YEW TREE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Behaviour & Attitudes…

Follow on from the message in last week's newsletter, you may have seen my post on Dojo this week the behaviour and attitudes we are seeing from some children. I must be clear that this is not solely from children at Yew Tree as I know, from talking to other headteachers locally and nationally, that this is something we are seeing more widely (although not with every child).

At Yew Tree, the vast majority of our children behave exceptionally well. However, my post isn't simply about misbehaviour or non-compliance. It is also about attitudes to school, teachers and life itself. In the examples, I shared that sometimes we have children who quit when things get difficult, children who cannot handle being told no or children who expect every direction to be a negotiation.

I shared the message I did for an important reason. It isn't to give the impression that we have unruly children or children we don't care for and it is also not to blame or embarrass parents/carers. It is because we have to work together to prepare the children for the wider world.

Part of loving children is to teach them how to manage in times they struggle, teaching them how to cope with disappointment and teaching them that sometimes they will hear the words "no". When caring for children, we can validate their emotions whilst teaching them boundaries and we can show compassion whilst teaching responsibility. Let's work together on this!

Jamie Barry

Our attendance TARGET is 96%.

"Be in to win...!"

Unfortunately, we have a number of occasions where children are arriving late for school or being picked up early.

Please remember that **EVERY MINUTE** really does count. We rely on your support to ensure children attend on time, for the full day.

CHRISTMAS

We are really excited about our annual professional panto experience this morning. As you know, this year we are watching Beauty & the Beast. If you have not yet purchased your child's Christmas ticket, please remember to do so HERE.

Remember, the ticket covers ALL Christmas activities (see HERE for details). Unfortunately, if children haven't purchased a ticket, they will be unable to attend the Christmas Fayre.

In our lead up to the Christmas Fayre, please note we have non-uniform days on 23.11.26 (in return for bottles), 30.11.26 (in return for filled mugs) and 07.12.26 (in return for chocolates & biscuits).

Finally, as communicated on Dojo this week, please DO NOT send children in with Christmas cards to exchange nor purchase gifts for staff. These are unnecessary expenses for families.

Y4 FRANK CHAPMAN RESIDENTIAL

We are looking forward to taking a group of our Y4 children to the Frank Chapman Centre for their Y4 residential next week.

Do keep an eye on our Twitter (X) feed HERE to see photos from their adventures.

Thank you to Ms Fry, Ms Capewell, Ms Lowe & Ms Parmar for giving up family time to go.

CREATIVE ARTS DAY

On Wednesday (25.11.26), on Creative Arts Day, children will be creating the festive decorations for their classroom doors

Do keen an eye on Twitter (X) for pictures. This year, our theme is the Christmas Story so the doors for each year group will tell a different part of this tale.

SCHOOL GRID

Please remember that our catering company, Dolce, cook food to order. Therefore, if you do not select your child's meals online then they won't be able to have their food selection and/or we may not be able to provide them with a lunch at all.

Meal orders should be selected on School Grid, which is available HERE, no later than 8.30am each morning. However, you can book in advance of this.

INSPIRE SESSIONS

Our Y3 teachers are looking forward to welcoming parents/carers to their INSPIRE session next Friday (27.11.26) at 9.00am.

INSPIRE sessions are a great way to work with your child in school and see how they are taught in an English or Maths session. The dates for any remaining sessions are available to view HERE.

STAFFING NEWS

This week, we have welcomed Ms Heminsley to our team of teaching assistants. She works across Y1 & YR so do say hello if you do see her around.

We would also like to wish Ms Eccleshall (from our admin team) and her fiancé lots of love as they get married this weekend. From next week, she will be known as Mrs Ward.

SEND UPDATES

If your child has special educational needs or disabilities (SEND), you will have been emailed recently with an updated Individual Education Plan (IEP).

IEPs are updated three times a year and outline how your child's needs are being supported in school. Please do speak to the class teacher if you have any questions

If you have more general SEND questions, or would like to meet other parents/carers of children with SEND, come along to our next coffee morning on **04.12.26** at **9.00am**.

TRIPS

Each year we book one off-site educational visit (trip) for Y1 – Y6 children. These are booked prior to the summer holidays so that parents/carers have as much notice as possible about the costs of these.

The trips (see HERE) include transport, insurance, entrance fee and activities. Remember, we **DO NOT** make a profit on these. As the costs simply break even, unless we collect enough payments from families, we regret that the trips could be cancelled.

Please do check the individual letters on our website HERE to check when your child's trip payment is due.



DATE	EVENT	DATE	EVENT
20.11.26	PANTO DAY – Beauty & the Beast	04.12.26	SEND coffee morning – 9.00am
23.11.26	PTA non-uniform day 1: bottles	07.12.26	PTA non-uniform day 3: sweets/chocs
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	07.12.26	Attendance Shop – **OPEN TODAY**
27.11.26	Mixed team football tournament – AM	10.12.26	Deadline for Y1 trip payments
27.11.26	Y3 INSIRE session – 9.00am	11.12.26	EYFS Nativity – 9.30am OR 2.00pm
30.11.26	PTA non-uniform day 2: filled mugs	14.12.26	**NO CLUBS THIS WEEK**
30.11.26	Spring club payments – DUE	14.12.26	PTA Christmas Fayre (in school time)
02.12.26	Deadline to order Christmas lunch	14.12.26	PTA Christmas Market – 3.30pm
04.12.26	Y6 Plas Gwynant – final payments DUE	15.12.26	Christmas party day/dress up day

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