



# Yealmpton Primary School

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A partner school in the Westcountry Schools Trust (WeST)  
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Dear Parents/ Carers

There has been a hive of learning this week during assembly and outdoor lessons, exploring one of our school aims:

**Responsible Citizens** helping to develop an understanding about our contribution to our school and society - **Nurturing Green Fingers!**

### How together can we be active citizens

During assembly, we watched a video that showed over time how an ambitious primary school pupil planned, planted and created an amazing vegetable garden. At the end, the harvest made a sumptuous salad. We are hoping, with your help, that the children can explore growing some vegetables in their class allotments. If you are able to help us with any donations they will be welcomed with open arms. Thank you!

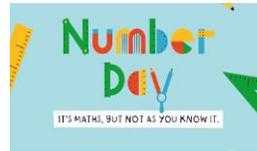
### How to make a bee friendly garden!

Bees provide us with an invaluable service by pollinating the plants we grow. Whether big or small, there are things every gardener can do to help them. One of the simplest ways to attract bees to visit your garden is by growing flowers rich in pollen and nectar – perennial plants are great, but you can include flowering annuals and shrubs too.

Every teacher knows that you need to share good examples of a 'WAGOLL' = **W**hat **A** **G**ood **O**ne **L**ooks **L**ike. Sharing the before and after photos of the Elm Class garden make over last weekend helped the children understand about team work and planning ahead. The garden is packed full of plants to attract mini-beasts. Gardening deepens the children's connection with nature as well as teaching them about stewardship and patience. Everyone is looking forward to tending the plants and watching the flowers bloom as the weather gets warmer.



**With Maths I can...** to inspire Numeracy day we watched this inspirational video to help the children understand with hard work and using their growth mindset approach can help develop a positive self-esteem and 'maths esteem'.



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sLPFaOvhlKw>

We explored the world of work and the different jobs that need maths. Maths is everywhere; let's enjoy it. Some children decorated their favourite number or thought of how many different calculations can represent your favourite number.



### Wishing you all the best Mr Butcher!

It's time to share a heartfelt thank you to Mr Butcher who will be leaving Yealmpton at the end of the term. Since his time with us he has become a popular teacher with the children as he brightens up their day with smiles. We wish him the very best as he embraces new opportunities.

### Summer Term 6

Not all our traditional Summer Term events will take place as usual this year. Even if societal restrictions are relaxed completely on 21st June, which looks increasingly unlikely, it is expected that some restrictions will remain in schools. We are currently discussing which events we can run and how they will need to be adapted this year to enable us to maintain social distancing. Further details will follow after half term. This also applies to the Year 6 end of year celebrations. The Year 6 team have asked children for suggestions of how they would like to mark the occasion and they will be in touch with Year 6 parents to outline the plans in due course.

As it has been throughout the pandemic, our priority will always focus on opening up more widely in a controlled way, adapting as necessary and implementing procedures to keep the children and staff safe and with the principle focus of trying to keep classrooms open so the children can attend school.

Best wishes

*Louise Young*  
Head teacher

