



Primary School Applications

Don't forget that Primary School applications can still be made online until 15th January 2021 for Reception places for September next year. A virtual open day tour is available to view on our website giving lots of information about our school.

Please ensure you get your applications in on time and don't miss out on making your choice of school for your child.

Contributions for the food bank are still coming in and have been a huge help to our school community – your donations have been very generous and is greatly appreciated.

Should anyone feel they need support from the food bank, please have a word with a member of SLT before or after school or contact the office.

This term has been a huge learning curve for everyone and I would like to thank our pupils who have continued to come into school full of enthusiasm every day. Whilst there have been many changes made to their school day, they continue to adjust and bring fun, laughter and a sense of normality at a very uncertain time.

This time of year is usually a very busy time in school and whilst we are unable to do the things we would normally do, there are still lots of fun things happening within individual classes. Whilst it is disappointing that we are not allowed to share this with parents, I am sure you understand the reasons for this.

Please do take advantage of the many things we have managed to create on-line and virtually so that you are kept as involved as possible.

Please continue to keep us up to date with changes to email addresses, telephone numbers and reporting absences in order for us to keep you informed and I urge you to check the school website regularly as this is constantly being updated and contains a huge amount of important information, especially the COVID-19 Advice & Support page. Have a lovely break and I look forward to seeing you all in January.

Mrs Gaynor Lawson-Mills



Have a fabulous holiday! See you on Monday 4th January.



Changes to collection arrangements

If you need to send someone else to collect your child at the end of the school day, please ensure you contact the school office with details of the person you are sending to collect so they can make teacher aware. Also, please ensure whoever is collecting has the password.

Please remember that you can keep up to date and involved with YPS and all the pupils through the YPS and individual class Twitter accounts, our school Facebook page and our blogs on the school website. This is more important than ever for remote learning, when required, and due to the fact that parents can't currently have the contact with teachers that they would ordinarily have.



Virtual Christmas Show

I hope you enjoyed the virtual Christmas Show. Everyone had a fabulous time making it! We are always looking at how parents can be involved in school activities now they are not able to come on site. If you missed it you can still view it throughout the festive season by visiting:

yardleyschool.com/christmas

There will be no individual attendance certificates issued to pupils this term. I recognise that a large number of parents and pupils have followed guidance and taken tests and isolated when required to do so. As a result, I don't feel it is appropriate to celebrate attendance when some pupils have had no other alternative but not to attend school. I would like to commend all pupils who have attended school when they should and all pupils who have isolated when they should and kept the rest of our school safe.

If your child develops any Covid symptoms and you are unsure of whether your child should attend school please contact the school office.

I would like to thank all our parents and pupils for their support and understanding throughout the term. We have had to make a number of changes since returning to school in September and we are very lucky to have such wonderful pupils and such a caring school community. Thank you for everything and I hope you have a lovely break. 😊



Parents' Evening

As you know, Parents' Evening this year was very different to how it is usually run. It was important that parents were given the opportunity to speak to teacher, if they wanted, and find out how their child was progressing. This was a new way for us to communicate with parents and I would like to thank those parents who persevered and adapted to using the computer and mobile devices. Although there were a few teething issues, overall it was a very successful event and many parents commented that this approach was more helpful for them and helped them to attend whilst still at work.

Remote Learning:

Thank you to all families who have accessed their remote learning whilst working at home.

In the event of children needing to spend time away from school, all remote learning resources for pupils in Years 2-6 will be uploaded to the Purple Mash platform. This can be found by visiting our school website and clicking on the Purple Mash button. Alternatively, please visit <https://www.purplemash.com/sch/yardley-b26> .

Pupils need to use their school login information when logging in to Purple Mash. For pupils in Reception and Year 1 work packs will be provided to support individuals when working at home. If a whole class is isolating, class Twitter accounts will be used to share remote learning resources.