



Little Phoenix



The Newsletter of Yarm Pre-Prep

Mrs Speight's message ...

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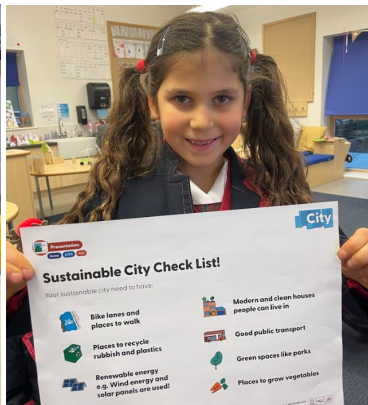
13th January 2023

A very warm welcome back to you all. It has been a joy to see the children in school and I have loved hearing their news about the Christmas holidays. Having time to spend with family and friends means so much to all of us. However, we are now back into the school routine and the children are thriving on being in the classroom with their Form Teachers and friends. As I arrived at 7.30am on Wednesday, Mr Davies was excitedly putting the whiteboards out for his pupils to practise their letter formation. I asked him about his day and the children in Reception were going to have a busy schedule! Our Nursery children have welcomed new children and have demonstrated to them how well they know their environment. Studying maps has enthused our Year 1 children and they have impressed me with their knowledge of our local area. The Year 2 children have incorporated their English and Geography lessons into their recent studies about sustainable cities. I am very much looking forward to our Open Morning on Saturday and showing families around our lovely school. Have a wonderful, relaxing weekend. Warmest wishes,

Joanne Speight



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Welcome Back to Nursery!

We have welcomed many new children to Nursery and have enjoyed hearing about everyone's adventures over the holidays. We have been spending time getting to know our new friends, playing together and trying to remember where everything goes at tidy up time!



Keeping Our School Tidy

The children in Reception have decided to take greater care of our environment as part of their New Year's resolutions. During their woodland session they used litter pickers to clean rubbish from the Adventure Trail at the Prep School.



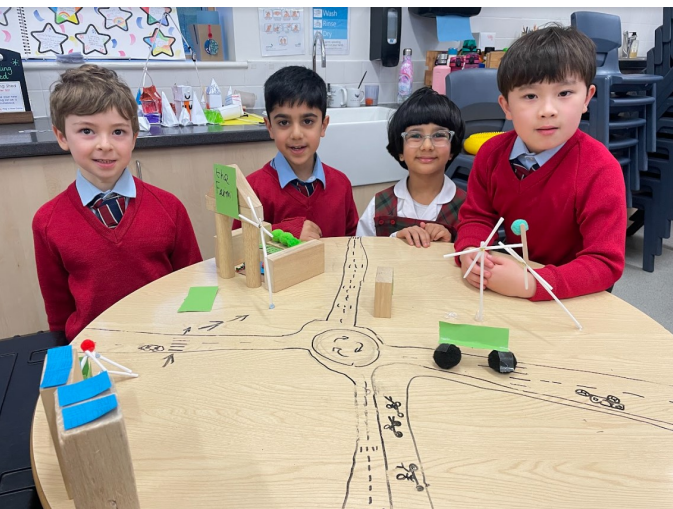
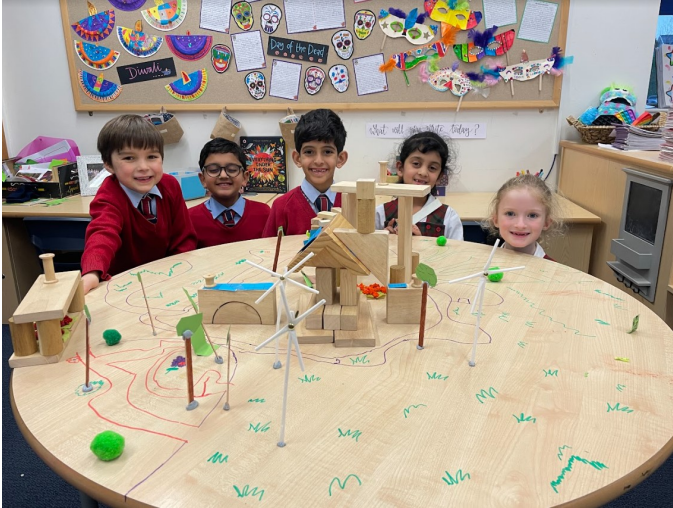
Flying High

Inspired by the air balloon themed book 'The World Needs Who You Were Made to Be', the Year 1 children have been thinking about how to work as a team to make their own hot air balloons! It also made us think about how we could take our learning to the next level and the children have set their own targets. Full of ambition in Year 1!



Sustainability

As part of 'Sustainability Week', Year 2 designed and created sustainable cities. They made sure to include renewable energy sources, green spaces and places to recycle.



Christmas Holiday School





Dates For Your Diary Spring 2023

February

Thursday 2nd—Year 2 trip to York Railway Museum

Thursday 16th—Half term begins

Friday 17th—INSET Day (school closed to children)

Monday 27th—Pupils return to school

Tuesday 28th—Jeans for Genes Day

March

Thursday 2nd—World Book Day

Tuesday 7th—Year 1 trip to The National Museum of the Royal Navy

Wednesday 8th—Holi Celebrations

Tuesday 14th—Year 1 Stay and Play

Thursday 16th—Reception trip to Shildon Railway Museum

Thursday 16th—Year 2 Stay and Play

Friday 17th—Red Nose Day

Friday 17th—Bring Mums/Grandmas to Nursery

Week beginnings 20th—Parents Evenings

Friday 31st—End of term 3pm (no after school care)

After School Care

Where possible, please ensure that after school care is booked in advance. Please complete the booking form that is emailed out by Mr Stone.

Water Bottles



Children should bring a named water bottle to school at the beginning of every week to help keep they hydrated throughout the school day.

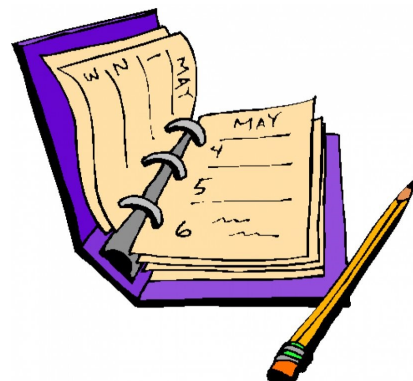
Holiday School Dates

Easter

Monday 3rd—Thursday 6th April

Summer

Monday 17th July—Friday 4th August





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From Nursery through to Year 6.

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All clean and reusable donations of outgrown uniform are welcome too- just bag them up and either pass them on to a committee member or drop them off at a Prep reception.



Thank you!

Chinese New Year—Friday 20th January

We are looking forward to celebrating the Chinese New Year next week at school. As well as a host of assemblies and activities, we will have a special lunch on one day next week too. If your child celebrates Chinese New Year, we would also like to invite them to come in traditional Chinese dress for the day on **Friday 20th January**. All other children are invited to come dressed in red (either completely in red, or just a top and the rest in uniform). Red football shirts are acceptable.

Parents Handbook

You can access the parent handbooks on the school website [by clicking here](#). At various points over the coming weeks, we will post some reminders and key pieces of information from the handbook.

Car Park—Tuesday 17th January

Please be aware that the Prep school car park will be operating at a limited capacity on Tuesday 17th January. This is due to ongoing construction work at the Prep School.

If the car park is full, vehicles will be directed by our Estates team to utilise the Senior School car park.

It would help a great deal if parents made alternative arrangements to reduce the number of vehicles trying to use the available parking. With this in mind, please explore options you have for lift sharing on this day or alternative parking. If this is not possible, please leave ample time for drop off and collection.

The school day will finish as follows:

Nursery - 3pm

Pre-Prep - 3.15pm

Prep - 3.45pm

After School Care and Clubs will run as normal and pupil pick up points will still operate from their usual places.

Thank you in advance for your assistance with this necessary matter.



Notice from First Aid Lead Lyndsey

Please be reminded that as a school we follow the Department of Health Guidance on Infection Control in schools. This guidance states that the recommended period of time to be kept away from school for diarrhoea and/or vomiting is 48 hours from the last episode.

Your support in this area will help to reduce the spread of Infection in school.

STAY SAFE ON NEW DEVICES

Whether you're an internet newbie or a pro at surfing the web, it's always important to keep online safety in mind. We've pulled together a list of top tips to make it easier for you to protect yourself and your devices in the digital world - helping you steer clear of hazards like misleading information and vicious viruses. There's never a bad time to refresh your internet safety knowledge, but it's an especially smart thing to do before you start using any shiny new devices!



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