



YEW TREE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Equality & Diversity...

At the end of last week, it was fantastic seeing lots of children dressed up to represent another country or culture. This was a part of our celebrations and work for European Day of Languages and Diversity Day. If you haven't had chance yet, do take a look at our [Twitter feed](#) to see a small sample of work from the day.

During the day, as well as learning about different languages, our children focused on different aspects of equality such as age, gender, race, religion, sexual orientation etc. Any work we carry out in this area is always age appropriate and in line with guidance from the Department for Education. If you want to find out more about our PSHE curriculum then please talk to your child's class teacher or [CLICK HERE](#).

In addition to work completed last Friday, across the year we cover other events and activities which strengthen our children's understanding of equality & diversity. For example, our assembly rotas support our teaching about different faith celebrations as well as events like Black History Month (which starts next week). You can view our assembly themes [HERE](#).

At Yew Tree, we are proud to serve such a diverse community so it is important to us that everybody feels equal and valued within our school. This is why we teach our children that whatever our differences, whether they are visible or not, everyone has a place at our school and in our community.

Mr Jamie Barry



Our attendance TARGET is 96%.

"Be in to win...!"

We have had a great start to the year for attendance and, are hitting our 96% target.

However, we need your continued support. As the days get colder and wetter, please resist the temptation to stay at home unnecessarily. We need your child in school to teach them.

WE ARE AMBTIOUS...

Just before half term, during week beginning 21st October, our children will take part in our next curriculum focus week called:

'We are ambitious...'

As part of this work, our teachers will be planning an exciting range of activities to support children in thinking about what they might want to be when they grow up and how to achieve these ambitions.

Of course, at primary school, we do not expect children to have made final decisions about the jobs they will take. Nevertheless, it is important we encourage and nurture ambition from an early age so that they dream big and know how to achieve their goals.

Don't forget, children are invited to come dressed for the job they want to do on **MONDAY 21st OCTOBER** in order to start our week.

COLLECTION OF CHILDREN

It is important that we always have emergency contact details for any person(s) who regularly collect your child.

If you are sending an adult, who does not normally collect your child, please remember to inform the office in good time. They will need to agree a password with you so that we can release your child safely.

SAFER TRAVEL

If your child is in Y5 or Y6, and they have Safer Travel consent, please remind them of how to be safe on their journey home.

As the nights are getting darker, children will NOT be allowed to walk home after clubs (which finish at 4.30pm) from **MONDAY 4th NOVEMBER** (even with Safer Travel).

RAGS TO RICHES

Our next Rags to Riches collection day is on **WEDNESDAY 9th OCTOBER.**

Remember, you can send in any donations from Monday up until 9.00am on our collection day. The more you are able to donate, the more money we shall raise for our School Council to spend. Therefore, do have a good sort out and encourage neighbours and relatives to do the same.

SPORT PREMIUM

Each year, schools are allocated a pool of funding called Sport Premium in order to strengthen our work in PE & sport.

There are strict guidelines about how we spend this but you can find our overview and plan by [CLICKING HERE](#). We are pleased that our work in this area is supported by WBA Foundation.

SCHOOL GRID

Our school meal menu for the autumn term is available to view on our website [HERE](#).

Please do take time to look at this with your child and ensure you pre-order meals, no later than 8.40am each morning, via [School Grid](#). If you do not select your child's meal, they may not get their choice of food which can be upsetting.



FREE SCHOOL MEALS

If your child is eligible for Free School Meals (FSM), we would strongly encourage you to register for this with Sandwell Council by clicking on their website [HERE](#).

Even if your child gets a free meal anyway (i.e. if they are in the infants), or they are in the juniors and don't take a meal every day, please do register where you are eligible.

We receive addition funding for children registered for FSM which means we can offer discounts on trips, music sessions and other activities. Our Pupil Premium plan is available to view [HERE](#).

ONLINE SAFETY

Each month, we publish an Online Safety newsletter. We hope you find these useful and you do read them. They are designed, for parents/carers, to help you keep your child safe in their online activity at home.

If you missed any of these, or you want any further advice and guidance, then do take a look at the e-safety page of our website by [CLICKING HERE](#).

Following our previous communication, regarding phones for children, we would also like to draw your attention to the [age guide](#) for different apps. It is vital that parents/carers monitor devices where children have them.

DATE	EVENT	DATE	EVENT
07.10.24	5C starts swimming block (2 weeks)	25.10.24	Attendance shop OPEN TODAY
09.10.24	Rags to Riches collection day	25.10.24	Break up for HALF TERM
11.10.24	Chit Chat with Ms Melia – 9.00am	04.11.24	Start of AUTUMN 2
15.10.24	PTA AGM – 2.30pm	04.11.24	No 'Safer Travel' after <u>clubs</u>
16.10.24	Flu immunisation day – YR – Y6	04.11.24	Prime VR sessions for Y4 & Y6
17.10.24	Y4 INSPIRE session – 9.00am	04.11.24	RB start Forest School sessions
21.10.24	FOCUS WEEK: We are ambitious...	04.11.24	PTA meeting – 2.30pm
23.10.24	Y2 Tamworth trip payments DUE	05.11.24	RC start Forest School sessions
23.10.24	Y5 visit to Black Country museum	05.11.24	THEME LUNCH: Bonfire Night
23.10.24	Parents' Evening: 3.30pm- 6.30pm	06.11.24	Nursery start Forest School sessions
25.10.24	Non-uniform day - £1 per child	07.11.24	RA start Forest School sessions