



Little Phoenix


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The Newsletter of Yarm Pre-Prep

Mrs Speight's message ...

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Seeing the children arrive at Pre-Prep after their half term break always makes me smile. I do love hearing their tales and adventures. As this is the last half term in Pre-Prep for our Year 2 children, we have informed them that it will be the best ever! Yesterday, they enjoyed visiting the Prep School and participating in many activities which included Fun French, Sport, Art, time on the adventure trail and a STEAM activity. I wonder whether the children will remember their favourite activity? Having lunch with our Reception children yesterday, allowed me some time to reflect how much they have grown in confidence since September. They politely took their plates back to the serving hatch and demonstrated wonderful manners when speaking with our lovely catering team. The Sports Day preparations are well underway and the Nursery children have worked hard with Mr Simpson. I look forward to seeing many Year 2 parents at the chess tournament tomorrow. Have a super weekend and I shall see you on Monday for another fun filled week of learning.

Warmest wishes,

Jeanne Speight

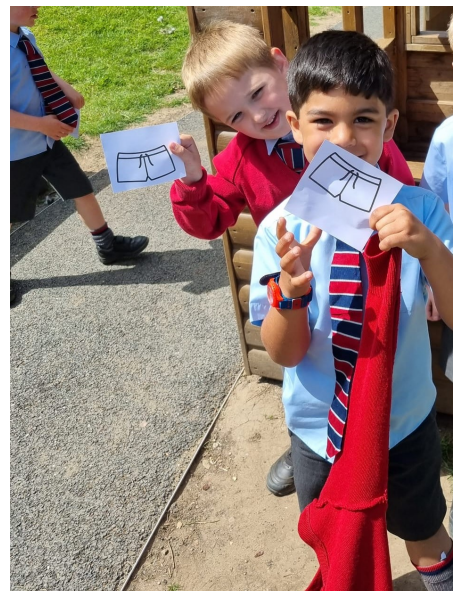


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Aliens Love Underpants

The children in Reception received some rather unusual visitors this week as they discovered dozens of underpants left by a group of aliens in the Pre-Prep Garden. After decorating the underpants they wrote some sentences describing what they had found.



Sea Turtle

The Year 1 children are exploring the key themes from the film Moana. This week we looked at Moana the environmentalist and we have been finding out about the plight of the baby sea turtle. The children made posters, labelled diagrams and designed and built their own inventions to protect the baby turtles and their nests. Budding conservationists!



Year 2 Transition Morning

Year 2 thoroughly enjoyed their transition event with Year 3 on Thursday morning. They had the chance to speak French with Madame Arrol, play tennis with Miss Bradley, see how many marbles it took to sink a foil boat with Miss Ward, have fun on the adventure trail with Mr Pearce and create beautiful artwork with Miss Jenyns.



Sports Afternoon Preparation

The Nursery children have been preparing for their Sports Afternoon in a few week's time. They have been practising their jumping, running and balancing skills.





Dates For Your Diary

June

Wednesday 14th—Induction Day

Thursday 15th—Welcome to Reception evening for N2 parents, 7pm

Friday 16th—Bring your Dads/Grandads to school

Tuesday 20th—Nursery Parents Information Evening for N1 parents, 6.30pm

Tuesday 20th—Reception Musical Showcase, 9.30am

Wednesday 21st—Reception trip to RSPB Saltholme

Wednesday 21st—Nursery Sports Afternoon

Wednesday 21st—Reports released to parents

Wednesday 21st—Year 2 to 3 Transition Event, 4pm

Friday 23rd—Summer fair 2pm, more details to follow

Tuesday 27th—Nursery Musical Showcase, 9.30am

Wednesday 28th—Pre-Prep Sports Morning, 9am

Friday 30th—All clubs and activities finish for the year

July

Monday 3rd—Pre-Prep Celebration (PAA) 5pm

Thursday 6th—Nursery End of Year Celebration for N2 children 2pm, more details to follow

Friday 7th—School finishes at 12 noon (no after school care)

Chess Lessons with Mr Marsh

Private Chess Lessons with Sean Marsh at the Preparatory School are given in a similar way to the very successful Instrument and Speech and Drama tuition. Lessons of 30 minutes duration would be offered on either an individual or paired basis, dependent upon parental preference, and would take place at the Preparatory School every Monday or Wednesday. Lesson times will be offered on a rolling rotation, thus minimising disruption to the class teaching timetable.

Sean Marsh will teach these individual/paired lessons, whilst maintaining his usual Monday and

Wednesday Chess Activity and lunchtime and afterschool chess clubs. He understands the value of the productive learning that can take place on a one-to-one basis and that a significant increase in the pupil's understanding of chess can occur during such lessons.

If you are interested in having chess lessons with Mr Marsh or would like to find out more, please email jg@yarmschool.org.

Mr Grundmann



Hockey Sessions for all aged 5-10

We at Norton Hockey Club are delighted to invite you to join us for 6, 1 hour Saturday sessions of Hockey fun!

11am - 12pm on Saturdays from 10th June till 15th July

£40 for the 6 sessions, price includes a Stick, Ball and T-shirt

Please email nortonhockey@hotmail.co.uk to book



YPSSC Summer Fun Fair 2023

Colours

Wear your brightest colours!!!

Friday 23rd June 2023 @ Prep School

Prep Children **2-5pm**

Pre Prep with grown ups from 2.30pm

Year 6 stalls & Games

Fairground Rides*

Archery* – Mini Golf* - Gel Aim*

Food stands

Stalls, stands & tombola

Tom Rolfe entertainment*

Petting Zoo*

Hamper Raffle

****CASH ONLY****

For the grown ups...

Summer Mini Bar TBC

www.ypssc.co.uk

KIDS
£5 wrist band
unlimited ride
access
£2 adult entry

Summer Fair LATEST — Friday 23rd June

Friday 23rd June - 2-5pm

We are delighted to announce the full return of our annual Summer Fair, taking place this year on Friday 23rd June (2-5pm) with the theme this year being 'Colours'. As such we want to make the fair open to all children in the school community as well as their parents, many of whom would usually have other commitments over the course of a weekend. While this takes place during a school day, the impact on your child's education will be minimal.

We would like to draw your attention to a few logistical matters regarding the fair.

- It will be a non-uniform day.
- Lunch will take place as normal.
- School will finish at the usual times - 3.30pm for Pre-Prep and 3.45pm for Prep.
- Pre-Prep children can be collected from 2.30pm to come to the fair. Although the school day finishes at the usual time, parents of Pre-Prep children are welcome to collect early and bring their children to the fair.
- Years 3-6 will need to bring some money. £15 max in change/coins (no notes please) should be plenty to have a go at the variety of games and activities taking place! This will be collected by form teachers for safekeeping during morning registration and handed out prior to the fair. All proceeds go to the YPSSC.
- Parents can buy a rides wristband prior to the event. There will be a wide range of fairground rides for the children to go on, with a wristband being available to purchase before the fair for £5. **Please see the details regarding this on the next page.**
- The fair will be fully supervised. Teachers will be present supervising those children at the fair from 2pm. From pick-up onwards we would love parents to come along and join the fun too!
- Pick up, after school care and buses will run as normal. Pick up from after school care from 4pm will be from the Pre-Prep.
- Year 6 will be expected to stay until 5.30pm. A letter has gone out to Year 6 parents with full details.
- There will be no after school clubs on this date. Gymnastics, football and drama will not be taking place.

A message from the YPSSC:

There will be rides, stalls, animals, games and delicious snacks, food and ice creams! Tom Rolfe will also be making an appearance with an exclusive mini show down in Pre-Prep first. As it is a non-uniform day why not dress in your brightest colours!

Wrist bands can be bought for £5 from our website - www.ypssc.co.uk - which allow for unlimited ride access. Pre-ordered wristbands will be given to your child by their teacher at 2pm on Fair day; additional wrist bands will be available on the gate. All other stalls will take only cash. Grown-ups £2 entry.



YPSSC Summer Fair

Hamper Raffle

Tickets £2 each or
£10 for book of 5

**WIN!! Amazing colourful
hampers worth upwards of
£100 each!!**

20+ chances to win

Raffle drawn @ 4pm on 23-6-23

www.ypssc.co.uk

Summer Fair LATEST — Friday 23rd June

In addition to all this fun and excitement we will be doing our Colourful Hamper raffle- more details of how to take part to follow. Tickets will be £2 each and available to buy through the website as well as being sent home with your children, and also available on the day.

There are so many ways to be involved and enjoy the Funfair- donate some prizes, volunteer some time, but most importantly come and enjoy the fun of the funfair!

To get in touch email us ypssc@yarmschool.org or visit our website or join the whatsapp groups for updates:

YPSSC official - <https://chat.whatsapp.com/C8LBv1LGyN053t9HVOADaM>

YPSSC volunteers - <https://chat.whatsapp.com/4d23P8hXCZJJrcgwND8QjT>

See you at the Fair!

[CLICK HERE to buy your Summer Fair raffle tickets and ride wristbands!](#)

YPSSC Summer Fair

Volunteers Wanted!!

We appreciate volunteers valuable time in helping with YPSSC events.

We are now looking for volunteers for the summer fair-

****Thursday 22 June from 2pm to sort donations**

****Friday 23 June 12-2pm for setting up**

****2-5pm to attend stalls**

This year the summer fair theme is Colours!

If you can help, please let us know which stalls you would prefer or any that you would like to avoid!

Tombola - Wine bottle tombola – Plants - Lucky jars/bags - Soft toys/Adopt an animal - Slushie machine - Candy floss – Raffle - Preloved Uniform - Refreshments

We also would love donations for the above stands please, that can be left at school from 12th June.

**Thank you very much as always YPSSC
ypssc@yarmschool.org**

YPSSC News

YPSSC would love to welcome all parents to our Monthly YPSSC social coffee mornings at 'The Keys' on Yarm High Street commencing next week! Enjoy a cup of coffee with cake and catch up with other parents.

9-11am on the following dates:

Wednesday 14th June,

Thursday 21st Sept,

Tuesday 17th Oct,

Wednesday 15th Nov,

Monday 11th Dec.

Please also note down our social on: Tuesday 17th Oct 7.30-9.30pm evening drinks @The Keys.

We look forward to meeting as many of you as possible.

YPSSC



Stars Live—Sunday 16th July, 12pm and 3.30pm

The PJ Masks, fresh from a new adventure, will show the kids that they can be a hero too!

Get ready for fun, laughter and lots of singing and dancing in the unique multi-character live stage show on its European Tour.

<https://www.thepaaonline.org/whats-on/hasbro-stars-live-on-stage/>



Eclipse—The Pink Floyd Experience—Saturday 2nd September, 7.30pm

Featuring the whole of their epoch-defining album The Dark Side of the Moon, plus music from Meddle, Animals, Wish You Were Here, The Wall and Division Bell. A spectacular evening of Floyd classics, not to be missed for any Floyd fan.

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