

# YARNFIELD NEWS

## Principal's message

Happy New Year and welcome back to all of our parents/carers and children. This term we will be focussing on preparing year 2 and year 6 children for their upcoming SAT's. We hope you can support your children in this challenging time. Please look out for our new winter menu, we will be sending these out next week.

Mrs Jandu.



Yarnfield Primary School  
SUMMIT LEARNING TRUST

Parent Governor Vacancies

New Lunch Menu

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> January 2019

**Reception** have been exploring rhythm in our African Drumming workshop this week. Sarah taught us some different beats we could play on various African Drums. We used Djembe, talking drums and shakers. We had so much fun making music.



**Year 2** have been busy completing their practise SATs tests this week. To give their minds a rest we have been doing lots of art in the afternoon. We have focussed on the artist Jackson Pollock and children have learned about him and looked at what abstract art is. Children came up with many different ideas of what they can see in his work. We then created some 'drip painting' which is a style of painting Pollock is most famous for. Take a look at some of our artwork!



**Year 3** have had an exciting start to our new topic 'Heroes and Villains', kicked off by an intruder in our classroom! The children have been great detectives and have managed to use the clues they have found to piece together an idea of who the villain is! They have started to produce some wonderful work on 'Character Descriptions' and have thought of some really fantastic adjectives. We can't wait to see what's in store next!

**Year 4** were transported to India to start their new topic 'Road trip to India'. We watched clips from Bollywood films, tasted traditional Indian sweets, and looked at Indian clothing, jewellery and other artefacts. We are looking forward to learning more about India in our new topic.



### **The Terrific Tudors!**

On Friday, **Year 5** went back in time during our Tudor Experience Day. We had a fantastic day creating our own coat of arms, producing portraits of Tudor monarchs and sitting down to a Tudor Banquet.



As part of our drive for success, **Year 6** have introduced new groups for reading, writing, maths and arithmetic. Each child has had chance to discuss their learning with their teacher and how we are all going to go 'the extra mile' in order to achieve our goals.

**DRAGONS**  
Powerful and Determined

**PHOENIX**  
Bright and Resilient

**THUNDERBIRDS**  
Powerful and Intelligent

**GRIFFIN**  
Strong and Wise

How will you demonstrate these characteristics?

## Polite Notice

We would like to remind parents/carers about parking outside of school, please consider residence and the safety of our children.

We would also like to remind parents and carers that scooters and other outdoor equipment are for Yarnfield children, in school time, under the supervision of teachers. We cannot be held responsible for any injuries outside of school hours.

## foodbank APPEAL

**URGENT APPEAL** for volunteers who would be prepared to go to the main Foodbank warehouse in Tyseley to help sort the very large amount of food which has been given.

ANY TIME that can be spared between 10 AM and 3 PM Monday to Friday with the exception of Wednesday afternoon would be valuable. This is a short-term appeal and you do not have to be a registered volunteer with the Foodbank.

If you're interested either talk to the coordinator, Les Allen, on (07725) 258448 or to me, Brian Cove, on (07595) 756721.

**A word of warning. The warehouse is very, very cold and if you decide to go you will need to be wrapped up!**

**[ URGENT APPEAL ]**

## VACANCY

The Governing body currently has two vacancies for parent governor to serve for a period of up to four years. Joining the Governing Body as a Parent Governor offers you the opportunity to make a real contribution to the life and work of your child's school. Governor's play a key role in the leadership of the school and appoint key staff, oversee the budget and ensure that legal requirements are met. Being a governor can be very rewarding and will provide you with the opportunity to meet new people, gain new skills and contribute towards raising school standards. Don't worry if you have no experience as full training and support is available from the Summit Learning Trust and your colleagues on the Governing Body.

You will not be required to assist in the day to day running of the school, but you will be asked to attend three governors meeting per year, one each term.

If you're interested in applying please send us an email at [enquiry@yarnfieldprimary.org.uk](mailto:enquiry@yarnfieldprimary.org.uk)

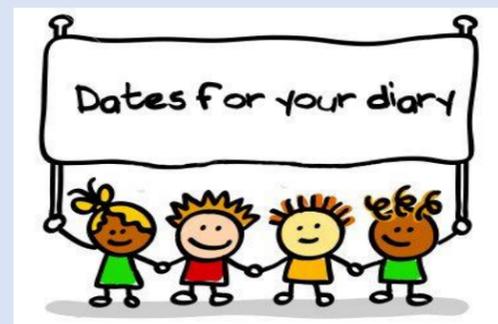
Which year groups have the highest attendance this year so far?.....

Reception	94.96
Year 1	94.61
Year 2	96.11
Year 3	95.15
<b>Year 4</b>	<b>97.97</b>
Year 5	95.55
Year 6	95.11
OVERALL	95.66



Let's try our best to get ourselves into school every day and see if we can reach the target of 97% next time!

It is very important to come to school every day. If you are absent – your friends miss you and you will miss out on crucial learning for the day. We follow the Trust Policy on attendance and value your support. Mr Hendrickson is always on call at school to support and give advice.



**15<sup>th</sup> February** – Break up for half term

**25<sup>th</sup> February** – Children return to school