



# Yealmpton Primary School

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Friday 20th January 2023

Dear Yealmpton family,

I hope this letter finds you well. Every week brings with it new challenges and this week certainly presented us with one! I recall last year having a day where the force of the wind resulted in school closure – well this time it was the turn of water! On Tuesday, despite our best efforts to keep school open, our water supply ran out, due to a supply issue across the network in the South Hams. A huge thank you to you all for showing understanding and enabling the children to get home quickly and safely. Fortunately, the supply problem was fixed by the afternoon and all returned back to normal for Wednesday.

Today you will have received a letter from the CEO of WeST, detailing the upcoming teacher strike by the NEU. The first potential strike day is Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> February. As and when I have more information to share, I will share with you at the earliest opportunity.

This week, two of our Year groups received a visit from 'Blast from the Past.' In Year 1, our children met Samuel Pepys and learned all about the Great Fire of London. They wrote diary entries using quills and ink and they ordered a timeline of events. In Year 4, the children learned all about the Viking invasion and civilisation – they met a Viking warrior, retraced the journey, re-enacted a battle and played Viking board games.



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Around the school, our children have been working hard to be the very best versions of themselves! We've been exploring different materials outdoors, building bird feeders and homes, dribbling and passing in Hockey and building our own models of the solar system!



A huge well done to all the children in our Carpenter Bee Hive! The Carpenter Bees received the most golden tickets last term and, as a result, they get to come into school on Thursday dressed in Mufti! Well done Carpenter Bees – you deserve it!

A final note on the MUGA (Multi Use Games Area). We are more than happy for children to stay and play football on the MUGA, up to 3.45pm, providing there is a parent/grandparent/relative to supervise and be accountable for each child. Staff are not on duty outside at this time. After School clubs and also our Yealmpton Hive will be using the outdoor area as we move into Spring and Summer. At this time, the outside area will not be available for general use, however children can play football if they are attending the after school Yealmpton Hive.

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend, 'Be the best you can be' – the BEST version of you!

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