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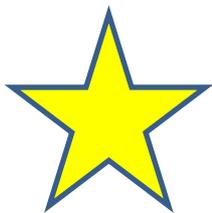
Headteacher: Mrs Jennie Müller  
Chair of Governors: Mrs Michelle Parnell  
4<sup>th</sup> December 2020

Dear Parents,

What a way to end the week with a snowy day! We were incredibly proud of the children in Fox class who noticed it was snowing during their PUMA test but managed to contain their excitement. Luckily it lasted until they had finished and we were able to get outside and enjoy it.

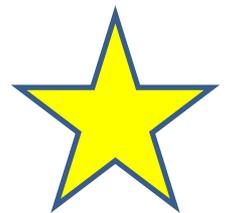
Everyone has been very busy with Christmas projects alongside their usual hard work. I can't wait to see the recording of the nativity and the carol service, from what I have seen so far they will both be fantastic.

*Special Awards this week:*



***Hedgehog Class***

*Ellie-Mai for working so hard to learn her lines  
for the play and performing them beautifully*



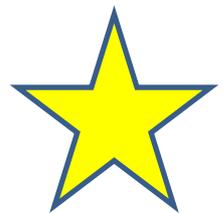
***Squirrel Class***

*Savannah for working so hard to learn her lines for the play, remembering them  
without her script!*



***Badger Class***

*Finley for working really hard on his handwriting,  
which is now beautiful.*



***Fox Class***

*Emily for consistently putting in good effort in all lessons.*

## ***Writer of the Week***

### ***Squirrel Class***

*John*

### ***Fox Class***

*Mayte*

**Well done all of you for your fantastic work!**

**Don't forget to head over to Tapestry to see Writer and Book of the Week along with 'This is Me'**

## **Other Messages**

### **Advent calendars**

Thank you so much to Mrs Robinson and Wiltshire Farm Foods for the Advent Calendars, it was really kind of you to think of us.

### **Hot dinners**

Still to come...

*Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> December - Pizza & Wedges followed by Chocolate Krispies.*

*Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December - Sausage and Mash with vegetables and gravy followed by a Christmassy Cupcake*

### **September 2021**

If you or anyone you know has a child due to start school in September, please let us know so we can send them a goodie bag! You can also direct people towards our virtual tour which can be found at <https://www.yaxhamprimaryschool.co.uk/web>

### **Governor Vacancy**

**Are you enthusiastic about education?**

**Do you have some time to spare?**

**If so, then you may be just the person we need!**

We are looking for committed people to join Yaxham C of E Primary School's Governing Board as voluntary Co-opted Governors and would welcome applications from people with experience in:

- Finance (Accountant, Finance Manager etc.)
- Human Resources
- Legal (Paralegal, Solicitor etc.)
- Health and Safety (H&S officer, union rep etc.)
- Capital projects management

The Governing Board of our school is made up of parent, staff, local authority and co-opted governors. The Governing Board operates at a strategic level and is not involved in the day-to-day running of the school. We are responsible for both the conduct of the school and for the promotion of high standards. We carry out this role by setting the vision for the school, ensuring that the school works efficiently and effectively towards achieving its vision, and that the school provides a high quality education for its pupils. This is done by building a thorough knowledge of the school and its community, by both supporting and constructively challenging the school, and by ensuring accountability and compliance. Governors need not be experts in the field of education. What they do need is an interest in the school and in the welfare of its pupils, together with the time and willingness to get involved. The skills you have can be very useful to the Governing Board. Governors also need 'soft skills' - the ability to be able to build relationships with a range of people, to be able to work as part of a team, to be able to question, and to make connections between different types of information.

We are currently conducting all school business virtually so an internet connection is essential.

If you would like to find out more about how you can contribute to governance at our school, or have any questions please contact the school office who will then arrange for a governor to contact you.

*Wishing you all a lovely wintry weekend,*

*Jennie Muller*

*Headteacher*

**Dates for your Diary:**

Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> December – Pizza & Wedges followed by Chocolate Krispies.

All Christmas cards to be in school by 11<sup>th</sup> December 2020 **They will be quarantined before distributing.**

Christmas Jumper Day 11<sup>th</sup> December 2020

Sausage and Mash followed by Christmas Cupcake – Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December

Virtual Nativity Release Date 16<sup>th</sup> December 2020

Christmas 'Book Before Bedtime' 6-6.30pm 17<sup>th</sup> December 2020

**Each class will be invited back to school for hot chocolate and a bedtime story**

Christmas Party Day 18<sup>th</sup> December 2020

**Children can come to school in party clothes and enjoy a day of fun!**

End of Term 18<sup>th</sup> December 2020

Return to School 4<sup>th</sup> January 2021

End of half term 12<sup>th</sup> February 2021

Return to School 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2021

End of term 26<sup>th</sup> March 2021

Return to School 12<sup>th</sup> April 2021

End of half term 28<sup>th</sup> May 2021

Return to school 7<sup>th</sup> June 2021

End of term 21<sup>st</sup> July 2021



Due to Government Funding in the Adult Education Budget. We have several **Free** online Accredited Courses available to Parents to help better understand some key issues around young people's mental health and wellbeing.

We currently have the following subjects available.

- **Understanding Children and Young Peoples Mental Health** (Understand factors which may affect Young Peoples mental health, the impact that they have and how to support them with

these issues)

- **Understanding Autism** (learn how individuals process sensory information, understand characteristics, understand conditions, learn how speech, language and communication differ in people with Autism)
- **Understanding Behaviour That Challenges** (supporting positive behaviour, effective communication & how to manage challenging behaviour)
- **Understanding Specific Learning Difficulties** (understand characteristics of ADHD, ADD, Dyslexia & Dyscalculia, importance of early diagnosis, assessment methods available to diagnose learning difficulties)

On average the courses take between **20-30 hours** to complete within in a **6-week window** and are completed on a laptop or computer at the learner's home. No Exams, end point assessments are involved, the courses are purely Q&A based and are available to you 24/7. You can do as many as you like, however you can just do one at a time.

The only criteria the learner must meet to be eligible, is the following..

- Aged 19 or over on or before 31<sup>st</sup> August 2020
- Have lived in the UK/EU for 3+ years
- Not already on a Government funded course (Apprenticeship for example)

The course is completely free, but the learning provider reserves the right to charge an admin fee of £150 in the event that someone enrolls, but then makes **no attempt to complete the course without a valid reason. That said, the college will grant extensions if the learner has a genuine reason as to why they feel they won't be able to complete it within the 6 weeks.**

**If you are interested in undertaking one of these Free Online courses, then please complete the following link asap. This will then allow me to contact you and send over the relevant Enrolment details.**

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# Finding this winter even harder because of Coronavirus?

## We are here to help.

Norfolk County Council's Covid Winter Support scheme can help with:

- Day to day living costs including food & energy bills
- Daily essentials such as toiletries & nappies
- Food vouchers for school holidays

Find out more online or call us now

[www.norfolk.gov.uk/covidwintersupport](http://www.norfolk.gov.uk/covidwintersupport)

**0344 800 8020**

Or visit your local library for help with applying



**Contact us today**