

# February 2019

## YARDLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL

### Spring 1 NEWSLETTER



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#### Lunchtime Meal Arrangements

Please can I remind parents of the options for lunchtime:-

1. School dinners all week.
2. Packed lunches all week.

Can you ensure children choose one of the options and if they choose to change options complete the appropriate form at the office.

#### Bicycle Safety

It is lovely to see children riding their bicycles to school but I have noticed that not all children are wearing helmets.

Unfortunately accidents do happen. Every year children are taken to hospital with injuries caused from riding a bike and a lot of these are head injuries which is why helmets are so important.

If you establish the helmet habit early when children first start to cycle, they learn to wear helmets whenever they ride and it will become a habit of a lifetime. Keep safe!



**Pupils will return to school on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> February**



It was lovely to welcome everyone back to school and to hear their stories about their celebrations during the holidays.

It has been another busy half term and assemblies and workshops have started again. There is a full programme of events planned when we come back after half term 1 and look forward to seeing you celebrate your child's achievements and take part in upcoming workshops.

Thank you for your continued support!

**Ms Gaynor Moore**

#### Building Works

As you know the final stage of our planned building works started on 6<sup>th</sup> February to convert the existing field to an all weather sports area which will be used for a whole range of sporting and educational activities.

Although there will be some disruption during the planned works, this is a necessary and much needed project which will enable us to use this area safely and consistently throughout the year.

I would like to thank you for your patience and ask that you supervise your children in the playground during this time as some areas will be out of bounds.



There are an increasing number of mobile phones being brought into school unnecessarily. Children are not allowed their phone during school hours and they should only be brought into school if they are walking to and from school on their own. Parents are asked to provide a letter confirming their child is walking alone.

Phones were accepted in school for Year 6 pupils in preparation for Secondary School as they start to become more independent. Please support school by not allowing your child to bring phones in unless needed.



Thank you to all those children who are getting to school before 'five to nine'. 😊  
Keep this up so you don't miss out on anything! 😊

*Please remember that you can keep up to date and involved with YPS and all the pupils through the YPS and individual class twitter and the blogs on the school website.*

#### Dates:

All the dates for events throughout the 2018-19 academic year are on the website. We hope that we do not have to make many changes to these dates but please continue to check the website just in case we have circumstances that mean we need to make changes.

Should you require a paper copy of the events for the year, one can be obtained from the main office.

Please ensure you check the website regularly as letters do not go out for every event in school and there are occasional changes.



**Have a fabulous holiday!**  
**See you on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> February** 😊

#### CHILDREN COLLECTED DURING THE SCHOOL DAY

The school office have noticed an increase in the number of children being collected during the school day. I understand there are occasions when there is no option but to collect children early eg, hospital appointments, but it would be appreciated if parents were mindful and looked at arranging routine appointments outside of school time.

Children are also collected early for family emergencies. Please can you consider if it is necessary to collect early or whether you are able to make alternative arrangements. Time out of school adds up and affects your childrens' learning.