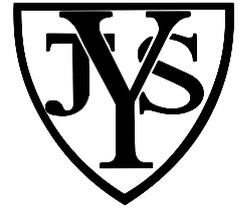




Yatton Schools Newsletter



30 April 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you had a lovely Easter break and were able to get out and enjoy the sunny (if rather chilly!) days we've been having; maybe you have been able to catch up with some friends and family you haven't seen for a while. Here at school, the children have been settling into their summer term topics and routines – lots of exciting learning is happening already: in Reception, children have been loving finding out about life cycles - including learning a butterfly life cycle dance! – and have been observing tadpoles turn into frogs! Brilliant! They have also been enjoying 'Jack and the Beanstalk' whilst Y2 have been busy growing beans and doing lots of measuring activities. Y1s have been exploring the 'Forest of Sin' in Roald Dahl's 'Minpins' story. Year 3 have been enjoying making their Spartan helmets and shields as they start their 'Ancient Greece' topic while it's Vikings in Year 4 who have loved designing 'How to train your Dragon' posters. Year 6 have been discussing civil rights issues and the slave trade. A live stream of 'The Lorax' was watched last week by Y5s as part of 'World Earth Day' – they are now starting to learn about the Tudors in their history topic.

So, as you can see, there is a wide variety of learning going on across the schools, which is lovely to see.

As we said before, we will continue to work hard to make sure the children make the best progress they can, address any gaps identified in their learning but maintaining a breadth of exciting learning opportunities for them.

Once again, we'd like to thank you for all your supportive comments and feedback – it really is appreciated.

Infant Garden Area



The Reception staff, together with some volunteers, worked hard on the garden area over the Easter break to open up more spaces for the children to use to explore and learn. Thank you so much to those who gave up their time to help, it has made a fantastic difference and hearing the laughter and noise coming from this area over the past few weeks has been fantastic.



Sporting activities

It's pleasing to see some more sporting events starting to happen again – some Junior classes are taking part in a 'Cricket Olympics' challenge where their scores are recorded regularly and compared with other schools. Lots of cricket activities are happening in PE to link with the popular ECB All Stars programme happening in local cricket clubs.

Thank you to Yatton Bowling Club who have been doing sessions with our Year 6 children which they have found most enjoyable.

School trips

If circumstances allow, we are hoping to be able to start planning some school trips again soon for Term 6 which would be great as the children benefit so much from them. We are also doing our best to try and make the Y6 residential visit to Morfa Bay happen in the Autumn – current Y5 parents should have received information on payment this week. Please do get in touch if you have any queries.

Attendance

We will be sending out regular newsletters on Attendance information and advice – one is attached with this newsletter. As mentioned just before Easter we are exploring ways to celebrate attendance and will be regularly publishing class attendance levels and see if we can hit our target or better.

Plea for spare clothes in Reception year

Any spare tights, girls' leggings & boys' trousers would be appreciated.

Mental Health and Wellbeing and Parental Advice

Here are some links to organisations and help that you may find useful – we can all do with that extra help sometimes.

Action for children:

https://advice.actionforchildren.org.uk/?gclid=EAlalQobChMI_dbd2ey-7glVRJ3VCh3ACQuUEAMYASAAEgKk0PD_BwE

North Somerset Support Organisation Links:

<https://www.mentallyhealthyschools.org.uk/resources/coronavirus-resources-for-mental-health-and-wellbeing-toolkit-1/>

Place2be:

<https://www.place2be.org.uk/our-services/parents-and-carers/supporting-your-child-s-mental-health/>

Young Minds:

<https://youngminds.org.uk/find-help/for-parents/>

Anna Freud:

<https://www.annafreud.org/schools-and-colleges/>

Kooth: For children 10+ to access

<https://www.kooth.com/>

Education Psychologist Parental support:

01823 357000

Yatton Schools Association News

Due to the uncertainty caused by the pandemic for fundraising, we only have one external event planned for the foreseeable future plus our Mufti Days but there's still other ways to support our fundraising efforts.

Mufti Days

Our children can come to school in their home clothes, those children who have PE lessons can wear a favourite T-shirt with their jogging bottoms. Mufti day is part of our YSA fundraising, so if you're able to donate, please give generously 😊 All money is used to support our children's learning.

You can either donate via our JustGiving page or bring a coin in on the day. Your child's class teacher will collect them in a box (no touching of coins involved). Suggested amount is £1 per child.

Please note that the minimum amount on JustGiving is £2. You can donate for more than one child or for several Mufti days with one donation. (there are 2 more Mufti days this year)

https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/muftiday2020?utm_source=Sharethis&utm_medium=campaign&utm_content=muftiday2020&utm_campaign=pfp-email&utm_term=1c8e780d1ed04f468a2fc2693f50f3ee

Every parents best friend

Nope, not chocolate...name labels for school uniform, water bottles and bags!

Help us raise money for YSA through Easy2Name or STICKINS.

So far with Stickins £407.68 has been raised. With just 10 orders last year £31.75 was raised through Easy2name...

Order your name labels through **STICKINS** with the code 26085 from

<https://www.stikins.co.uk/?PARTNER=26085>. If you use this web link YSA will earn 30% on all orders.

STICKINS specialise in stick on name labels suitable for all school items meaning no sewing or ironing is required.

Order your name labels with **Easy2Name**, earning 20% cashback for YSA.

Easy2Name specialise in stickers, iron on and sew on name labels for school clothing, lunchboxes, shoes, PE bags, backpacks, water bottles etc. Orders can be placed via www.easy2name.com, but please remember to quote YATTON FEDERATED SCHOOLS BS49 when ordering.

The Big Donation Drive

We have rescheduled our clothing and other donations collection to 22 April 2021 but it may need to be postponed again.

We are also looking for someone to coordinate this event - full handover will be given. If you can help, please contact

WeAreYSA@gmail.com.

Please make the assumption that if we're in a lockdown then external events will not be happening and keep an eye on our YSA Facebook page for updates: <https://www.facebook.com/Yatton-Schools-Association-104947031387491/>

Thanks for your patience and we'll hopefully be back with more fundraisers soon.

Making Yatton Safer

Yatton High Street Pedestrian Safety Improvements



We are proposing to:

- introduce a 20mph speed limit to improve road safety
- widen footways at some of the narrow pinch points along the High Street
- improve crossing points for pedestrians
- provide a new access into Yatton primary school through the Co-op car park

HAVE YOUR SAY

We're inviting residents of Yatton to give their views on these plans.



The consultation will run for six weeks from **29th March - 9th May 2021**

n-somerset.gov.uk/yattonhighst



CLEEVE LAWN TENNIS CLUB
CLEEVELTC.CO.UK

What better way is there to overcome the recent lockdown than to get out into the open air with your children or friends and play some tennis in which case Cleeve Tennis Club could be just what you and your family are looking for. We are a small and very welcoming club to any player of any standard or age at incredibly good rates.

WE REGULARLY ORGANISE TOURNAMENTS AND VARIED SOCIAL EVENTS (BBQ'S, CYCLE RIDES, QUIZZES ETC.) SO JOIN IN AS MUCH OR AS LITTLE AS YOU LIKE!

Situated in Meetinghouse Lane our two courts are laid to carpet (one soon to be re-laid) and we provide both free floodlights and balls. We offer challenging team play participating in the North Somerset and Avon leagues (summer and winter), Mens night, ladies night and fun social play twice a week on Wednesday evenings and Sunday afternoons. Plenty of opportunities for Juniors. Coaching can be arranged for all ages.

Come along on a Wednesday evening to meet us and have a go or join us at our Open Days on Sunday 27th June & July 4th

WHAT WE OFFER

- 2 Courts both carpet (1 to be re-laid in June)
- Free balls
- Free floodlights (no limit)
- Team play in local leagues (NS, Avon)
- Social play (Weds 7pm-9pm and Sundays 2-5pm)
- Court booking system
- Fun tournaments and events
- Additional coaching can be arranged for all ages
- Come and try with no obligation
- OPEN DAY Dates for your Calendar: **Sunday June 27th and July 4th**
- Memberships: Adults - just £2.25 per week, Juniors - £20 per year, **FREE TIN OF TENNIS BALLS** for all new and renewing Juniors. (1 tin per family)
- Families - Great rates for both 1 or 2 adult family memberships.

GET IN TOUCH
cleevetennisclub@gmail.com
cleeveltc.co.uk

National Air Pollution and Schools Survey, UWE Bristol

Your participation in an important national survey (in conjunction with the University of the West of England, Bristol) to address air pollution at schools is kindly requested. The data collected from this survey will inform the development of strategies to reduce child exposure to harmful air pollution.

The questionnaire is entirely anonymous, and no personal or identifiable information will be requested or recorded at any point.

Louis Brown

Air Quality Management Resource Centre (AQMRC)

UWE, Bristol.

Follow this link to the Survey:

[Take the Survey](#)

Or copy and paste the URL below into your internet browser:

https://uwe.eu.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_9ZD2i6fXjKPNCFD?RID=MLRP_514UykNrhPNyDFs&Q_CHL=email



Learn a brass instrument for free

Lions Brass 4 Youth will be commencing rehearsals with its 14th Starter Band in June 2021

Musical Director Dave Hollister provides the tuition on behalf of LB4Y (CV available on request,) and the group is open to all children in the local area aged 8-11.

Starter Band membership is free, including tuition, supporting materials, and free loan of an instrument

Rehearsals take place in the Bandroom (1st Clevedon Scout Headquarters) 4.10pm – 4.40pm each Friday during state school term times. Actual start date to be decided

More information on the Band can be found at www.lionsbrass4youth.co.uk

Numbers are limited, so please contact Dave on 07909 746828 (email hollister307@aol.com) if you would like to reserve a space in the band, or want further information.

Want to get cycling this summer?

FREE Cycle Skills Lessons for Adults

- Discover cycle-friendly routes.
- Boost your road skills.
- Feel confident to cycle anywhere!
- Meet-points near home or work.



BOOK NOW:

www.lifecycleuk.org.uk/cycle-training



Reg. charity no: 1077575

Life Cycle UK

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