

## Yatton Schools Newsletter



Grow - Celebrate - Make a Difference

#### 29 Nov 2023

Dear Parents,

Just before I sat down to write this newsletter I was walking through the schools and the first glimpses of Christmas are appearing from the beautiful Christmas hoops hung in classes in the junior school to the nativity costumes and joyful voices of nativity songs drifting from the infant halls. It is such a busy and wonderful time of year full of excitement for so many. We will look forward to welcoming you to the Christmas events in the next few weeks – how quickly it has come upon us!

We are still collecting for Food Bank throughout this period so if you would like to donate something please do drop it into us.

Yesterday I was outside for the lunch break in the junior school. I was quite surprised, given the weather, of how many children had no coat in school! Please can you ensure that they do have a coat – when the torrential rain came a lot of children got very wet before they had the chance to get back into their classes and I do worry about them sitting in wet clothing for an afternoon.

We are very pleased to announce we have two new parent governors joining the Local Governing Body – Natalia Sokolov and Kirsten Griffiths and I look forward to working with them.

I would like express my huge gratitude towards the amazing YSA committee and volunteers who made the Fireworks Night such a success. It was wonderful to be stood on the gate and see so many people turn up and have fun. What an awe- inspiring total...£10,000! We have a great project planned and look forward to sharing it with you in future posts.

I would also like to say a huge thank you to Annette Jones and her small army of costume makers – Mary Sheasby, Belinda Williams, Beth Blake, Carol Hart, Laura Parsons, Nikki James, Mandy Keeble – for the beautiful new costumes of the infants. We look forward to seeing them on the stage!

With warm regards, Jo Keeble

#### Christmas Plays –

07/12/23 Reception Christmas Performance - 9.20am 06/12/23 Y2 Christmas Performance - 2.20pm 08/12/23 Y1 Christmas Performance - 2.20pm

#### Christmas Plays –

11/12/23 Y3 Christmas Performance - 2.20 pm
12/12/23 Y5 Christmas Performance - 9.20am
14/12/23 Y4 Christmas Performance - 9: 20am
15/12/23 Y6 Christmas Performance St Mary's Church - 2.20pm



Children In Need this year was a big success! The children and staff enjoyed a day in Pyjamas with their teddies. Pupils also learnt a lot about the work the charity does and what the money is used for. We raised an amazing £815.65 through; donations for wearing pyjamas, selling the wonderful cakes and entering the dress your bear competition. We thank you all very much for donating money and using your time to



support this charity A big well done to the School Council for planning wonderful day.



#### School Admissions 2024

It is time for parents to apply for school places for children due to start school in 2024. This is for either Reception places or transfer from Year 2 to Year 3. Applications are for children born between 1 Sept 2019 and 31 Aug 2020 that are eligible to start school in Sept 2024 and current Year 2 children moving up to Juniors. Applications need to be submitted by 11.59pm on 15<sup>th</sup> January 2024.

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

#### Identifying and supporting young carers

A young carer is defined as anyone under 18 who helps to look after either a friend or family member who is unable to look after themselves.

This could be due to having a physical disability, mental illness or misuses drugs and/or alcohol. Young carers often have extra responsibilities that their peers may not which can make balancing home life and school life a challenge.

At Yatton Schools we are aware that some of our pupils are young carers and we want to ensure we are offering them the best help and support. Our young carers lead is Mrs Powell who has the responsibility of ensuring all young carers at the school feel supported and listened to. If you believe your child maybe a young

carer, If you wish to discuss this further or need any further help, please email kpowell@yattonschools.co.uk.

#### See angel – be an angel .... In Yatton!

Several local businesses have agreed to put an angel of some sort into their window during December. Between the Butcher's Arms at one end and the Market Inn at the other, there are over a dozen angels to find. Perhaps you can spot them all? And for each one you find you could "be an angel" over the holidays and help out at home or at a neighbours (with parental permission of course!). This has been organised by Phil Challis, a retired Methodist minister worshipping with Yatton Methodist Church.

#### Parking reminder

Please be aware of the heavy site traffic that is currently accessing the school premises via Stowey Road. We have noticed some inconsiderate parking occurring lately, which causes a risk to all pupils attending our school as vehicles try to negotaiate through at busy times. We would ask that you do not park in Stowey Road for the duration of these works as the construction vehicles need a wide passage. There is parking available in Hangstones, Well Lane and the Co-op car park. Thank you for your cooperation.

#### Anti-Bullying Week 2023

Another successful Anti-Bullying Week! All children, throughout the school learnt about; what bullying behaviour is, how to be an effective upstander, how we tackle bullying behaviour at Yatton Schools and then the older year groups went on to think about online bullying and how to deal with this. Every KS1 and KS2 class took part in an anti-bullying workshop lead by the Anti-Bullying Ambassadors and learnt new playground games. It has been wonderful to see the new playground games being played at playtimes and children having a lot of fun in doing so. Well done to all the Anti-Bullying Ambassadors for planning and executing such an important week.

#### **Christmas lunches**

Don't forget we will be having our special Christmas lunches on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> Dec (Juniors) and Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> Dec (Infants). The menu is the same for both days as below;



#### Lost Property

We have some new Lost Property bins which are located under the covered area outside the Year 3 classrooms. They are colour coded; red for Infants and green for Juniors. Please check these if you are looking for any mislaid clothing items. Please remember to label all clothing - if it is named it will be returned to your child's class.

#### **Roman times!**

Year 4 made fantastic Roman shields and practised their battle formations outside. They had great fun learning about Roman fighting techniques and why the Romans were such effective fighters.





#### FutureFit holiday club

You will be aware that we have been struggling to staff an in-house holiday club over the past 12 months. We have been seeking an alternative to offer to those who need childcare over some/all of the holiday periods and would like to introduce FutureFit to you. This is run by Matt Cowley, who you may be familiar with as he is one of our LSAs who works with SEND children.

Please see further information below;

<u>FutureFit holiday club</u> is the perfect way for your kids to spend the days on those troublesome days when the kids get the day off but the adults don't! I know the name may sound super active and sporty and we love to keep kids active but rest assured we pride ourselves on providing an entertaining day for all whether your child is super creative or super sporty, we've got it covered.

With a fun filled day packed from start to finish with a huge range of activities such as

- Amazing arts and crafts
- Brilliant baking and cookery
- Super sports
- Tricky treasure hunts
- Code breaking and puzzle games in the ICT suite
- Silly science
- Obstacle courses

and so much more .....

The kids are given the opportunity to take part and enjoy all activities, workshops and games that are taking place and we will always encourage them to try something new and adapt sessions wherever and whenever necessary to ensure all are able to make the most of their day with us.

As well as everything listed above we are always looking for new ways to challenge and entertain so if there is an activity we haven't listed that your child enjoys or you think would be great addition then we actively encourage your feedback, opinions and ideas. If you are interested in booking in for our next holiday club please follow the link below to sign up and book a space on our Christmas themed days on the 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> of December running 9:00 - 15:00 <u>https://portal.gymcatch.com/providers/615</u> <u>2/events</u>

Alternatively you can email us at <u>admin@futurefit.org.uk</u> or even easier Whatsapp <u>07746117020</u>

We look forward to seeing lots of you at one of our clubs soon.

To keep up to date feel free to follow our Instagram and Facebook pages

Kind regards

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A monthly newsletter to keep you updated about the work the pupil voice groups are doing throughout the school.

The Respect Team

The Respect Team are working keeping the school grounds tidy. As a team they have been ensuring that the playground equipment is tidied away at the end of every playtime and the quiet area resources are treated with respect and looked after correctly.

They will also be keeping an eye on the healthy recipe donation box and deciding which recipes will be used. We will start using these recipes in January – PLEASE donate your wonderful family recipes by putting them into the collection box by the main office.

The Anti - Bullying Ambassadors



The school council did a brilliant organising Children In Need Day. Their idea of bringing teddies was an enjoyable experience for all children throughout the school. The children and staff also enjoyed wearing PJ's for the day too.

The School Council in the Infant School have met to discuss the Christmas Play donations and thought a lot about which charity that would like to choose. After a lot of thought and a vote they have decided that the money raised will go to Weston Hospicecare.

The Anti-Bullying Ambassadors led a great Anti-Bullying Week during the week beginning 13<sup>th</sup> November. Within this week they; took assemblies in the Infant and Junior School, helped Mrs Howard run workshops in all KS1 and KS2 classes and answered questions about their role in school.

All children throughout the school engaged in discussions about; what bullying is, how to stand up to bullying behaviour, how to report bullying behaviour and what we do at Yatton Schools on anti-bullying. Older children discussed what 'banter' means and how this is sometimes used to disguise bullying behaviour, they also discussed online bullying; what this looks like and how to report it.

All Ambassadors did a brilliant job, being wonderful role models for the rest of the school.

The Ambassadors also had a visit to Cadbury Hall Residential Home. They stayed for 40 minutes and enjoyed chatting and reading to the residents. The residents enjoyed listening and chatting to the children and were visibly happy for the children visit them. A couple of residents asked about being an Ambassador and commented that this was a wonderful asset to the school.

#### YATTON LEARNERS OF THE WEEK

## Congratulations to the following learners for the weeks beginning the 16<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> October, 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> November.

Yatton Learner Skill	Name	Class
Responsibility	Paisley	Eagle Owls
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	Isaac J	Whale Sharks
	Orla	Tawny Owls
	Autumn	Eagle Owls
	Bea	Little Owls
	Abduli	Panthers
	Bella-Rose	Pipistrelle Bats
	Toby W	Pandas
	Harlow	Great Grey Owls
	Max	Elf Owls
	Jack I	Pandas
	Idris	Whale Sharks
	Ellie B	Jaguars
	Sophie L	Tigers
	Hector	Tawny Owls
	Arlo	Little Owls
	Faye	Panthers
	Alice	Pipistrelle Bats
	Karolina	Sea Turtles
	Felicity	Leopards
	Tommy	Tigers
	Ted	Elf Owls
	Liam	Eagle Owls
	Jack B	Little Owls
	Jake S	Sea Turtles
	Henry P	Giant Armadillos
	Adam	Jaguars
	Oliver T	Tigers
Creativity/	Eric – Thinkasaur	Great Grey Owls
Resourcefulness	Poppy G	Pandas
	Bobby	Elf Owls
	Emmett	Eagle Owls
	Finn	Giant Otters
	Gabriella – Thinkasaur	Great Grey Owls
	Brooke	Elf Owls
	Willow	Eagle Owls
	Jack K	Angel Sharks
Collaboration	Ellie – Collaborasaur	Snowy Owls
	Seb K	Black Rhinos
	Jun Xuan	Jaguars
	BillyDean – Collaborasaur	Snowy Owls
	Arabella – Collaborasaur	Snowy Owls
	Freya	Jaguars
	Lola – Collaborasaur	Great Grey Owls
	Jack O	Angel Sharks
Resilience	Sam B	Giant Armadillos
	Ella C	Leopards

	Hesper – Tryosaur	Snowy Owls
	Ava	Leopards
	Ethan J	Tigers
	Oliver M	Tawny Owls
	Cairo	Giant Armadillos
	Ned	Leopards
	Alfie – Tryosaur	Snowy Owls
	Ella	Tawny Owls
	Tia	Panthers
	Kieran	Pandas
Confidence	Thamarai	Elf Owls
	Beatrice	Panthers
	Reenie	Giant Otters
	Ethan C	Pipistrelle Bats
	Charlie	Angel Sharks
	Emily W	Whale Sharks
	Alfie H	Angel Sharks
	Zachary	Whale Sharks
	Jake	Giant Armadillos
	Tabby	Pipistrelle Bats
	Olivia B	Whale Sharks
	April & Darcey	Giant Otters
Curiosity	Thomas G	Sea Turtles
	Zach	Black Rhinos
	Sam J	Sea Turtles
	Alex	Giant Otters
	Imogen	Giant Armadillos
	Oliver L	Sea Turtles
	Alex L	Black Rhinos
	Leo	Leopards
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## Well done to you all!

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#### Fireworks Update:

Who's ready for a grand total?



Yatton Schools Association (YSA) and our supporters raised an amazing £10,000 profit at the fireworks event which will be spent on essential learning resources for Yatton Infant and Junior Schools

We'd like to say a huge 'thank you' to the following who helped make this happen and a MASSIVE thank you to John from the YSA team who has been running these for a few years now 🕲

<u>Yatton Rugby Club</u> for hosting/organising the event, the donation and keeping everyone refreshed at the bar

Yeo Valley Lions for marshalling

Firemagic UK Ltd for the incredible display

That coffee place for donating the compostable hot drink cups

The Milk Stand at Kenn for the milk donation

Yatton news and Yatton Post Office for selling the tickets

Oxford Instruments for the lend of the car park

All the staff at Yatton Infant & Junior Schools for their continued support

The YSA Committee for organising the event

To all of our amazing volunteers - without you, there's no event!

And for everyone else who lent us equipment and helped us create such a special community event.

We have some exciting news on the next big school project we'll be helping to fund - watch this space!

#### Looking for our new Chair:



After a fantastic year at the helm, Jen Crossley, our current Yatton Schools Association (YSA) Chair is stepping down and so we're looking for a new person (or people) to oversee our annual calendar of events and other fundraising activities.

In 2022-23, we raised an amazing  $\pounds$ 30,000 for both schools – YSA operates as a well-oiled machine but without a Chair driving the gears, YSA ceases to exist as legally we cannot operate.

So if you'd like to find out more or have a chat about the role contact <u>WeAreYSA@gmail.com</u> by 13 December 2023. The new Chair will be given a full handover.

#### <u>FAQs</u>

#### What would I be doing?

Basically keeping our calendar of events on track and overseeing our wonderful bunch of organisers.

- Chairing YSA meetings (5-6 a year), writing the agenda and keeping everyone focused and on track
- Liaising with the schools (who are very accommodating and lovely)
- Liaising with other groups in the community
- Dealing with issues and questions when they arrive then delegating
- Being a Trustee of YSA (we have 4-5 Trustees) who are legally responsible for YSA.

#### What is the time commitment?

If it's the run up to a big event like Carnival or Fireworks then 2-6 hours a week, if it's a quiet period then nothing! And YSA always takes the summer holidays off.

To read more FAQs, visit our Facebook page.

#### Nativity Refreshments:

Hot drinks and cakes will be served immediately after the Reception – Y5 nativity performances. Enjoy the festive mood and treat yourself to a mince pie or a slice of Christmas cake, knowing that all the profits will go to the Infant & Junior schools.

Cake and mince pie donations are welcome in the week commencing 4<sup>th</sup> Dec – please drop off at the school office. Please bring along any homemade bakes as close to the day of the performance as possible, so they stay nice and fresh. Drop mince pies off to the office at any time before the performances.

Volunteers are always needed to help set up, serve and clear away. You will get a reserved front seat for helping! Please sign up <u>here</u>.

#### Class Reps:

YSA are looking for representatives for each class in both the infant and junior schools, who can help to communicate YSA updates and messages to parents and teachers. They will be the 'go to' person for all things YSA within their child's class, and can:

- Answer questions from other parents about YSA events
- Communicate YSA messages to other parents via class WhatsApp groups
- Liaise with teachers regarding YSA events and notifications
- Recruit volunteers for events from the class group

If you're interested, please email us on <u>weareysa@gmail.com</u> for more information.

#### School Discos:

It's Christmas Disco time ③ All the discos will be on Fri 15<sup>th</sup> Dec in the Junior hall. The infants disco will include a gift & a visit from Santa. There will also be stalls selling sweets, novelty toys and glitter tattoos so please send them in with some change if you can.

Tickets are available to buy on ParentPay now.

<u>Timings:</u> 5-6pm for reception, Y1 & Y2 6:30-7:30pm for Y3 & Y4 8-9pm for Y5 & Y6

This is one of the most loved events for the children so if you are able to give up an hour of you time to help out and make it a fabulous evening for the children, please pop your name down on the <u>sign up</u> <u>link.</u>

Thanks as ever for your continued support and we wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year YSA



#### **Community News**





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## Does your child suffer with sleep issues?

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Do you struggle with your child's bedtime?

national

children's hospice

Raise festive cheer in your Christmas gear!

> Will your child not sleep in their own bed?

### WE CAN HELP

03303 530 541 Monday, Tuesday & Thursday 7pm - 9pm Monday & Wednesday 9am - 11am

## Want to know more about sleep?

ASK US THE QUESTIONS YOU WANT ANSWERS TO

03303 530 541 Monday, Tuesday & Thursday 7pm - 9pm Monday & Wednesday 9am - 11am



#### After School Friendship and Peer Support Club

A social group offering the chance for young people with additional needs to meet, develop friendships, and spend time with peers outside of school and education time.

Space will also be available for parents, carers and siblings to meet with one and other too.

Hot and cold drinks, snacks and meals available from our café menu.



Every Wednesday, 3.30pm-5.300pm. Please email strawberrylineprojects@gmail.com for further information.



### Sunday 10th December 3.30pm - 5.30pm

at Yatton Methodist Church. High Street, Yatton, BS49 4DW

#### with a Christingle Service at 4.30pm followed by sharing tea together

#### Everyone is very welcome!

for further info or to inform us of dietary requirements please email: messychurch@yatton-methodist.org.uk

Jointly organised by St Mary's and Yatton Methodist Church



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Yatton Library BS49 4HJ

#### **Coding in Minecraft**

Coding in Minecraft club: learn how to program mini-games, automate builds, and change gameplay behaviour in Minecraft with code

The club is suitable for children aged 8 - 12 years old.

#### WHEN

Saturday 16th December 2023 From 9:45am - 12:45pm

## codingbug.co.uk

Email: info@codingbug.co.uk or call 07909226520

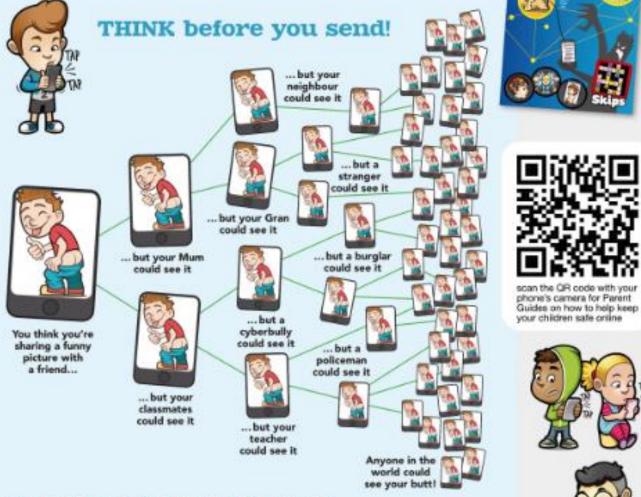
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### Stips Safety Net

### Keeping children safe online

## **Parent Guides to Online Safety**



#### If you share it, you are involved

Skips

If you have, or forward an indecent image of someone under 18, it is a criminal offence. It can affect your future.

#### Online safety is when young people know who they can tell if they feel upset by something that has happened online.

www.skipssafetynet.org

Parents please contact your school to enquire attending their next e-safety workshop or have any concerns.

Working with Home Office 'PREVENT', The Police and Crime Commissioner and Children's Safeguarding Partnerships to help keep children safe online.

Skips Educational Email: info@skipsed.com Tel: +44 121 227 1941





Dear Parents/Carers

As we go into the festive period, we would like to remind you about the law regarding electric scooters. It has become apparent that some young people have already acquired or are in the process of acquiring electric scooters for their own use.

The only electric scooters that can only be used on public roads are those that are hired as part of the government-backed trials. We would also remind you that to use these trial scooters you must be at least 18 years old and hold a full or provisional driving licence. Private e-scooters can only be used on private land (with the landowner's permission) and not on public roads, cycle lanes or pavements.

Electric scooters are classed as powered transporters and fall within the legal definition of a motor vehicle under the Road Traffic Act 1998. This means that the same rules that apply to motor vehicles, apply to e-scooters. This includes, but isn't limited to:

- Driving with a licence
- Driving/riding with insurance
- Driving/riding other than on a road

It is not currently possible to get appropriate insurance for privately owned e-scooters meaning that it is illegal to use them on roads or public spaces. If a child or adult is found riding a private e-scooter on a public road or land the scooter may be seized, and the person, including children could be liable for prosecution for driving without insurance. If the child or adult doesn't hold a provisional or full licence and is stopped riding an e-scooter, they could be prosecuted for driving other than in accordance than with a licence, as well as having no insurance. Penalty points can still be issued where a licence isn't held. These points would take effect when the child or person applies for a driving license.

Our aim is to keep children safe and out of the criminal justice system. We want to keep you informed so that we can work together to do this.

If you need to report an incident involving an electric scooter you can call 101 or report online: RePort anti-social driving | Avon and Somerset Police

If you need to know anymore information please contact your local neighbourhood policing team: Your area | Avon and Somerset Police

Larisa Hunt

**Chief Inspector** 

Early Intervention, Crime Prevention and Licensing