

Head's Message

Happy New Year to you all! It has been lovely to feel the school roar into life this week with the return of pupils and staff for the Spring Term. Tales of adventure, festive activities and family time enjoyed during the break have been readily shared and enjoyed by all. The dawn of a new term also brings the excitement of new topics, activities and challenges that lie ahead for us all. We have been thinking about our new termly targets in our assemblies this week and how having a Growth Mindset approach can help us achieve our goals. One of my aims is to improve my cartwheels. As you can see, I have a long way to go! However, with the right attitude, application and support I will get there. I hope that the children will be ambitious in setting their termly goals in their prep diaries. I look forward to supporting them achieve their aims in due course.

We look forward to welcoming current and prospective families to our Open Morning this Saturday. This is a great opportunity to come and see how we are promoting different areas of learning across the curriculum. Staff and pupils will be on hand to guide you through Virtual Reality expeditions, Outdoor Education and sporting adventures, STEM challenges and craft based activities. There is also the chance to tour the school and chat to members of staff. Please do invite your friends and family and come along too.

As of next week we will be moving to a predominantly digital edition of the Phoenix Flier and Little Phoenix in response to a growing demand for an online version. Paper copies will still be available from the School Office. Please request a paper copy from the School Office if you still wish to have a hard copy each week.

Bill Sawyer

Head's Challenge: John says to Martha, "I always lie." Is John lying or telling the truth?



Photo of the Week: There were plenty of highlights during the last week of term, including the Carol Service, Christmas dinner and Carols by the Bonfire. Highlights can be found inside.

Autumn Term Awards Assembly



Honours – Autumn 2019 - Colours and Prizes

Rugby colours

Henry Bottomley, Oliver Blake, Deacon Hughes, Paddy Key, James Goodall, Harvey Dawson, Mustafa El-Sherif

Music colours

James Goodall, Jude Crack, Gracie Rhodes-Hildreth, Ivy Addison, Elizabeth Neilson, Naila Krishnamoorthy, Sam Shawcross

Hockey Colours

Mara Morrison, Eva Leadbitter, Darcey Allcock, Naila Krishnamoorthy, Ivy Addison, Claudia Carter, Gracie Rhodes-Hildreth, Tilly Pallent-Home

Chess Colours

Adi Paul, Aryan Nalawade, Sabeeh Qureshi, Lily Cox, Elizabeth Neilson, Kate Howell, Isobel McGlade

Digital Leaders

Kabir Gandhi, Adam Paul, Patrick Ward

Art Competition

1st—Sienna Hyndman

2nd - Will Foster

3rd—Alisha Thakkar

House Rugby

1st - Stephenson

=2nd - Telford, Brunel; 4th - Arkwright.

House Hockey

1st - Telford

2nd - Arkwright; 3rd - Stephenson; 4th - Brunel.

House Table Tennis

1st - Stephenson

2nd - Telford; =3rd - Arkwright, Brunel.

House Points FOR THE TERM:

	1st	Stephenson	5687
2nd	Telford	5185	(502 behind leader)
3rd	Brunel	4879	(808 behind leader)
4th	Arkwright	4802	(885 behind leader)

You are warmly invited to a
Maths at Yarm Preparatory School
 Information Event for R-Y6 Parents
 Monday 13th January 2020, 4 – 4.45pm
 Prep School Hall

- ✓ Counting
- ✓ CPA
- ✓ Maths Vocabulary
- ✓ Mastery
- ✓ Supporting at home



- ✓ R-Y6 Overview
- ✓ Resources
- ✓ Reasoning
- ✓ Problem Solving
- ✓ Workshops



*How does the school teach number?
 Why are mistakes important?
 How can I support my child at home?
 What websites can I use at home?*

Please fill in the slip below to indicate whether you will be attending the Maths at Yarm Preparatory School event and return to Miss Algate or Miss Richardson via your child's Form Teacher.

Name of child: Form:

I/we will be attending the Maths at Yarm Preparatory School Event on Monday 13th January 2020 my child will/will not be attending after school care.

Yarm Preparatory School, Grammar School Lane, Yarm TS15 9ES

Telephone: 01642 781447

Christmas at Yarm



Lunchtime and After School Clubs – Spring Term 2020

	Activity	Times	Venue	Year	Policy	Staff
Monday	Guitar Orchestra	10.20-10.50am	Music Room	All	Invited by Teacher	SBH
	Homework/School Library	12.35-1pm	Library	All	Open to All	WECS/KEJ
	Senior Choir	12.35-1pm	Music Room	Y5/Y6	Open to All	RG
	Arty Monday	1-1.30pm	Art Room	All	Open to All	AW
	Prep Baccalaureate	1-1.30pm	4C	All	Open to All	GNS
	Chess Coaching	1-1.40pm	DT Room	All	Open to All	Mr Marsh/JG
	Eco School	1.10-1.40pm	Science Lab	Y4/Y5/Y6	Open to All	AP
	Monday Concerts (fortnightly)	3:45-4pm	Music Room	All	Open to All	RG
	Dance Workshop	4-5pm	Senior School Studio	Y5/Y6	Booked in Advance	Jess Dunkley
Football Skills	4-5pm	Astro	Y3-6	Booked in Advance	Back2Basics	
After School Supervision*	3:45-6pm	Playground/Science Lab	All	Open to All	ELJ	
Tuesday	Indoor Hockey	8.10-8.30am	Prep Hall	Y3/Y4	Open to All	NERS
	Advanced Recorder Group	10.20-10.45am	Music Room	Y6	Invited by Teacher	AS
	Training Choir	12.35-1pm	Music Room	Y3/Y4	Open to All	RG
	School Library	12.35-1pm	Library	All	Open to All	KEJ
	STEM	1-1.30pm	DT Room	Y3/Y4	Open to All	RS
	Art Attack	1-1.30pm	Art Room	All	Open to All	AW
	Prep Baccalaureate	1-1.30pm	4C	All	Open to All	GNS
	Rugrats	3.45-4.15pm	Prep Hall	Y2	Open to All	Andy Dryden
	Kick Boxing	4.15-5.15pm	Prep Hall	Y3/Y4/Y5/Y6	Booked in Advance	Garry Bell
	Girls' Rugby	4-5pm	Astro (half)	All	Open to All	JJC/CJS/KLH
	STEM	4-5pm	DT Room	Y5/Y6	Open to All	JG
	Mindfulness - Hama Beads	4-5pm	4J	All	Open to All	KEJ
After School Supervision*	3:45-6pm	Playground/Science Lab	All	Open to All	ELJ	
Wednesday	Y5/6 Reading Group	8.05-8.25am	3P	Y5/Y6	Invited by Teacher	JP/AP
	Morning Mile Club	8.15-8.30am	Astro	Y2-Y6	Open to All	JJC
	Year 3/4 Recorders	10.20-10.50am	Art Room	Y3/Y4	Open to Years 3/4	AS
	Flute Group	10.20-10.50am	Flute Room	All	Invited by Teacher	SB
	Brass Group	10.20-10.50am	Music Room	All	Invited by Teacher	CHi
	Cello Ensemble	10.20-10.50am	Cello Room	All	Invited by Teacher	RG
	Percussion Group	12.35-1pm	3P	All	Percussionists	IGH
	School Library	12.35-1pm	Library	All	Open to All	KEJ
	Year 4 Maths Workshop	12.35-1pm	5P	Y4	Invited by Teacher	SMP/GC
	Beginners Clarinet Group	1-1.30pm	Music Room	All	Open to All	AS
	Orchestra	1-1.30pm	Cello Room	All	Invited by Teacher	RG/RR
	Horse Riding	2:45-5.15pm	Kirklevington Stables	All	Extended Activity	HNJ
	Netball	2.50-5pm	Astro	Y5/Y6	Extended Activity	ANC/RBr
	Rugrats Rugby	3.45-4.15pm	Prep Hall	R/Y1	Open to Y2	Andy Dryden
Dance Workshop	4-5pm	Senior School	Y3/Y4	Booked in Advance	Jess Dunkley	
After School Supervision*	3:45-6pm	Playground/Science Lab	All	Open to All	ELJ	
Thursday	Y5/6 Reading Group	8.05-8.25am	Mrs Pawluk's Room	Y5/Y6	Invited by Teacher	JP/AP
	Tag Rugby	8.10-8.25am	Astro	Y1-Y6	Open to All	CIS
	Netball Shooting	8.10-8.30am	Playground	All	NERS	NERS
	Boys' Choir	12.35-1pm	Music Room	All	Open to All Boys	RG
	Harp Ensemble	12.35-1pm	Harp Room	All	All Harpists	SP
	Homework/School Library	12.35-1pm	Library	All	Open to All	KEJ
	Year 6 Maths Workshop	12.35-1pm	6B	Y6	Open to All	KLH/RBr/JP
	Year 5 Maths Workshop	12.35-1pm	5L	Y5	Open to All	ANC/HLH
	Art Attack	1-1.30pm	Art Room	All	Open to All	AW
	Digital Leaders	4-5pm	IT Suite	All	Open to All	GNS
	Cricket Nets	4-5pm	Prep/Senior Nets	Y5/6	Open to All	PDU/JJC
	Cross-Country/Urban Running	4-5pm	Prep School	All	Open to All	WECS
	Bakers (bookable via booking form)	4-5pm	Science Lab	Y3	Open to All (15 max)	SHD/GC
	Drama Club	4-5pm	4A	Y3/Y4/Y5	Open to All	AAR
	Grangetown Netball Hub	4-5pm	Playground	Y3/Y4	Open to All Girls	NERS/GW
	Table Tennis Coaching	4-5.30pm	Senior School	Y5/Y6	Booked in Advance	Dr Perry/MC
Phoenix Challenge	4-5pm	5P	Y4/Y5/Y6	Invited by Teacher	JP	
After School Supervision*	3:45-6pm	Playground/Science Lab	All	Open to All	ELJ	
Friday	Reading Club	8.10-8.25am	5J	Y5	Invited by Teacher	KEJ
	Cricket Nets	8.10-8.30am	Cricket Nets	All	Open to All	PDU
	Homework/School Library	12.35-1pm	Library	All	Invited by Teacher	KEJ/AP
	Theory Club	12.35-1pm	Music Room	All	Invited by Teacher	RG
	Plasticine Club	1-1.30pm	Art Room	All	Open to All	AW
	Prep Baccalaureate	1-1.30pm	4P	All	Open to All	GNS
	Digital Leaders	4-5pm	IT Suite	All	Open to All	GNS
	Gymnastics	4.15-5pm	School Hall	Y3/Y4/Y5/Y6	Booked in Advance	Charlotte Wilkinson
After School Supervision*	3:45-6pm	Playground/Science Lab	All	Open to All	ELJ	

* After School Supervision – charges apply from 4:30pm

PLEASE NOTE: We will also be adding Y3/4 Boys' Hockey on a Thursday after school for any children who are interested. Please just turn up and play!

Bridge House Collection

A huge thank you to everyone who took the time to create a winter care pack for the homeless this Christmas. Emma and Kevin were overwhelmed by the amount of donations and said it will all go an extremely long way to help!



Thank you all for supporting and encouraging the children to take part.

Miss Darbar



Natasha gains experience



Natasha Pointon has been continuing to make great progress in the world of chess recently. Here she is cutting the cake at the Hull Rapidplay event last weekend. In December, she also played in an U10 county match for Yorkshire against Lancashire. She lost, but this gave her experience of a long-play game for the county. Keep it up Natasha!

Speech and Drama

Our children love their Speech and Drama lessons. If you have ever wondered what we do or you have been considering registration for your child, here's a brief outline.

Speech and Drama learners are widely read in fiction and poetry and they each develop thoughtful appreciation of them through discussion and exploration in their Speech and Drama lessons. These initial experiences with text, teach

them to understand, interpret, evaluate and appreciate literature later in their academic journey when they will learn how to explore and then analyse linguistic and poetic techniques.

In addition, Speech and Drama helps develop a careful use of Standard English grammar, diction and articulation, gesture, body language, voice and presentation skills and above all, these skills foster a sense of engagement and personal confidence when children communicate one to one or in groups.

Our lessons may be booked one to one, in pairs or in small groups of three and incorporate a range of activities designed to help children build their skills. These include: body language awareness and techniques, breathing and vocal exercises, drama activities and sketches, which explore the theory and practice of acting for stage performance. These all enhance learner experience, making it fun and hands on!

Speech

- Speech activities focus on the way we speak, so we teach:
- Posture and breathing
- Articulation and diction
- Volume and projection
- Vocal tone and resonance
- Spelling and phonetics
- Accents
- Remediating common speech faults such as th/f confusion.
- Public speaking

Drama

- Drama activities focus on how we present ourselves, so we teach:
- Mime and movement
- Improvisation



- Gesture and body language
- Focus and concentration
- Characterisation and acting
- Storytelling
- Play-building

The subject is structured in much the same way as music syllabi and learners can progress up the grades from pre grade 1 to grade 8 by taking annual LAMDA examinations at school. Higher grades (from 6 to 8) are usually tackled in Senior School – earning UCAS points for University entry.

If you wish to register your child for lessons, please check at the School Office.

Mrs Ham-Ying

Emails from school

With the increasing number of emails we are sending to parents to reduce the amount of paper we use, we are finding some parents are finding these emails in their junk or spam folders.

Most email clients have their own rules on how to identify spam e-mails, things like the volume/frequency of emails received by the specific domain (in this case anything from @yarmschool.org) matched by how often they are opened or ignored by the recipient. They learn from regular behaviour and try to anticipate the needs of the user, but you can override this for specific senders.

Most if not all email clients have the option when selecting an e-mail to mark it as 'This is not spam' which informs the email client not to tag anything from us as spam in future. Also in most cases, adding our e-mail addresses (e.g sri@yarmschool.org, gns@yarmschool.org, etc) to your contacts list tells the spam classification that anything from a known contact is probably worth reading.

With us sending the newsletter via email from next week, please double-check that you have our accounts in your contacts and/or you mark us as not spam.

Mr Stone

Snacks at break

There is a morning break at which children can have milk if you wish. Please inform your child's form teacher if you would like your child to have this. Children are allowed to bring a couple of plain biscuits or a piece of fruit to eat at break time.

No chocolate, chocolate covered snacks, nuts, fruit flavoured items, processed food or crisps, please.

It is helpful to staff if parents assist us by ensuring that only snacks as detailed above are sent. Water in 'sports cap' bottles, clearly named, should be sent to school. Children are allowed access to water bottles throughout the school day and will be required to bring them on school trips / fixtures. Bottles should be taken home regularly for cleaning and refilling.

Internet Safety

Yarm School has recently become part of Parent Zone's Digital Schools Membership programme, recognising our commitment to keeping our pupils safer online and making sure we work with you to achieve this.

Our Digital Schools membership gives you FREE access to Parent Zone's Parent Lounge with:

- Online training;
- Expert advice and information on all things digital;
- Access to a free help service for all of your tech questions.

To get started, go to: <https://parentzone.org.uk/parents/discover-parent-lounge>

- Click on ENTER PARENT LOUNGE
- Click on the pink ADD TO CART button
- On the next page click CHECKOUT. You'll be asked to enter your email address.

On the next page you will need to enter the coupon code YarmSchool to ensure you have free access. Please click ADD COUPON once the code has been entered. The code gives you a 100% discount.

I cannot recommend the Parent Zone service highly enough. In this day and age, when we are teaching the children how to be good online citizens and how to stay safe online, it is imperative that parents are in the loop too. Parent Zone offers this support.

Please keep an eye on the Flier over the coming weeks. With Safer Internet Day coming up in February and every child participating in online safety lessons during computing, there will be plenty of ideas, tips and work to share with you all. There will also be some internet safety talks aimed directly at parents from PCSO Eric Barrett, taking place at the school on Tuesday 11th February.

Mr Stone

Coming up

Sat 11	Open Morning (9.30am-12noon)
Mon 13	Year 3 swimming recommences
	Stephenson House Duty
	Clubs and activities to begin
	Maths Information Afternoon (Prep Hall; 4pm)
Tue 14	Primary Schools Singing Day (PAA; 9.30am-2.30pm)
Wed 15	School Council (Lab; 1pm)
Fri 17	U10 Hockey v RGS Newcastle (away; 2.15pm start, 5pm return)
	U10 Netball v Queen Mary's (away; 2.15pm start, 4.30pm return)
	U11 Netball v Queen Mary's (home; 2.15pm start)
	U11 Hockey v Cundall Manor (away; 2pm depart, 3pm start, 5pm return)
	Senior School entrance assessments for Prep candidates (all morning)
Mon 20	World Religions Week
	Telford House Duty
	House Chess—Arkwright v Brunel, Stephenson v Telford
Tue 21	U8 Netball and Football Festival at St Olaves (12.30pm depart, 1.45pm start, 5pm return)
	Girls' Tag Rugby (mixed years) v Red House (away; 2.45pm depart, 4.30pm return)
Wed 22	Tempest class photographs
	Concert and Cake (Senior School; 4.30-5.30pm)
Thu 23	Quiz Club regional heat (Newcastle Prep School; 2pm start; 4.45pm return)
	Plant Day (including special lunch)
Fri 24	5P class assembly (Prep Hall; 10.20am; parents welcome)
	Prep New Year Disco (Prep Hall; 6-7.30pm)
	U10/11 Football v Barnard Castle (away; 1pm depart, 2pm start, 4.30pm return)
	U11 Girls' County Hockey Tournament (Senior Astro; 1.45pm start)

Form and House Captains

	Captain	Vice-Captain
3A	Harriet B.	Rehan K.
3D	Anjali R.	Udham C.
4C	Archie A.	Elena F-R.
4J	Thomas P.	George F.
4P	Katie C.	Anushri W.
5L	Ellie W.	Adam P.
5N	George W.	Sophie P.
5P	Banning Y.	Oscar L.
6B	Ameera R.	Luke W.
6G	Siri P.	Edward L.
6H	Jacob H.	Lilandra A.
Ark.	Tilly P-H.	Harvey D.
Bru.	Gracie R-H.	Ivy A.
Ste.	Patrick W.	Sienna S.
Tel.	Grace B.	Jasman S.

Head Teacher Awards: Y5: Sam L., Cooper N., Seren A. (2), Erin J., Connie G., Sarah A., Kabir G., Mattia L., Marshall P., Ava R., Freddie G.

Peer Mentor of the Week

Name: Alisha T.

Form: 6H

Best thing about school: Being with friends and all of the great opportunities.

Favourite cheese: Mexicana

Most exciting thing to happen in my life so far: Going to Mexico. Cancun Beach was amazing!

When I am older... I want to be an actress or something to do with animals.

Writing or typing? Typing

Ketchup or mayo? Neither.

Sun or snow? Sun

One wish: To ensure that everyone in the world who is starving has something to eat.

Alisha was nominated by a fellow peer mentor this week for being a good friend and a help to others around her. Thanks Alisha!

