



Yealmpton Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

25th October 2024

I can't believe that we already find ourselves at the end of our first half term. The children have made a strong start to the academic year and I want to extend my thanks to you all for supporting Mr Mitchell and myself in our new roles as Co-Headteachers of this wonderful school. Our successful half term concluded with our Harvest Festival on Tuesday. It was lovely to see so many of you there. The staff were so proud of all the children who sang and performed their poetry with such confidence and enthusiasm despite a few technical hitches! If you were unable to make the Harvest Festival, we have put clips of the children performing their poems onto Dojo.

Parents Evenings

We would like to invite you to book a Parents Evening appointment with your child's class teacher, these will take place on **Wednesday 13th November and Thursday 14th**

November (please note this is a different date to the one

we initially advertised at the start of the term) these parents evenings will be an opportunity for you to meet with your child's class teacher to discuss how well they have settled and the progress that they are making across the curriculum. When you arrive for your appointment, you will find your child's books on display outside their classroom. Please ensure you arrive in plenty of time before your allocated appointment to enable you to view their learning.

Please see the message on Dojo for further information on how to book an appointment. The booking appointment system will open at 12pm on Monday 4th November and closes at 5pm on Monday 11th November.



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Attendance

Being in school is important to your child's academic achievement, wellbeing, and wider development. There is evidence to suggest that regular school attendance is a key mechanism to support children and young people's educational, economic and social outcomes. Schools can facilitate positive peer relationships, which contributes to better mental health and wellbeing.

As part of our ongoing efforts to improve attendance and enhance the educational experience for all pupils, we would like you to complete a short online school survey about school attendance.

Why is this survey important? The information gathered through this survey will help us evaluate our current support and make improvements as necessary. Your input directly impacts decisions on how we allocate resources and support pupil success. By participating, you contribute to shaping the future of our school community.

How long will it take? The survey should take no more than **10 minutes** to complete. Your valuable insights can make a significant difference, so we encourage you to set aside a few moments to share your thoughts.

Access the survey: Please click

https://linkprotect.cudasvc.com/url?a=https%3a%2f%2fwww.qdpsurvey.co.uk%2fOnlineQuestionnaire%3fcode%3d18296-65427-32988430&c=E_1t7vNfyu82jbuSSlzlWfZ6KetQ3vd2-H5J_mHfYS8LSDW9o0kvlyF6QF6F1UReNejO-oO1sjYOlwuLZhTScdTLAzdWkXV2nwUmoOJvsJ1w,&typo=1&ancr_add=1

to start the survey. Your responses are confidential, and we appreciate your honest feedback.



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Cars on School Site

We have growing concerns about the volume and speed of cars entering the school site during drop off and pick up times. This is something that we have witnessed ourselves and also something that has been mentioned by some worried parents. The safety of our children on the school site is our top priority. We urge all parents to park outside of school and walk the children into school whenever possible. If you do have the need to use the school car park area, please can we ask you to exercise extreme caution. Your cooperation and vigilance is greatly appreciated.

Dojo Star Learners

Congratulations to our Star Learners this week who received their certificates today in our celebration assembly. We are all really proud of you.

Sycamore Class	Seb	Isla
Beech Class	Will	Jacob
Chestnut Class	Jack	Max
Elm Class	Harriet	Bella
Pine Class	Coco	Eli
Oak Class	Ben J	Jess





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Key Dates

Royal Eye Infirmary - Willow Class	Wednesday 6 th November
Parents Evenings Please book using the link sent out on Class Dojo	Wednesday 13 th November
	Thursday 14 th November
Parent Forum - SEND Focus	Monday 2 nd December 2:15 - 3:15
EYFS and Key Stage 1 Nativity	Tuesday 10 th December - 2pm - 2:45pm
EYFS and Key Stage 1 Nativity Please can children return to school at 4:30pm for the evening performance	Wednesday 11 th December - 5pm - 5:45pm
Christmas Lunch	Wednesday 18 th December
Christmas Carol Service at the church	Thursday 19 th December - 11am
Christmas Carol Service at the church Please can KS2 children meet at the church at 4:45 for the evening performance.	Thursday 19 th December - 5pm

We hope you all have an enjoyable half term and manage to spend some quality time with family and friends. We look forward to welcoming the children back to school on **Monday 4th November**.

Best Wishes,

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