



Yealmpton Primary School

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Dear Parents/ Carers

As you will all be aware by now I shall be leaving my post as Head teacher at Yealmpton at the end of the summer term. It has been an honor and privilege to have worked at this unique school for the past fourteen years and I have gathered so many memories along the way. I look forward to enjoying, like Year 6, this last summer term with all of our wonderful children and dedicated staff to make the most of the projects we have planned.

As always, I will continue to be available to support all of the children and families. Please don't hesitate to get in touch with myself or the teaching team if you need us.

50 things to do before your 11 $\frac{3}{4}$ years

In the hope that the weather is kind to us all over the Bank Holiday weekend I've looked up again this fantastic list of super activities that children and adults can enjoy outdoors. Looking through the list brought memories flooding back from when I was young and things that I enjoy nowadays with my family. This is a handy list which will bring you hours of fun together in all seasons.

<https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/features/50-things-to-do-before-youre-11--activity-list>



National survey of children, The Big Ask

The new Children's Commissioner for England, Dame Rachel de Souza, has launched The Big Ask - the largest ever consultation with children aged 4 to 17 in England. It aims to find out children's concerns and aspirations about the future, so that we can put children at the heart of our country's recovery from the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak. Parents, care leavers and those working with children are also invited to complete the adult survey to share their views about the future for children and young people today, and what they think is holding young people back. The results from this survey will help the Children's Commissioner identify the barriers preventing children from reaching their potential, put forward solutions and set ambitious goals for the country to achieve.

<https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigask/>

The two As - Attendance and Arrivals

It feels as though we are properly back in the swing of things now and it is important that we keep attendance as high as possible so the children have every opportunity to make the most of their school time. We would love to get to 100% attendance!

We have noticed that late arrivals have increased recently and I understand that occasionally things happen to delay us in the morning. It can be unsettling for children who have started their school day and for the children arriving late. I wouldn't want this to become a regular thing for any child as they miss the morning meet and greet and key messages. Your support would be much appreciated so that we can all start our day promptly.

Multi-Use-Games Area - message from YCA



The MUGA, located at Yealmpton Primary School, is a facility enjoyed by both Yealmpton Primary School and the wider local community. Community use is managed by Yealmpton Community Association and is subject to the same hiring Terms & Conditions as the Community Room, Great Hall and Parish Room. Please visit the website for full T&Cs and details of how to book the facility www.yealmpton.org

Community use is managed and monitored by the YCA in order to meet original planning consent requirements, Insurance conditions and to keep all users safe and local residents happy. As we come out of lockdown, it is great to see new user groups and more families signing up to use the facility responsibly and sticking to the T&Cs. Under 18s are not permitted to use the space alone; they must be accompanied by an adult.

However, unfortunately, there have been some recent incidents of vandalism and forced entry onto the MUGA causing damage to both School & YCA property. The YCA Trustees and school are monitoring such incidents of vandalism and will review MUGA use if breaches continue to occur. The Trustees want to avoid forced closure of the facility.

If you're already a member of the MUGA, your membership form contains all the T&Cs you are required to adhere to. If you need further guidance, please email the Community Centre on admin@yealmpton.org

Wishing you a lovely Bank Holiday.

Best wishes

Louise Young
Head teacher

Think positive,
feel positive, and
positive things
will happen!