term.

Good luck! We look forward to seeing your fantastic ideas next month.



# Yalton Federated Schools Association News

Movie Night for YEARS 2 AND 3 is 2nd March at 6:00pm till 8:10pm. The film will start at 6:30pm, with sweets, popcorn and hot dogs to buy beforehand.

As always, to run an event like this we need your help! We need lots of willing volunteers to allow it to run and make it a success. We currently do not have enough volunteers to run this event in its planned form, so please sign up using the link below.

Please use the sign up link <http://signup.com/go/XGRpVHo> or email [lianneblake@gmail.com](mailto:lianneblake@gmail.com) if you can help and if you have a preference for a shift or role then please state it.

Other fund raising events to look forward to include:

- **Reception and Year 1 Movie Night** – Friday, 20<sup>th</sup> April
- **Bingo Night** (Thursday, 22nd March). A popular evening with classic bingo calls and locally provided fish and chips!
- **Pamper Evening** (Friday, 18th May). Who doesn't need to unwind and relax a bit sometimes? Everyone welcome!
- **Toy Sale** (Saturday, 28th April). Put the date in your diary and come and bag a bargain :)
- Save the date of the **Summer Carnival** (Saturday, 23rd June) and start thinking of ideas around the theme of "MYTHS, MAGIC, AND LEGENDS".





*Please come along and join us!*

### **Sunday 25th March 3.00pm - 5.30pm**

An event for children aged 0-12 years and their friends and families.

Fun, craft, egg hunt, food and worship to celebrate Easter.

3.00pm - 4.00pm at St Mary's Church, Church Road, Yatton for craft, quiz, egg hunt . . .

4.00pm Procession to Yatton precinct

4.15pm Worship in Yatton Precinct

4.45pm at Yatton Methodist Church, High Street, Yatton for our food

You are welcome to come along for all or part of the afternoon. There is no charge for this event.



### **Science Week – 12<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> March**

All children in both schools will be taking part in a science week alongside peers across North Somerset. The theme this year, developed by a group of children across the local authority, is to make a cart, powered by an elastic band, to transport a hedgehog through a course. As part of this work, children will be learning about the need to protect hedgehogs and to create corridors or highways so that they can move between gardens more easily. Currently, it is estimated that only 1 million hedgehogs are left in the UK and that they are disappearing as quickly as tigers worldwide. For more information, please see [www.wildlifetrusts.org/hedgehogs](http://www.wildlifetrusts.org/hedgehogs).

#### **Auditors needed**

Are there any accountants or bookkeepers who would be prepared to volunteer audit our school fund accounts? This will be the last audit required, so we need help for this year only. The school funds are not our school budgets, but deal mainly with the income and expenditure for school trips and charity donations. Please contact Sue Warneford-Thomson, the Business Manager for more information. Thank you.

#### **Donations wanted**

We are in desperate need of spare PE kit for pupils in upper school. If you have any larger sized unwanted school PE t-shirts or any shorts, joggers or leggings, they would be gratefully received. Please pass to Caroline Davis in Year 6, or the school office. Thank you.

#### **Sports Week – 17<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> March**

Your children will be getting super sporty throughout the week and will be involved in all manner of sporting activities with their class.



This will end with fun activities on Friday, 23<sup>rd</sup> March for Sport Relief, including our Sport Relief mile. More details will follow.

## Dates for your Diary

<b>INFANTS</b>	<b>JUNIORS</b>
<b>TERM 4 Monday 19th February 2018 to Friday 23rd March 2018</b>	
<p><b>02/03/18</b> World Book Day  <b>02/03/18</b> YFSA Movie Night – Years 2 and 3  <del><b>POSTPONED 15/03/18 and 20/03/18</b></del>            Parent Consultations (details for booking on-line to follow)  <b>NEW 22/03/18</b> YFSA Easter Bingo  <b>23/03/18</b> Sports Relief / Mufti Day</p>	<p><b>02/03/18</b> World Book Day  <b>02/03/18</b> YFSA Movie Night – Years 2 and 3  <del><b>POSTPONED 15/03/18 and 20/03/18</b></del>            Parent Consultations (details for booking on-line to follow)  <b>22/03/18</b> Easter celebration – St. Mary's Church (children only) 9.30am  <b>NEW 22/03/18</b> YFSA Easter Bingo  <b>23/03/18</b> Sports Relief/ Mufti Day</p>
<b>TERM 5 Monday 9<sup>th</sup> April 2018 to Friday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2018</b>	
<p><b>09/04/18</b> Inset Day  <b>11/04/18</b> YFSA meeting (7.30pm, Market Inn)  <b>NEW 12/04/18 AND 17/04/18</b> Parent Consultations (details for booking online to follow).  <b>20/04/18</b> YFSA Movie Night – Years R and 1  <b>28/04/18</b> YFSA Toy Sale  <b>18/05/18</b> YFSA Pamper Night  <b>25/05/18</b> Mufti Day</p>	<p><b>09/04/18</b> Inset Day  <b>11/04/18</b> YFSA meeting (7.30pm, Market Inn)  <b>NEW 12/04/18 AND 17/04/18</b> Parent Consultations (details for booking online to follow).  <b>28/04/18</b> YFSA Toy Sale  <b>14/05/18 to 18/05/18</b> Year 6 SATs assessment period  <b>18/05/18</b> YFSA Pamper Night  <b>24/05/18</b> Mini-Marathon  <b>25/05/18</b> Mufti Day</p>
<b>TERM 6 Monday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2018 to Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> July 2018</b>	
<p><b>11/06/18</b> School photographer – all Infant classes and Year 2 leavers  <b>21/06/18</b> Reception New Parents Evening, 6.30pm  <b>23/06/18</b> YFSA Summer Carnival  <b>26/06/18</b> Sports Day 1.45pm (Reserve day <b>28/06/18</b>)  <b>03/07/18</b> Reception 2018 visits  <b>03/07/18</b> Class transition day  <b>10/07/18</b> Reception 2018 visits  <b>10/07/18</b> YFSA meeting (7.30pm, Market Inn)  <b>16/07/18</b> Reports Out  <b>20/07/18</b> – Year 2 Leavers Service, 2.30pm (Parents welcome)  <b>20/07/18</b> – YFSA End of Year Discos  <b>24/07/18</b> Mufti Day</p>	<p><b>11/06/18</b> School photographer – All Junior Classes and Year 6 leavers  <b>22/06/18</b> Sports Day 2.00pm ( Reserve day <b>29/6/18</b>)  <b>23/06/18</b> YFSA Summer Carnival  <b>03/07/18</b> Backwell &amp; Churchill Induction Days for Year 6, Class transition day and Year 3 New Parents Evening 6.30pm  <b>05/07/18</b> – Parents meeting at Backwell School for Year 6  <b>10/07/18</b> YFSA meeting (7.30pm, Market Inn)  <b>16/07/17</b> Reports Out  <b>20/07/18</b> – YFSA End of Year Discos  <b>23/07/18</b> Y6 Leavers Service, 2.00pm, St Mary's Church (Parents welcome)  <b>24/07/18</b> Mufti Day</p>



## Unlock your child's potential

On Saturday the 14th April a new Stagecoach session will be opening right here at Yatton Federated Schools due to popular demand. At Stagecoach, we want our pupils to be 'confident, self assured learners' with unrivalled access to stimulating and exciting learning opportunities both in and outside of school.

Stagecoach Performing Arts offer weekly enrichment classes in the local community aimed at developing children's confidence in a fun and non-competitive environment.

You can book a place on our Discovery Day and try us for free! For more details please contact:

 [stagecoach.co.uk/bristolsouthwest](http://stagecoach.co.uk/bristolsouthwest)

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PROMOTING PARENT CHILD RELATIONSHIPS

### Mellow Bumps is coming to Worle Library and Children's Centre

A 6 week course running on Wednesday afternoons  
starting 7<sup>th</sup> March - 18<sup>th</sup> April - (Time to be confirmed)

Mellow Bumps is a six week group antenatal programme, each week's session lasting 2 hours. The programme decreases stress levels of mums-to-be in pregnancy. It helps them understand that babies are prepared for social interaction from birth and emphasises the importance of early interaction for brain development.

Research evidence has shown that antenatal depression and anxiety have a long term effect on the behaviour and learning of children, even as much as five years after birth. This effect is shown regardless of whether or not mum suffers from post-natal depression, although this has an additional effect on development.

Each week there are activities for the mums-to-be to support emotional containment and stress reduction and activities to raise awareness of the social capabilities of babies and the value of early intervention. Mellow Bumps is designed to be offered at about sixteen to thirty weeks gestation to capture the period when the pregnancy is most secure and the mums-to-be may have experience foetal movement, but before her attention is taken up with delivery.

There is no crèche for older siblings for this course, but the aim will be to deliver the sessions during school hours.

The course is a free, referral only group. If you are interested, please contact Karen Powell, our Learning mentor help.