YEW TREE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Trust…

At Yew Tree, we will never underestimate the trust you place in us to educate and care for your children. This is an enormous privilege and one which our staff take very seriously. Whilst our teachers work against a strict set of professional standards, we are all human and there will be times when we make mistakes.

We recognise that if your child comes home and shares details of an incident at school, it is natural to feel concerned and protective. However, please remember that children sometimes misunderstand situations, miss important details or only share the part they experienced.

It is always better to listen patiently, reassure your child you are there for them and then verify the matter with the school/class teacher before forming an opinion or conclusion. A simple conversation can prevent an unnecessary misunderstanding or negative assumption.

Please don't let an incomplete version or one-sided account of a story or incident change your trust in our staff. Supporting your child doesn't always mean agreeing with everything they say. Sometimes, it means helping your child understand the complete situation, accepting their own mistakes on occasions and helping them learn from these.

Our staff genuinely care for all the children in their care and will do all they can to make school a success for them.

Jamie Barry

Our attendance TARGET is 96%.

"Be in to win...!"

At this time of year, we recognise that children may pick up bugs and illnesses. However, if they feel well enough, they are still able to attend school.

Click the image below to check out the NHS guidance.

NHS nhs.uk

PARENT ADVICE LINE

We recognise that it can be tough being a parent/carer and, when asked by families to support with things at home, we do try our best to support. However, some of our staff don't have their own children so any advice or support we can give might be limited. Training to be a teacher or teaching assistant is not the same as being a parent/carer!

Our website contains a signposting page HERE with details of lots of organisation and agencies that can provide support to families across a wide range of areas. Therefore, we may signpost to this if we are asked for advice or support.

In addition, Sandwell School Nursing team provide an advice line to families which is available by calling **07312 263756**. This advice line can help with queries about behaviour, diet, toileting, general & physical health etc.

CLUB ALLOCATIONS

Our office team have now sent out emails offering places for our spring term clubs. If you have not been offered a place that you have applied for, your child will automatically be placed on the waiting list.

Remember, to secure any places offered, you **MUST make payments by 30.11.26**.

SANDWELL SEND BULLETIN

If you have a child with Special Educational Needs or Disabilities (SEND), you may be interested in reading Sandwell's latest SEND bulletin which is available **HERE**.

As well as reading the latest news, you can also sign up to have these automatically emailed to you so you have the latest news, events & opportunities.

PERIOD PRODUCTS

In our curriculum, we prepare children for changes their bodies might go through (e.g. through the Y5 lessons on puberty). However, we recognise that not all children's bodies change at the same time.

Therefore, please do speak to us privately if your child has started their periods, earlier than usual, so we can support. Please also be assured that we have a supply of period products in school.

BEAUTY & THE BEAST PANTO

We are really excited about our professional panto experience coming up next week. The performance, of Beauty & the Beast, kicks off our Christmas Countdown on:

FRIDAY 20th NOVEMBER

Don't forget to buy your child's Christmas ticket **HERE**. This covers the panto/Christmas activities.

BEST START FAMILY HUBS

We are proud to be a Best Start Family Hub Spoke as we recognise the value of working with families to provide a firm foundation for children.

Ms Melia leads on this work and organises a range of activities and programmes to support families and children. To find out more about our Spoke work, talk to Ms Melia or click **HERE**.

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

At Yew Tree, we play huge importance on children attending school regularly. This is because we know what a difference it can make to outcomes. As research shows **HERE**, children who attend school nearly every day are 30% more likely to reach the expected standard than those who do not.

We were delighted to be informed recently that our school was the 3rd best for attendance out of 21 similar schools for last academic year. This is amazing! This may be also why our Y6 children achieved some of our best results ever last year.

ANTI-BULLYING DAY

Next week is national Anti-Bullying Week. You can find out more about this **HERE**.

At Yew Tree, we recognise that bullying can happen here, as it could in any school, and that this can involve online behaviour/ behaviour outside of school.

Therefore, on MONDAY, we shall be having a special assembly and lessons in class about anti-bullying. This includes reminding children of our anti-bullying promise and that our strategy to STOP bullying (stressing that bullying is **S**everal **T**imes **O**n **P**urpose). You can find out more about our anti-bullying work in our policy which is available **HERE**.



DATE	EVENT	DATE	EVENT
13.11.26	Children in Need charity day	27.11.26	Mixed team football tournament – AM
13.11.26	Y4 INSPIRE session – 9.00am	27.11.26	Y3 INSIRE session – 9.00am
13.11.26	Lock down drill – 11.00am	30.11.26	PTA non-uniform day 2: details to follow
16.11.26	FOCUS WEEK: UNICEF RRS	30.11.26	Spring club payments – DUE
16.11.26	Anti-Bullying Day	02.12.26	Deadline to order Christmas lunch
18.11.26	Y3 visit to Edgmond Hall	04.12.26	Y6 Plas Gwynant – final payments DUE
20.11.26	PANTO DAY – Beauty & the Beast	04.12.26	SEND coffee morning – 9.00am
23.11.26	PTA non-uniform day 1: details to follow	07.12.26	PTA non-uniform day 3: details to follow
25.11.26	Y4 Frank Chapman residential starts	07.12.26	Virtual Santa visit – whole school
25.11.26	Creative Arts Day – Christmas	07.12.26	Violin performance – 2.30pm
27.11.26	Flu vaccinations 'catch up' - YR – Y6	10.12.26	Deadline for Y1 trip payments

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