



# YENTON NEWSLETTER



## Yenton Primary School

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### Head's New Term Welcome - Paul Smith

*Dear Families,*

Welcome back! We hope that you have all had a fantastic holiday and that the (very) changeable British weather did not put too many dampeners on your summer fun.

It is wonderful to welcome you all back to our school and to especially welcome all of our new pupils to our school community. I have been amazed at the way in which our youngest children have settled into the routines of our school, thanks to all of the hard work put in by our Reception staff team and our parents. The whole school has settled back into the routines of learning and it was great to walk around the school last week and see the wonderful and creative lessons that kicked off our Talk For Writing and Cornerstones topics. I saw a fantastic range of topics, from Cave people in Year 3, to Roman Toga making in Y4, Y6 relived the Evacuation in WW2 and Y5 found Alien eggs!

Reading is a prime focus for the school this academic year and it would be great if you could support your child by hearing them read at home every day. Research has shown that if a child is not reading fluently by the end of primary school, they can struggle accessing the secondary curriculum.

Thank you for your continued support— by working together we can truly maximise the learning experiences of all of our children.

Mr Smith

### Warm Welcomes and Wedding Bells

We have had several new appointments over the summer holidays and we are pleased to welcome Mrs Wintle (Yr1), Miss Begum (Yr1), Miss Firstbrook (Yr2), Miss Akhtar (Yr2), Mr Devaney (Yr3) and Mrs Engers (Yr4) to our school. I am sure that you will extend them a warm Yenton welcome as they settle into our school.

We would also like to congratulate Mrs Hillman (nee Miss Dodds) and Mrs Berriman (nee Miss Webster), who got married over the summer holidays.

Congratulations also to Mrs Davies who is expecting her first child after Christmas. Congratulations one and all!!



If you have any unwanted children's books, comics or magazines, please hand them into reception



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## School Attendance

We have a successful teaching team here at Yenton, but we can only teach your child if they are here and learning. Please help us to help your children by sending your child to school regularly. Last year our school attendance was 95.2%. The national average attendance for all schools is 96%. Well done everyone—we need to keep working on this to keep our improvement going.

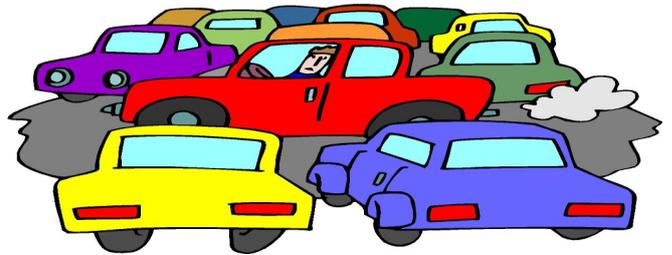
### School Matters!



**Attend Today, Achieve Tomorrow**

## Parking around school

If you are dropping off or collecting your child from school please be considerate when parking to ensure safety for all of our children. Please do not park on the zig zag lines, or block the drives of local residents. This is illegal and puts our children in danger. Please show you care and park elsewhere!



## Safeguarding at our school

We take safeguarding of all of our pupils very seriously at our school. All of our staff receive regular safeguarding training and Mrs Berriman is our Designated Safeguarding Lead. Mrs Carns, Mrs Murray, Mrs Bailey and Mr Smith are Assistant Designated safeguarding leads supporting Mrs Berriman in this vital role.

Should you have any concerns about safeguarding please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Berriman, or any of the assistant safeguarding leaders.

Sometimes, a child will say or do something in school that means we have to seek advice from our colleagues in Social Care and Health. This is a statutory duty for all schools – we have to report what the child has said and pass this along to more experienced colleagues in social care. Our safeguarding policy is available on the school website under Parents' Information and Policies.



## Uniforms

It is fantastic to see all of the children in their school uniforms and their pride in wearing them around the school. I



would like to remind you that the school shoes should be sensible black shoes, not trainers. Many thanks. School uniform can be ordered through the PTFA

## Labels, Labels, Labels

At the start of the new term many of our children have new uniforms, PE kits, lunchboxes etc. Unfortunately, lots of these items become misplaced and it is much easier for us to re-unite lost items with lost children if all items all clearly labelled with your child's name and their class. Many thanks!



# What We're Up To.....

Across the whole school we are looking at British Values and Respecting One Another

## Reception

In Reception our topic is 'Do you want to be friends?'. Over the next few weeks we will spend time getting to know all of the children. We aim to find out what they enjoy doing and what skills they bring with them. We will be finding out what stories and songs they enjoy, which shapes they recognise, how far they can count and what they think makes a good friend. This will help us to plan activities to aid their learning.

## Year 1

English: Journey story focusing on repetitive phrases and intensifying words. At the end of the unit children will be writing their own journey story. Maths: Place Value: Ordering and counting numbers to 20. Shapes: Identifying 2d and 3d shapes. Corner stones: Our topic is memory box and we will be focusing on history - Looking back at photos of special occasions. We will be learning how to write a diary of days gone by, then make a special box, a memory box, to keep special things. Year 1 are also focusing on their phonics this year ready for the phonics test in Summer.

## Year 2

In English, we are going to be developing our writing skills using two exciting texts. First, the story of Rapunzel and then looking at Tarkum the friendly troll and focusing on the features of a letter. In number we are looking at place value, recognising the place value of each digit in a two digit number, estimation of numbers and solving real life number problems. We are also looking at addition and subtraction using concrete objects, pictorial representation and mentally adding and subtracting 2 and 3 digit numbers. Our Cornerstones topic is Towers, Tunnels and Turrents in which we explore castles through the ages, designing towers, bridges and tunnels and investigate amazing structures around the world. Our science investigations will focus on living things and their habitats, looking at animals that burrow underground and everyday materials.

## Year 3

During this term, in English we will be covering Stone Age boy, a portal narrative and a nonfiction text - A letter from Mrs. Moore, where we will be learning to write formal letters. In Maths we are looking at place value - understand the value of 3 digit numbers, including partitioning numbers to 1000 and writing these in numbers and words. Our Cornerstones topic is Tribal Tales, and we will be focused on our prehistoric topic covering the changes in Britain between the Stone Age, Bronze age and Iron age. In French our children will be introduced to key vocabulary including numbers, colours and nouns.

## Year 4

**English:** Fiction: Jupiter and the Bee - Roman Myths. Non-Fiction: Information texts on the Romans. **Maths:** Place Value, Negative Numbers, Rounding, Roman Numerals, Addition and Subtraction. **Topic/Cornerstones:** I am Warrior - learning about the Roman Army and their impact on Britain. This includes a trip to Wroxeter Roman Fort. **PE:** Netball and Gymnastics **Music:** The children will begin to learn how to play the fife and the tenor horn. **French:** Celebrations

## Year 5

Year 5 have settled in so well and are learning all about alien abduction warning stories and persuasive adverts in English. In maths they're learning all about the place value of six digit numbers and arithmetic using the 4 number operations. They're starting the exciting 'Scream Machine' topic where they'll be exploring local theme parks, investigating forces and learning even more about French, music and art all whilst developing their basketball skills and being peaceful in RE.

## Year 6

This term Year 6 will be learning about life in WW2. We will be focusing on evacuation and what it was like to be a child living in the war. We will also learn about every day life and how people used to live and survive as well as create a timeline of key events. In English and reading we will be focusing on the text 'Goodnight Mr Tom' which will link nicely to our topic. We will be writing letters, diary entries and also a journey tale linked to this story. In Maths our focus is place value. In year 6 we will learn how to solve problems with numbers up to 10,000,000, order and compare larger numbers and understand how to round to the nearest million.

## Contact numbers

Please can you make sure that the school office have up to date contact numbers for you and for anyone who is allowed to collect your children. We have had several incidents recently where we have needed to contact parents or carers, and have been unable to do so, due to mobile phone numbers changing. It is vitally important that we are able to contact you, or another authorised person in the event of an emergency. If in doubt, please check with the school office.

**Education is the foundation upon which we build our future.  
Christine Gregoire**

## Governing Board update

Dear children and families, on behalf of all the governors I would like to welcome everyone back and hope you had a fantastic Summer break. We would like to extend a special welcome to all our new children who have started this year. I visited school last week and was impressed at how quickly the children have settled back into school life. Year 6 have produced some amazing World War II topic work over the Summer, Year 2 were showing off their handwriting and grammar skills, Year 3 have produced some creative art work using cotton buds and Year 1 have been busy painting self portraits. As for Reception, well they were having lots of fun running around the playground and making new friends. It was great to see that your children have made a brilliant start to the new school year and we look forward to working with you all.

Vicki Popplewell, Chair of Governing Board.

## Early Closure

Due to staff training, we are having to close the school at **3pm** for **ALL CHILDREN** on **Wednesday 4th October**. We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause .

## Dates For Your Diary

| Day        | Date           | Diary Item                                    |
|------------|----------------|---|
| Fri        | 22nd Sept      | Y4 trip to Wroxeter Roman museum              |
| <b>Wed</b> | <b>4th Oct</b> | <b>School to close at 3pm for ALL PUPILS</b>  |
| Thurs      | 12th Oct       | PTFA school disco                             |
| Thurs      | 19th Oct       | PTFA cake sale                                |
| Fri        | 20th Oct       | School closes for half term holiday           |
| Mon        | 30th Oct       | TRAINING DAY—School closed to all pupils      |
| Tues       | 31st Oct       | School open for all pupils at the normal time |
| Thurs      | 30th Nov       | PTFA winter fayre                             |
| Thurs      | 14th Dec       | Cinema behaviour reward trip in the morning   |
| Thurs      | 14th Dec       | PTFA Christmas disco in the afternoon         |
| Fri        | 22nd Dec       | School closes for Christmas holidays          |
| Mon        | 8th Jan        | TRAINING DAY—School closed to all pupils      |
| Tues       | 9th Jan        | School open for all pupils at the normal time |
| Thurs      | 15th Feb       | PTFA cake sale                                |
| Fri        | 16th Feb       | Half yearly attendance rewards afternoon      |
| Fri        | 16th Feb       | School closes for half term holiday           |
| Mon        | 26th Feb       | School opens for all pupils                   |
| Thurs      | 29th March     | School closes for Easter holidays             |



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