# Little Phoenix YARM SCHOOL





The Newsletter of Yarm Pre-Prep

Mrs Speight's message ...

Number 409 12th January 2024

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 all back into routine and the children are thriving on being in the classroom with their Form Teachers and friends. A particular highlight has been going to the new dining room for lunch. Pippa and the catering team have worked their magic and both the facilities and food are superb and of course, having a delicious lunch every day gives us the fuel we need for our busy afternoons. The clubs and activities have started and the children are already talking about their 'favourite' clubs. As always, our pupils have demonstrated their kindness and inclusivity by welcoming our new starters into Nursery and the Pre-Prep. Have a lovely, relaxing weekend. Jame Speight Follow me on X: @YarmPrePrep X





















# **Nursery**

What a fun first week back we have had in Nursery. We have welcomed new children and explored all areas of learning both inside and out. There have been many buildings created, messes made, muddy puddles jumped in and most importantly lots of happy faces and fun.



# Tackling a challenge!

The Reception children have been thinking about what it means to persevere and collaborate to accomplish a challenge. Working in small groups, the children built a house to protect a little pig from the big, bad wolf!



















## **Look Up**

Year 1 have a new topic this term "Look Up", which involves the children thinking about what is above them. They enjoyed designing their own birds with certain features and created a wonderful display in the studio hall.



# **Space Adventure**

Year 2 have started their 'Space Adventure' topic with a trip to outer space! They have used a range of different media to create these super space-themed pictures.



# **Our New Dining Hall!**

















# **Christmas Holiday School**

















# **Prep New Build Open House**

'Open house' visits for parents and pupils have been arranged to tour the facilities (between 4pm and 4.15pm) in groups on the following dates:

Tue 30/1 - Year 3

Weds 31/1 - Pre-Prep

Thurs 1/2 - Pre-Prep

Thu 8/2 - Year 4

Wed 28/2 - Year 6

Fri 1/3 - Year 5

Wed 13/3 - Former Prep pupils currently in Senior School and parents

Mr Stone

#### **Reporting Absence**

If your child is absent from school for any reason (including medical appointments) you must inform Mrs Banham in the school office. She can then inform the class teacher and ensure that the absence is recorded correctly.

#### **Baby News**

Congratulations to Mrs White on the birth of her baby girl Aurelia!

Aurelia was born on 26th December weighing 7lb 5oz.

We wish her all the best at the start of her new journey.



**New Staff** 



A very warm welcome to Mrs Victoria Dawson who joins the Year 1 team as a Curriculum and Teaching Assistant. We look forward to working with Victoria and wish her all the best as she settles into our school community.

# **Pre-Prep Sports Uniform Changes**

Dear Parents,

I wanted to let you know that we have made a change to the Pre-Prep sports uniform.
This change has come following feedback from Parents with regards to the white kit not being very practical for small children to keep clean and that it is not that easy to launder to keep the white coloured top and collar from running.

The current white PE kit (comprising the Polo shirt with the coloured collar and white sports shorts) is being replaced with a unisex navy blue games top and unisex navy blue sports shorts. These are available now to order on the Perry uniform website and can be worn with white socks.

If your child is moving into Year 3 next academic year please purchase the Games kit required for Year 3 via the Perry website.

The white kit your child currently has is still fine to be worn or until they have grown out of it.

However, I have been made aware from Perry's that although you can order the new Navy blue games top now, due to supply issues, it will not be delivered to you until February.

As with any new kit this will need to be embroidered with your child's initials on to make things easier for all. As you will be aware Perry's does not offer this service. Once you have received the new kit please bring this to the uniform showroom and we will arrange for it to be embroidered (at the usual cost of £4.00 per item currently). Please note that this can take up to three weeks until we get the items back.

Please feel free to contact the Uniform showroom if you have any questions or would like to make an appointment for your child to come and try on the new kit.

Kind regards
Lesley Porter
Uniform Showroom Manager
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**YSA PRESENTS** 

# ST. PATRICK'S DAY



FRIDAY 15TH MARCH, 7-11PM

LIVE MUSIC - FOOD - DRINK

THE BASEMENT BAR, THE PAA

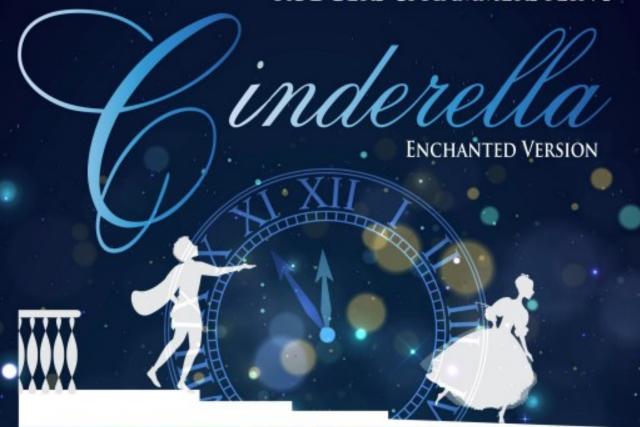
Save the date for our YSA St Patrick's event! It is an informal and relaxed event in the Basement Bar and is a great way for parents to get to know each other. This event is open to all school parents from Prep and Senior School - we hope to see you there!

Tickets will be available to purchase soon so please keep checking Classlist for more information on how to buy tickets.



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