



# Little Phoenix



## The Newsletter of Yarm Pre-Prep

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Mrs Speight's message ...

Chinese New Year was prevalent in all our minds, especially on Tuesday. Mr Davies stunned us with his choreography for the children's wonderful dragon dance around the playground and the singing was also superb. The Year 1 children participated in many activities including the writing of Chinese numerals and creating the most magnificent Chinese Dragon from paper plates and tissue paper. The dragon is currently being displayed in the Year 1 corridor for everybody to appreciate. I do wish you could have heard the children excitedly chattering as they arrived at school and saw the dragon. The Year 2 children have impressed me with their writing and are now the proud authors of a non-fiction book entitled 'China.' I wonder whether they can remember the key features of this genre? Mrs Barton also shared a fantastic presentation about her visit to China for her brother's wedding and the children were fascinated by how steep The Great Wall is and the food served at the wedding banquet. Enjoy the weekend. I am sure you have noticed the days are getting longer!

*Jeanne Speight*



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## Role Play

We love the domestic role play area in Nursery. It has been a home, a cafe, a shop and a hairdressers. The children have been using all of the resources very carefully and have also demonstrated super sharing skills.



## Year of The Tiger

The children in Reception have enjoyed a week filled with learning more about Chinese New Year. The highlight of the week was definitely the dragon dance they performed in the Pre-Prep garden!



## Happy Chinese New Year!

We were so lucky to have two experts on China in Year One, Huxley and Jayden, who did a wonderful job explaining to their friends about traditions and how they celebrate at home. Thank you boys. We cleaned and decorated our classrooms, studied Chinese numbers in maths and the afternoon was spent making a collaborative Chinese Dragon. Super team work Year One!



## Eco Club

The children from Eco Club noticed that the recent storms had created so much litter around our school site. They were extremely eager to tackle it and went armed with litter pickers to sort it out. There were lots of interesting objects found, including socks and masks! Please keep an eye out for the Litter Picking crew, as we continue to keep our school tidy.





**Internet Safety Talk for Parents—Wednesday  
9th February**

On Wednesday 9th February I will be hosting a talk about internet safety for parents, as part of our Internet Safety Week. It will take place via Zoom, commencing at 6.30pm and lasting no longer than an hour.

The purpose of this talk is to give you a broad overview of the digital landscape faced by our children today. It is ever-changing, but we aim to give you some guidance regarding the benefits and risks of being online, along with some practical advice on how to support your child and a look at how we support their digital citizenship at school. The talk is aimed at parents, and pupils are not expected to attend it as they will have been part of our Internet Safety Week assemblies during the week.

To help shape the presentation we would be very grateful if you could spend a few minutes completing this Google Form to give us your views regarding online safety matters: <https://forms.gle/hQ1EfprxZh4PGqUZ6>

To sign up for the Zoom talk on February 9th, please visit this link: [https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_hLMLjdoJRpmb6c6sR-YGOw](https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_hLMLjdoJRpmb6c6sR-YGOw)

Mr Stone

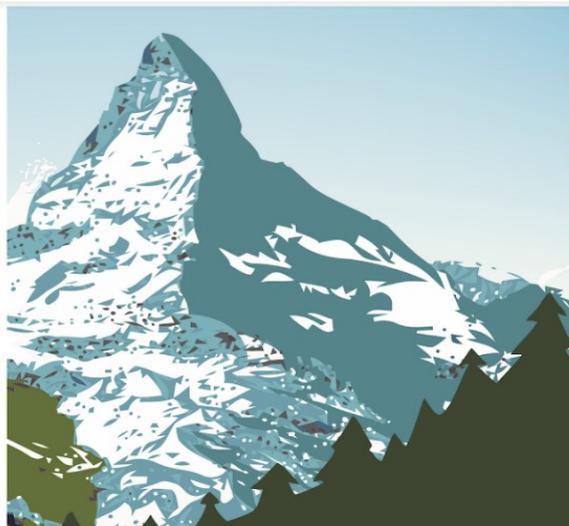
**Nursery Instagram**



The Nursery team have set up a new Instagram account. Please follow us @yarmschoolnursery

FRIDAY 11TH  
MARCH 2022

7:30PM - 11PM



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*featuring Lady V Saxophonist*

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ON YSA WEBSITE  
FRIDAY FEB 4TH  
[yarmschoolassociation.org](http://yarmschoolassociation.org)

TICKETS £15 PP

## Jeans for Genes on Rare Diseases Day—Monday 28th February

*As a school, we are asking all children to bring in £1 and come wearing jeans with their school uniform on Monday 28th February (the first day back after half-term). This is to raise money for The David Ashwell Foundation on Rare Diseases Day.*

In March 2011, Auden [5K] & Faye [15] Ashwell's big brother, David was born. Forty-eight hours after birth David became seriously ill. David died aged only 15 days from Alveolar Capillary Dysplasia (ACD).

The David Ashwell Foundation supports research into ACD, which is a very rare disease affecting the lungs of newborn babies. Babies with ACD may appear normal at birth but within minutes or hours they develop severe breathing difficulties. There is no treatment for ACD and as it is so rare, there has been little medical research into this devastating and usually fatal illness.

Since March 2011, The David Ashwell Foundation has raised over £250,000. The charity has funded eleven research grants to date and will fund further studies in 2022/23— providing answers to families who have lost babies and aiming to prevent the loss of babies from ACD in the future.

Join us on 28th Feb 2022 for Rare Disease Day and wear 'Jeans for Genes' to fundraise for our much needed research.

Thank you for supporting **The David Ashwell Foundation**.

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# February 28

Rare Disease Day 2022



**£1** Wear  
Jeans  
to School

In Memory of David Ashwell  
4/3/2011 - 19/3/2011

and join us in making the  
voices of rare diseases heard

The David Ashwell  
FOUNDATION

Donate £1 and wear jeans to school on Monday, February 28 to support Alveolar Capillary Dysplasia (ACD). ACD is a rare lung disease that results in an infant fatality in almost every occurrence.

The David Ashwell Foundation UK Charity number 1121783

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