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**YARDLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL**  
**Autumn 1 NEWSLETTER**

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It was lovely to welcome pupils back into school in September even though the school day is very different to what they have been used to. I am thrilled that our pupils have shown themselves to be so adaptable and have picked up the new routines and are adhering to them with minimal fuss.

I am especially proud of our new Reception children who have settled in really well and have adjusted to school life brilliantly!

The past few weeks have been a huge learning curve for everyone and there have been a number of changes we have had to make since returning to school as guidance keeps being updated. It is imperative that parents 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 frequently asked questions and answers. I am certain that if we work together, we can manage what is a very unusual time for us all.

**Mrs Gaynor Lawson-Mills**

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to the food bank – your donations have been very generous and is greatly appreciated.

The food bank is needed by many of our school community more than ever at the moment. 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.



**Have a fabulous holiday! See you on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November. ☺**

**Primary and Secondary School Applications**

Applications can be made online from 1<sup>st</sup> October 2020 until 15<sup>th</sup>

January 2021 for Reception places for September next year. Secondary school applications will close on 31<sup>st</sup> October 2020.

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

**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.**

**Late drop off and collection to school**

I would like to thank parents for their cooperation with the staggered start and finish times to the school day. Unfortunately, I have noticed that there are a number of children who are late arriving at school regularly and there have also been some late collections at the end of the school day. Please can you make sure that you drop off and collect within the 15 minute time slot to ensure the smooth running of school. I

understand that there may be occasions when unexpected things occur but this should be a one off. Children who are late for school regularly are missing a vital part of the school day and late arrivals cause particular difficulties at the moment given the changes to the start of the school day.

**Thank you for your cooperation.**



### Parking Around School

Once again there have been complaints regarding parking on Harvey Road and the surrounding streets since we returned to school.

I know drop offs and collections are unusual, with staggered start and finish times, but it is still important we are respectful and considerate to residents and other members of the community. Therefore, please take care when parking and driving in the vicinity of school.

The police have been in attendance monitoring this part of the day and a number of tickets have been issued to parents.

As always, thank you to those parents who do drop off and pick up safely and respectfully.

### Payments/Correspondence to the School Office

As parents are unable to come to the school office, we have fitted a black post box in both KS1 and KS2 playgrounds where you can post items to the office.

Dinner money should be put in a sealed envelope and clearly marked with your child's name, class and what the payment is for before being put in the post box. Please do not send payment in loose or through class teachers.

Please ensure you send your child to school with everything they need for the day to reduce unnecessary trips to school.



We are currently working hard to ensure that we can provide all parents with virtual parents' evening appointments after the half term break. We will contact you at the start of next half term to share with you how and when this will happen. Should you need contact with your child's teacher before then, as always, you can contact the office or speak to a member of SLT on the playground.

We are very lucky to have such wonderful pupils and such a supportive school community. Thank you for everything this half term and have a lovely break. 😊



### 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.