



February Newsletter 2024

Dear Parents,

January has been a long month but a busy one in school! Hopefully the weather will start to improve alongside the lighter evenings. We are looking forward to Spring and the different learning opportunities that it brings with it. Work of the Month for January is this Friday.

Curriculum a reminder that our school curriculum can be found on the school website. You will find a year group overview which highlights subjects taught and the key themes for the year group. Within each subject tab you will find a detailed breakdown of the knowledge/objective taught within the year group and term. The subject overviews also show the progression of knowledge that your child will learn as they move through the school.

Thank-you we have recently used PTA funds to purchase over £1000 of new books for each classroom. These books are non-fiction and will be used to support our children with their curriculum learning. We have invested heavily in books in recent years to ensure that we continue to have high quality and up-to-date resources in our classrooms.

Attendance continues to

Reminders

Parking as always please be respectful of our local community and avoid blocking driveways and parking on double yellow lines.

be a concern. We are still below the government expectation (96%), the large majority of which is due to holidays taken in term time, in addition to illness. Please consider carefully the impact on your child's education when taking children out of school for holidays. I have contacted parents of those children who are currently 'Persistent Absentees' (below 90%). Individual attendance will continue to be closely monitored. Children do miss a lot when absent from school, this does have a negative impact upon their learning.

Well-Being we adopt a whole school approach to well-being at Yarlside. Part of our 'universal provision' ensures that children have access to a range of services that support their emotional well-being and mental health. We now have a new section on our school website which includes links and support that can be accessed for our children, parents and carers.

UK Internet Safety Day takes place next week on Tuesday 6th. We always remind our children that keeping safe on the internet is not about one day but everyday. In our weekly assemblies we have been learning about different ways to protect ourselves online. We encourage the children to tell parents or a trusted adult if they come across something that upsets or worries them.

Please have regular chats with your children about their online use and check their phones/tablets regularly. We recently sent a letter with information/advice on how to support your child when using different apps and the internet.

World Book Day will take place on Thursday 7th March. We are very excited in school, busy planning the day's activities. Mrs Reid sent out details last week. This year our theme is based around the book 'The Day the Crayons Quit' by Oliver Jeffers. We would like the children to come into school wearing a colour of their choice. Throughout the day the children will move around the school taking part in a variety of different activities. All children will receive a £1 Book token which can be exchanged for a World Book day special or can be put towards the cost of a book. The vouchers are accepted at book stores and supermarkets. A reminder that we are running a competition 'Design a wrapper for the peach crayon' entries must be sent into school by Monday 4th March.

Easter Holidays we break up for the Easter holidays on Thursday 28th March. Please note the earlier finishing time of 1:30pm.

Mrs Pierce
Headteacher

Thursday 1st February

February Diary Dates

- ☉ Fri 2nd Work of the Month 9am Infant, 1:45pm Y3-6
- ☉ Fri 2nd Netball Event Y5/6, Furness Academy
- ☉ Monday 5th Panathlon Event, Furness College (am)
- ☉ Wed 7th Young Voices, Manchester
- ☉ Fri 9th Chinese New Year Buffet Lunch
- ☉ Fri 9th FET Dodgeball Comp
- ☉ Fri 9th Break for Half Term
- ☉ Mon 19th Return to School—Spring 2
- ☉ Wed 21st Nursery Grandparent Day
- ☉ Fri 23rd Kurling Competition, Cartmel
- ☉ Wed 28th Y6 Dock Museum
- ☉ Wed 28th Basketball Competition
- ☉ Thurs 29th Work of the Month 9am Infant, 2:45pm Y3-6

March Diary Dates

- ☉ Fri 1st Y3/4 Girl's Football Tournament, Furness Academy
- ☉ Thurs 7th World Book Day
- ☉ Fri 8th Key Steps Gymnastics Competition
- ☉ Wk Beg Mon 11th Science Week
- ☉ Mon 11th Y1/2 Road Safety Session
- ☉ Mon 18th Choir Performance, Aldingham Nursing Home
- ☉ Mon 18th Final Week of Extra Curricular Activities
- ☉ Tues 19th/Thurs 21st Parent's Evening
- ☉ Mon 25th Work of the Month 9am Infant, 2:45pm Y3-6
- ☉ Wed 27th Easter Coffee Morning 9am, Easter Coffee Afternoon 2:15pm
- ☉ Thurs 28th Break for Easter **1:30pm**

