



Yealmpton Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Walking round the school this week I am really impressed with how well the children are settling back into the routines of the school day. I am also delighted to see that there are so many exciting opportunities planned to support the children's learning. I have seen measuring and making cards, sewing hand puppets, children showcasing their letters to Old Mother Hubbard with their classmates, water colour illustrations and cricket.

We have had a very exciting week planning all the learning projects that we will launch in the summer term. The first project will run throughout the summer term and will encourage mindfulness, enjoying the outdoors and improving our local habitat for minibeats, entitled 'Yealmpton School in Bloom', we are looking forward to growing together and making our orchard a wonderful place to learn and grow.

Sunflowers - Bring Back the Bees

On Monday 19th April we will launch the first of our Yealmpton School in Bloom. All the children will be in our first growing competition, the children will be given a sunflower seed to plant until the 18th June when we will bring them back to school to plant into our class gardens.

The children will be encouraged to water, care and talk to their plants to encourage them to grow and on the 18th June, children will measure their sunflowers and the tallest sunflowers will win a prize. Over the weeks, Miss Harris will release an electronic mini letter about the sunflower growing so that the children can check that they are growing the seeds correctly.

Good luck to all the children.



Plant and Share
19th April - 19th May 2021

Spring is here! After a long winter lockdown - it's time to sow seeds of friendship. Plant and Share Month is all about growing your own and sharing it with those around you. Learning about how to share fresh, homegrown produce is such a brilliant way to celebrate local, healthy food that's good for us as well as the planet. We will be giving each class a dedicated allotment patch to tend in the orchard. We would be very grateful for any donations of seeds, bulbs or plants.

Plant and Share Month is a great way for our pupils to connect with where their food comes from.

This year, pupils will be taking part by 'sowing a row' to share. Each class will plant different seeds. Pupils will then share the produce at a harvest event later on in autumn. Plant and Share aims to bring us all closer to our roots - both through food and our communities.

Class Emails

Our email system is being changed over the Easter break so whilst the transfer takes place there may be some disruption on receiving and sending emails, especially to the class emails. Please forward any correspondence during the Easter break to

admin@yealmpton-primary.devon.sch.uk

Things to do at Easter Time

The National Trust have got some fabulous activities for families:

- 50 activities to do in your back garden
- Crafts to do at home
- Adventures in nature

There are lots of ways to explore and have fun together by following the link <https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/for-families>

A Year On - Time to Reflect and Recover

The country has recently reflected on one year since we went into the first lockdown on the 23rd March 2020. Who would have thought that this time last year we would still be living in these strange, frightening and challenging times?

As a school we have tried hard to embrace the challenges as they have come and amongst all of the uncertainty, worry and frustrations of the past year, we have learnt a lot and adapted to new and different ways of thinking and working, some of which we will keep, even when we come out of these times.

I am incredibly proud of the way our staff have stayed strong, putting their own worries and concerns aside to ensure they come to school each day and provide care and support for our children whether they are in school or at home. We have often used some phrases to help on our journey:

We're in this Together Still Together Back Together

Everyone has supported each other, with a unique sense of determination and a commitment to 'how can we do it/make it work and make it right for our children and families'. I know the team are ready to relax, refresh and recharge and are very much looking forward to the break the next two weeks will provide.

Thank you Yealmpton team - you really are the best!

It's also important to acknowledge what we've achieved by pulling together during this time. We want to thank you all for supporting us and keeping yourselves, your loved ones and our school community as safe as possible. We know it hasn't always been easy but by doing so, you've helped the children and staff to provide our enriched curriculum in school and at home.

Thank you for your incredible support.

I hope everyone enjoys the forthcoming break and we look forward to seeing all of the children back in school on Monday 19th April.

Take care
Louise Young
Head teacher

