



YEW TREE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Home Learning...

At Yew Tree, whilst we recognise the importance of learning beyond the school day we also recognise the value of family and social time for our children. Therefore, our approach to home learning (homework) is balanced to reflect this.

As you can see from our policy, which is available on our website [HERE](#), we ask parents/carers to focus almost exclusively on supporting their child's reading at home. For our younger children this may include reading to them/with them but, for our older children, this is supporting them in reading independently.

Please do check out our Home Learning ladder to see how long children should be reading for at home. We know this can be a chore when juggling home life or, in the case of some families, multiple children. Please do all you can to ensure your child completes their reading though as it will unlock so much learning for them if they can read fluently.

Parents/carers can share information about their child's reading on Boom Reader or Tapestry. The links to these sites are available [HERE](#). Please speak to your child's teacher if you have any access issues.

Finally, please do ensure your children bring their reading books to school each day so that they can be changed as/when needed.

Mr Jamie Barry



Our attendance
TARGET is 96%.

"Be in to win...!"

Please remember that the importance of ensuring children start school on time each day.



If children are late, it disturbs the class and interrupts your learning. Your child may also miss valuable introductions to sessions.

MEDICAL NEEDS & MEDICATION

Please remember that, if your child needs medication at school, we can only administer this when it has been **prescribed by a doctor**. We cannot administer over the counter medicine like Calpol. Similarly, children should not bring throat sweets, ointments etc to self-administer.

Any medication being sent into school **MUST** be logged at the office so that appropriate forms can be completed. Our staff are also required to check the prescription information so please present any medicine in its original packaging.

If children have longer term care needs, such as allergies or underlying medical conditions, we work with appropriate health professionals to ensure that plans are in place detailing the care required. Our staff are appropriately trained so please always talk to the office, or Ms Beech, if you have any questions or concerns about medical needs.

CLUB APPLICATIONS - SPRING

Don't forget that any applications for spring term clubs must be **returned to our office by 9.00am today**.

Ms Cooper (clubs' leader) and our admin team will try to allocate all first choices where possible. You will be notified by 25.11.24 if your child has secured a place in any clubs as detailed [HERE](#).

GDPR

At Yew Tree Primary, we have to collect and hold certain information about our children and their families.

All data we hold is subject to GDPR & data protection legislation. You can access our suite of appropriate policies, including privacy notices, on our website [HERE](#). Our Data Protection Officer is Ms Elkin-Ranger.

Y4 PEN PALS

We are pleased that, once again this year, our Y4 children will have the opportunity to become pen pals with Tacugama Chimpanzee Sanctuary in Freetown, Sierre Leone.

This is a wonderful project, supported by Dudley Zoo & Castle, which helps our children learn about another country, culture & way of life as well as be actively involved in conservation work.

Y5 PARENTS' MEETING

Y5 parents/carers are reminded of a meeting they are invited to attend on:

TUESDAY 26th NOVEMBER at 2.45pm

This is optional but is a chance to meet Sandwell's School Nurse team to find out what is taught in our Y5 sessions about puberty before these take place.

CHRISTMAS

Don't forget that the festive season starts at Yew Tree on **FRIDAY 22nd NOVEMBER** with a professional panto performance of Jack & the Beanstalk.

Our Christmas shop tickets are available to purchase [HERE](#). This gives children access to lots of festive activities beyond the panto.



WHAT AGE FOR APPS

It can be very easy to let children have free access to various apps on their electronic devices. However, please remember that most gaming and social media apps have age restrictions which make them unsuitable for primary aged children.

Please check your child's device after reviewing some of the common app age restrictions detailed [HERE](#).

Children may say their friends have these apps. However, it is important that parents/carers help set boundaries to keep children safe online.

ECM TEAM

At Yew Tree, we are proud to have a team of staff called our 'Every Child Matters' (ECM) team. This is a team of staff who have specific responsibilities, in working with children and families, to achieve the aims outlined on our website [HERE](#).

Information about our ECM team is included in the leaflet, available [HERE](#), which outlines who works within our ECM team and what their specific roles are. You can contact any of the team on Dojo or via the office.

We are pleased that Ms Beech will be joining this team, as our Assistant SENDCo, on Monday 25th November.

DATE	EVENT	DATE	EVENT
15.11.24	Charity Day: Children in Need	25.11.24	YR & Y6 height & weight checks
15.11.24	Y5 Ancient Egyptian workshops - AM	25.11.24	YR hands & teeth sessions
15.11.24	Chit Chat session – 9.00am	26.11.24	Y3 & Y4 healthy eating sessions
15.11.24	Deadline for spring club forms – 9.00am	26.11.24	Peer Mediator training – PM
18.11.24	Y4 Pen Pals sessions with Dudley Zoo	26.11.24	Y5 parents' meeting - 2.45pm
19.11.24	Y3 trip to Edmond Hall	27.11.24	Creative Arts Day - Christmas
20.11.24	Y2 trip to Tamworth Castle	27.11.24	Y2 PANTS sessions
20.11.24	Y5 class assemblies – PM	28.11.24	Y1 visit to Birmingham Thinktank
22.11.24	Panto – Jack & the Beanstalk - AM	28.11.24	Y5 puberty sessions
25.11.24	PTA non-uniform day – Christmas	28.11.24	Y4 emotional health sessions
25.11.24	Spring term clubs offers made	29.11.24	SEND coffee morning – 9.00am