



Yealmpton Primary School

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Dear Yealmpton family,

I hope this letter finds you well and you've all had a great summer. As we approach the end of our first week in school, it gives me great pleasure to send out my first newsletter of the year!

It's with a big smile I look back at our first week in school. What a start it was! Following weeks of dull, wet and cloudy weather, we return to school just in time for a mini heatwave! Despite the toasty temperature, it's been a fantastic week. All the children, without exception, have come back positive, well behaved and ready to learn. What a delight it's been to see all our children back together for whole school assembly, lunch in the hall and playtime with peers and siblings from other year groups. A special mention goes out to all our new children, across the year groups, who have started their educational journey with our Yealmpton family – how well you've settled in and what a credit you all owe to your families.

I must take time to congratulate the youngest members of our school family. What a delight and honour it's been to see the children in Reception begin their journey with us. We've seen you come in with your parents on Wednesday, have a super first morning then stay until the early afternoon on Thursday and Friday. How proud the whole school are of you and how happy we are to welcome you to our family.

Look at our young academics in action!



Communication with you all is of utmost importance to us. We will be regularly populating the website with learning snapshots and key updates. In addition, we will continue to use Dojo as an online communication tool to use between school and home. May I remind you that, should you have any messages to relay around attendance, pick-ups, medicine or appointments, these need to be emailed to the office, rather than to teachers on Dojo.

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In Key Stage 1 this week, we've been exploring the outside area, reflecting on how we can 'Be the Best we can Be' and exploring British Values in school.



In Key Stage 2, we've been classifying materials, tackling Maths puzzles and designing our own bee hives!



We are working hard to confirm all the key dates for the term ahead and these will be released next week. We look forward to celebration assemblies, parent forum, parent open mornings, FYVS events, Harvest service, sports tournaments, Wild Tribe, tree planting and local trips this half term!

For the week ahead, each class teacher will be holding a Welcome Meeting on Tuesday 12th September. This will be an opportunity to meet your child's new teacher. The Key Stage 2 classes will run 2 welcome meets. One will begin at 3.30pm and the second will begin at 4pm. Each teacher will share the parent overview, timetable, key resources, curriculum information, key dates, expectations and there will be opportunity for you to ask questions afterwards. For Key Stage 1, the teachers will be available from 3.30-4.30pm on Tuesday 12th to share key resources and answer any questions you may have. For parents who have children in more than 1 class, you will have the opportunity to see both teachers during this 1 hour period should you wish. In short, it's a chance for you to meet. If you are unable to make the meets and would still like to meet your child's new teacher, please reach out to them in school or via Dojo and they will endeavour to arrange a more suitable time to meet with you.

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

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