



YEW TREE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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E-Safety...

Technology moves at such a fast pace that it can be difficult to keep up-to-date with the different sites/apps which children access. Even when you know what they access, it is an almost impossible task to understand the risks if you don't understand the way different apps or sites operate or the purpose of these platforms.

We recognise the challenges parents/carers face, in their role in helping to keep children safe online, which is why we release a monthly e-safety newsletter. Please do read these when they are posted on Dojo as they do contain valuable information. In case you missed it, the latest version is available [HERE](#).

In addition, the e-safety page of our website contains lots of other useful tips and information. This includes information about age restrictions on apps, guidance around blocking and reporting content and a whole load of other information. Do take a look [HERE](#) to explore the page in detail.

At school, we regularly and actively teach the children about online behaviour and e-safety but we absolutely rely on parental support with this. We neither have the capacity or desire to monitor children's online activity outside of school so trust parents, as partners, to do this. Therefore, please always get in touch with your child's class teacher with any questions. Our E-Safety lead, Ms Kaur, will also be popping along to our Chit Chat session in January to chat all things e-safety.

Mr Jamie Barry



Our attendance TARGET is 96%.

"Be in to win...!"

This year, we have seen a big increase in the number of families requesting leave of absence during term time.

Whilst we appreciate the honesty on applications, please remember unauthorised absence could lead to penalty notices or prosecution as detailed [HERE](#).

CHRISTMAS – GIFTS & CARDS

We know how much financial pressure Christmas can cause for families. We already ask for some money, to cover Christmas activities, so we are careful to limit any further costs beyond this.

With that in mind, we ask that parents/carers **DO NOT** send in cards for children to exchange as this has a cost implication for families and is not good for our environment. Similarly, whilst we appreciate the kind thoughts and sentiment, staff **DO NOT** accept gifts at this time of year.

If parents/carers would like to contribute something, which will benefit the Yew Tree family, we shall be accepting donations of food items (with some Christmas treats), or some unwanted (but good condition) toys, on **FRIDAY 5th DECEMBER**. Following this, Ms Melia will organise community hampers as well as a free toy collection session to support families that need presents for children.

WATER BOTTLES

As we have communicated recently, please remember that children should only bring any water/drinks to school in **PLASTIC** bottles.

Children are **NOT** permitted to bring drinks in stainless steel/metal bottles or Stanley style drinking cups.

Thank you for your support with this.

STAFFING NEWS

We are pleased to confirm that Mr Lockley joins our teaching assistant team, working in class 4C, just before the Christmas holiday.

Ms Griffiths also retires from our cleaning team, at the end of term, after many years valued service. We shall miss her but we are pleased Ms Kordie joins our team in January.

FOOTBALL NEWS

Congratulations to our mixed Y5 & Y6 football team for their recent performance at the West Brom Albion Academy. Following their scores in the Utilita Football Kids' Cup qualifiers, against 16 local schools, they secured a spot in the next round.

Good luck to our girls' football team who compete in their tournament soon. We shall be watching with excitement. #UpTheTrees

SEND COFFEE MORNING

If your child has special educational needs or disabilities, then why not come along to our next SEND coffee morning on:

FRIDAY 5th DECEMBER at 9.00am

This is an informal opportunity to meet with our Inclusion Leader & Assistant SENDCO as well as meet other parents/carers.

ACTIVE TRAVEL

It is great to see so many children walk to school or travel on bike or scooter. Remember, even if you have to drive, do park around the corner so your child can walk the last bit of the journey on foot.

As a Modeshift School, we promote active travel so do click [HERE](#) to find out about what this means for your child.



FSM VOUCHERS

If your child is eligible, and registered with the Council, for Free School Meals (FSM) then you will be sent a **£40** supermarket voucher ahead of the Christmas break.

These vouchers are funded by Sandwell Council so, even if your child does not have a meal every day, it is worth ensuring you are registered by [CLICKING HERE](#).

NB: If you are already registered, you DO NOT need to do anything else at this stage. Keep an eye out for further details, in the next few weeks, about the vouchers and when/how to download them.

PTA NEWS

Our PTA are now very busy preparing for our Christmas Fayre & market which is on:

MONDAY 15th DECEMBER

The Christmas Fayre takes place during the school day for those who have purchased Christmas tickets. The Christmas Market takes place, for anyone who wants to attend, at 3.30pm on that day.

To help prepare for the Fayre, we are holding a series of non-uniform days in return for donations as follows:

- 24.11.25 – bottles
- 01.12.25 – filled mugs
- 08.12.25 – sweets/biscuits/chocs

DATE	EVENT	DATE	EVENT
21.11.25	Panto Day – Robin Hood	05.12.25	Deadline for Y6 residential payments
21.11.25	Deadline for SPRING club applications	05.12.25	SEND coffee morning – 9.00am
24.11.25	PTA Non-Uniform Day – bottles	05.12.25	Deadline to order Christmas lunch
26.11.25	Y4 residential to Frank Chapman	08.12.25	PTA non-uniform day – sweets/chocs
26.11.25	Creative Arts Day - Christmas	12.12.25	EYFS Nativity – 9.30am
26.11.25	Unicef Ambassador meeting - PM	15.12.25	Father Christmas Zoom call – 9.00am
28.11.25	Y3 INSPIRE session – 9.00am	15.12.25	PTA Christmas Fayre & Market
01.12.25	PTA Non-Uniform Day – filled mugs	15.12.25	Deadline for SPRING club payments
02.12.25	Peer Mediator meeting – PM	16.12.25	Y3 recorder assembly – 9.00am
03.12.25	WBA football tournament – girls	16.12.25	Christmas lunch day
05.12.25	Deadline for hamper/toy donations	17.12.25	Party day/dressing up day