



the **enquire**  
learning trust

# Newsletter



It was good to hear that so many of you were able to attend **Parents Evenings**, earlier this week. If for whatever reason you couldn't get into school please contact your child(ren)'s teacher via the school office to arrange an appointment at your convenience.

It was also great to see families in school in September for our '**Open Friday**' after school session. We received really positive feedback about the way the school year had started, with representatives from the Trust being able to share the celebrations. We will repeat this at the start of term 2 in January.



We welcomed parents of our **Y6 pupils** into school last week to share the work they have done which was inspired by Yarm Fair. The team work required was a real challenge, so the children should be congratulated on the quality of their work. This week we have a Roman day, Teddy Bear's picnic and two school trips; with so much else having already gone on – it's been a busy and exciting ½ term of learning.

**The MacMillan coffee morning** raised £213.10 - thank you to everyone who supported this event and to School Council for hosting. We are working this week with School Council on our diary of events around charity and fund raising and will update the 'Big Planner' on the website accordingly. This group have been busy and are currently working on their project around *Making Playtimes Great!*

Our alternative Harvest assembly was an opportunity to relaunch our '**Food Bank Friday**' initiative. Thank you to everyone who contributed and well done to KS1 for 'winning' the design a scarecrow competition. The family of scarecrows will be popping up all over the site (after ½ term – when hopefully the rain will be less of a threat!). And remember – 'At Yarm Primary, every Friday is a Food Bank Friday!'





Thank you to Taylor Wimpey for contributing some road safety bands to lower school – as presented to our KS1 School Council reps earlier in the month. The rest of the school have been given a 'high vis jacket' reflector, sponsored by our IT service provider OneIT – we hope these support safety around the streets/roads in the dark months ahead.

Since the last newsletter we have had some **brilliant news** which is lovely to share: Congratulations to Mrs Brunskill on the birth of her 2<sup>nd</sup> daughter, Ella. We are very much looking forward to meeting her.

Following meetings about our **Residential programme** there is still time to 'sign up' before the deadline.

Reminder that the deadline for **photograph orders** is Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November.

**Did you know?**

The following people have responsibilities as part of the statutory duty for **safeguarding**:

Designated person – Jill Wood

Deputy Designated personnel – Vicki Hughes & Jayne Barber

Enquire Learning Trust safeguarding officer – Jaimie Holbrook

Special Educational Needs Coordinator (SENCo) – Jayne Barber

Enquire Learning Trust Special Educational Needs officer – Anne Munroe

All these people are contactable via the main school office.

The **smarties initiative** is proving very popular – thank you for all who are supporting this – we hope the children are doing lots of 'jobs' for their 20p's! Thank you also for supporting us in completing the **Aldi sticker posters** (almost 3 complete – a brilliant effort!) – we will let you know what this 'earns' us after the closing date.

Some parents have been asking about the dates for the Christmas performances so here they are:

Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> December	KS1 performance 10.00am KS2 performance 2.00pm
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup>	Early Years performances: 10.00am & 2.00pm
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup>	KS2 performance 10.00am KS1 performance 2.00pm
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup>	KS2 performance 10.00am

After half term we will send out a **Christmas dates** update with other exciting events – watch this space!!!!

On the subject of the festive season, a big THANK YOU to Mellors for donating crackers for Christmas lunch day

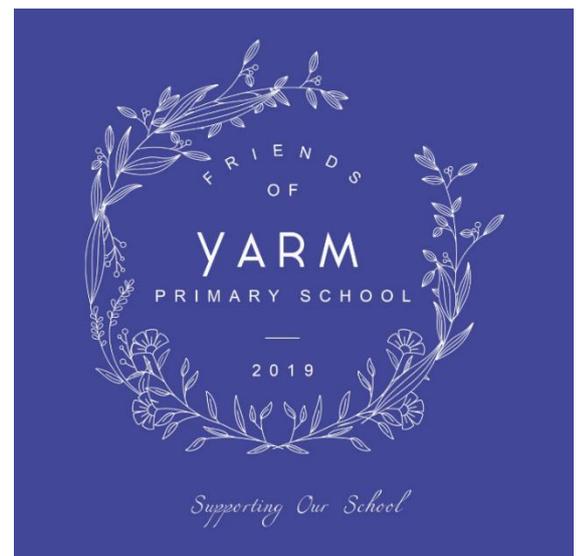


This year we will have a whole school focus on 1970, as we build up to the celebration of our 50<sup>th</sup> birthday in the summer. We have lots of things planned and Mrs Grey has agreed to be our 'Birthday Queen' (as she was part of the cohort who were the first to start at what was then Yarm Junior School). We would like you to start to think about any family or friends who could share their perspective on school life in 1970 with your children, as we aim to use this 'real life history' to help the children understand the era in a more authentic way. Thank you.

We hope that you have received the information about the 'Friends of' group – but just in case, you missed it:

*We are pleased to announce the launch of 'Friends of Yarm Primary School'. This is a friendly and fun group open to all parents, friends and families of children at Yarm Primary School, set up to support each other and the school. Look out for our posters appearing soon! We want to support the school's environmental and recycling ethos, and are going to hold second hand uniform collections - please bring any unwanted uniform to the school office and leave in the designated collection bins. We will aim to hold our first 'Preloved Uniform Sale' in the New Year! Also next half term we will be advertising a Christmas jumper collection - we will hold a 'Preloved Christmas Jumper Sale' towards the end of term! If you're keen to find out more, we would like to invite everyone to attend our first AGM, which will be held in the large school hall on **Tuesday 19th November at 19:30**. No obligation, just hopefully a fun night and some gentle brainstorming!*

*From the FOYPS committee*



We hope that you have a good break and get to spend some great family time.

We close for the break today (26<sup>th</sup> October) at 3.30pm and will reopen on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November at 8.55am.

We look forward to seeing every one back safe and well.

Jill Wood