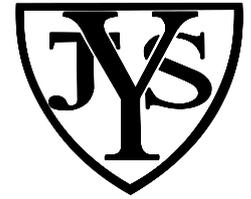




# Yatton Schools Newsletter



Grow – Celebrate – Make a Difference

**17<sup>th</sup> Dec 2021**

Dear Parents,

Well we made it! I am so glad that we were able to do so many of our usual Christmas activities with the children and invite you in for the plays. We are hopeful that Year 5 will be able to go ahead in January and then it will be every year group, quite a feat given the ever changing news and we are so grateful for your support and following of the 'rules'.

It has been lovely to walk the halls of both schools to see children engaged in their learning from maths to art, history to music and seeing them have fun such as spontaneous singing during Christmas lunch! Every day they make me proud, every day they show me how they grow, celebrate and make a difference.

We do not know yet what January will bring but as ever Yatton Schools will be ready but let's just for the moment stop and enjoy Christmas before we worry about all that!

I wish you all a safe, happy Christmas and New Year!

## Covid 19 Cases

We do have continued to have cases of coronavirus within the school again this week, amongst a few pupils and some of our staff in Year 5 and Year 6. We hope those who have tested positive don't feel too poorly. Please go to the NHS advice:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/> with regard to testing.

Advice has changed for what you do if you live in a household with someone who has tested positive:

NHS Test and Trace will contact you to check whether you are legally required to self-isolate. If you are not legally required to self-isolate, you will be provided with advice on testing, **advised to take extra caution**, and given guidance on preventing the spread of COVID-19. In line with national guidance for households with Covid-19 infection, household and other close contacts of someone who has tested positive for COVID-19 should undertake daily LFD testing for a period of 7 days. This is recommended for all close contacts who are not required to isolate aged 5 and over.

**Please ensure that all caution is taken in January before the return to school and if in any doubt as to whether you or your children have contracted Covid during the holidays we highly recommend doing a LFD the weekend and the day before term starts.**  
Thank you.

## School Admissions 2022

It is time for parents to apply for school places for children due to start school in 2022. This is for either Reception places or transfer from Year 2 to Year 3.

Applications are for children born between 1 Sept 2017 and 31 Aug 2018 that are eligible to start school in Sept 2022 and current Year 2 children moving up to Juniors. Applications need to be submitted by 11.59pm on 15<sup>th</sup> January 2022.

There is an online guide and other useful information available for parents on the North Somerset website: <https://www.n-somerset.gov.uk/my-services/schools-learning/school-admissions/applying-school-place>

## Save The Children Christmas Jumper Day

Thank you for taking part in this event today and for all your generous donations which will go to Save The Children, a very worthwhile charity. We will confirm the total amount raised once we have had a chance to count it all!



### Thank you Cadbury Garden Centre!

A big thanks to Cadbury Garden Centre (Blue Diamond) who kindly donated our Christmas trees again this year, they are very much appreciated and have been decorated beautifully in both halls.



### Foodbank collection

Thank you for the generous food bank donations which have been sent to the local food bank. This will benefit many families over the festive season. What a wonderful community we have in Yatton!

### Increase in school meal cost

Our catering company, Aspens will be implementing a 5% increase to pupil paid meals to cover the ever rising cost of food and supplies. The cost from Term 4 will rise from £2.25 to £2.35.

### Volunteers needed

Our school council have been making some big decisions regarding our junior playground. In order to fulfil these decisions, we need some help! We have 3 large outside walls which need to be cleaned and painted. We would like to ask for volunteers to help us paint these walls, this will be done on Saturday January 15<sup>th</sup>. If you are willing to help please contact the school office, thank you!

### Flu Immunisations – Monday 24<sup>th</sup> January

The Immunisation Team will be in school on 24<sup>th</sup> January to roll-out the Winter Flu vaccines.

### January Theme Day Menus



The school receives funding for the year for pupils taking up the option of a Universal Free School Meal for all Infant pupils based on the average take-up over only two days in the year.

One of these days is Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> January. It would be hugely beneficial for the Infant School to maximise the take-up of school meals on this day and we ask that you encourage your child to try a hot meal next Thursday. The menu will be:



## **Bike Marking session**

On the 19<sup>th</sup> of January Avon and Somerset Police will be offering free Bike Register Marking to the students of Yatton School.

This means your bicycle (unfortunately they cannot mark scooters) will be registered on a national database and be marked with tamperproof stickers, one in a discreet location and one as a visible deterrent.

These QR codes are individual to each bike and linked to your account.

This is aimed at older (Junior) children only as younger children do grow out of their bikes very quickly. It is then your responsibility to keep the details on the register up to date and it is very important to let Bike Register know if the bike is sold or no longer belongs to you. However, if you are happy with this and would like to get your Infant child's bike marked then you are welcome to do so.

The benefit of Bike Register is that not only do the stickers deter would be criminals, should you bike get stolen and it is located by the police it will be linked to your account and returned to you.

Forms will be sent out by the school after Christmas and need to be completed as fully as possible and brought in with your child's bike on the day. Please fill in the details apart from the section for the QR code. It is very important that these details are correct otherwise they will be unable to register the bike.

### **Yatton Schools**

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# YATTON LEARNERS OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to the following learners for the 22<sup>nd</sup> and 28th of November.

Yatton Learner Skill	Name	Class
Responsibility	Theia Verity S Edward Harriet H Daisy P Maja M Liam E Kerenza Toby	Tawny Owls Barn Owls Panthers Whale Sharks Tigers Panthers Mako Sharks Whale Sharks Jaguars
Creativity/ Resourcefulness	Leah B Explorasaur Gregory	Snowy Owls Giant Anteaters
Collaboration	Anna M Annabel D Nicole Edwards	Pangolins Great White Sharks Giant Anteaters
Resilience	Freddie Tryasaur Rupert Tryasaur Emily G Ethan L Frazier H Jacob Tryasaur River Sienna Maya N Frankie	Great Grey Owls Snowy Owls Little Owls Pangolins Pandas Great Grey Owls Elf Owls Pandas Jaguars Leopards
Confidence	Ted L Amelia Kasen	Tigers Scops Owls Giant Armadillos
Curiosity	Spencer	Leopards

**Well done to all of  
you!**

## Community News

### The Wild World Heroes Winter Mini Challenge

The Wild World Heroes Winter Mini Challenge launched on the 1 December and runs until the 16 January 2022. This Mini Challenge will help children maintain their reading levels over the Winter Holidays and hopefully return to school ready to learn.

Families can take part online at [www.wintermini.org.uk](http://www.wintermini.org.uk) where they can unlock rewards; if they don't have easy access to a computer, or would rather take part offline, they can join-in at any North Somerset Library:

- Explore any North Somerset Library to find their 3 Challenge books
- Pick-up activity sheets and reading logs at the Library
- Pick-up the certificate for finishing the Challenge at any North Somerset Library!

We know that when children read for pleasure their test scores improve, their wellbeing improves, and they're more likely to achieve greater success in future employment.

Encouraging reading for pleasure, and encouraging children to see themselves as readers with a love of books, is an important part of recovery from the pandemic.

For more information, please contact your local library, or contact me via the methods below.

Wishing you happy holidays,

Louise Wright

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Web: [www.n-somerset.gov.uk](http://www.n-somerset.gov.uk)

Library services are still available; current library opening hours and safety arrangements can be found at: [www.n-somerset.gov.uk/librarycollect](http://www.n-somerset.gov.uk/librarycollect)

Library Catalogue: [www.librarieswest.org.uk](http://www.librarieswest.org.uk)

### WHATS ON DURING THE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

#### STAY ACTIVE, HEALTHY, AND HAPPY WITH OUR CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY CAMP PROGRAMME

Our Forever Sport Holiday camps offer the chance for children to take part in a number of different sports from football and tag rugby to hockey, dodgeball, and gymnastics! With a strong focus on fun and social interaction, the camps are a safe environment for children to play sport and enjoy being active. Browse our full programme below:

<b>Cadbury Heath Multi-Sports Camp</b> Venue: Cadbury Heath Primary School, BS30 8GB Dates: Monday 20th - Thursday 23rd December Time: 9.00am - 4.00pm Price: £10.00 per day, multi-day discount available	<b>Flyers Basketball Holiday Camp</b> Venue: Cotham School, BS6 6DT Dates: Monday 20th - Thursday 23rd of December Time: 9.00am - 4.00pm Open to children in school years 5 - 11 Price: £22.50 per day, discounts available
<b>The Tynings Multi-Sports Camp</b> Venue: The Tynings Primary School, BS16 4SG Dates: Monday 20th - Thursday 23rd December Time: 9.30am - 3.30pm Price: £17.50 per day, discounts available	<b>Yeo Moor Primary School Multi-Sports Camp</b> Venue: Yeo Moor Primary School, BS21 6JL Dates: Monday 20th - Thursday 23rd December Time: 9.00am - 4.00pm Price: £17.50 per day, discounts available
<b>Early Pick-up and Drop Off:</b> The Tynings - early drop off from 8.30am and late pick up until 4.30pm. Early drop off and late pick up £4.00 each per day. £8.00 for a early drop off and late pick up on the same day.	<b>Early Pick-up and Drop Off:</b> Yeo Moor - early drop off from 8.00am and late pick up until 5.00pm. Early drop off and late pick up £4.00 each per day. £8.00 for a early drop off and late pick up on the same day.
<b>Flyers Masterclass with Shane Walker</b> Venue: Cotham School, BS6 6DT Dates: Thursday, December 23rd Time: 9.00am - 4.00pm Open to children in school years 7 - 11 £30.00 per day, discounts available	

**TO BOOK:**  
Visit <http://bit.ly/BSFHOLIDAYCAMP> or call 0117 963 0683 (Mon-Fri, 10-5pm)

## Welcome to the December 2021 Scomis Online Safety Newsletter for Parents

### Set up Technical devices!

*Christmas is just around the corner!*

*Will you be ready?*

*If you are buying your child a:*

- new mobile phone
- games console
- tablet PC

*Consider the following tips:*

- Make sure the device is working correctly
- Charge it up
- Check the parental controls
- Check the safety settings
- Ensure filtering is applied to your home's Wi-Fi
- Set up the device and try it before you wrap it up!

*Review the UK Safer Internet Centre's [advice and guidance](#) on:*

- Smartphones
- Smart TVs
- Gaming devices
- Tablets and other internet connected devices (including SMART Speakers)



### Be a good digital parent!

- Keep passwords safe and do not share them
- Schedule notifications to turn off for certain times of the day
- Talk about things you read online with your children
- Think about what you are sharing online
- Give practical tips for dealing with unwanted content or contact
- Show your child how to take screen shots
- Reassure your child that they can talk to you or another trusted adult to ask for help

*Need help?*

Visit the following websites for more guidance on:

NSPCC's [Being a good digital role model](#)

Childnet's [Key Topic for Parents](#)

UKSIC's [Advice on online issues](#)

Internet Matters [Helping parents keep their children safe online](#)

Have some fun and test your child's online safety knowledge with the

NSPCC's age related quiz:

- [Under 13's](#)
- [Over 13's](#)

Online safety quiz

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### Remember to talk to your child about Online Safety

*Be aware of key issues!*

*How?*

Visit the following websites to find out:

**Internet Matters** – [Advice by Age](#) includes video, tips on how to start a conversation and much more

**Parentzone** – [Guides for parents](#) includes social media, parental controls for Netflix, Peer pressure, PEGI Ratings, Disney+ and much more

**CommonSense Media** – [Age based media reviews](#) for families, including Games, Apps, Films and TV, books

### Have you heard of the Metaverse?

*What is it?*

**Metaverse** is a term for the combination of virtual reality with other technologies that allows a more in-depth experience of the online world.

The **metaverse** allows interaction in a 3D environment using virtual reality headsets or augmented reality glasses, providing the capability to see what it would be like to live in imagined worlds in the same way we live in the real world.

Imagine being able to travel to exotic places, meet celebrities, see favourite groups and much more.

**Tech companies** exploring the **metaverse** include:

- Facebook
- Microsoft
- Roblox

*What should you be aware of?*

Many companies hope the metaverse will engage younger audiences.

*Consider the potential risks:*

- Virtual reality technology is still new, how will it impact on younger audiences?
- Younger audiences could be lured into spending large sums of money
- Increased opportunity for bullying, insecurities

**Parentzone's** [new guide](#), explores what the **metaverse** might be like, its possibilities, uses and the potential risks.



### Have you heard of Discord?



**Recommended Age: 13**

**CommonSense Media's** review:

Parents need to know that Discord - Chat for Gamers is a voice and text-chat tool geared toward gamers.

- Users can log in with a username, add friends, join a server, and chat by logging in with a code provided from an email invitation or from a real-life friend.
- Using the Nearby feature when adding friends (and with location features turned on), you can find users nearby.
- Many players are discussing mature games, offensive language can be heard

Read **CommonSense Media's** [review](#)

### Need Help in the holidays?

Remember FREE advice is just a phone call away from the 02 and NSPCC helpline: 0800 800 5002

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