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11th December 2020

Dear Parents,

Another busy week and 1 more to go! I am sure you will have all seen the suggestion of closing early in the news. We felt it was very short notice for parents and had already planned our training for the year so we will open as planned. I will send an update with information next week but the important message will be that if your child develops symptoms on or before Sunday 20th December and subsequently tests positive, you will need to inform me. This can be done by email to: head@yaxham.norfolk.sch.uk Any symptoms starting from Monday 21st December will not impact on the school as children will have not have been in contact. If you are in any doubt, please do get in touch.

Hopefully we will all be able to get through to Christmas with everyone staying well! We are looking forward to some lovely Christmas activities next week. Please be assured that we have thought through everything to ensure we work within the guidelines and our risk assessment.

The Christmas carol service will be shared on Tapestry next week, Hedgehog and Squirrel parents will need to provide us with a Gmail email address to receive the link for the nativity. This is to safeguard our children. It will only be accessible through the email you receive and will not be possible to view the performance if you forward it to anyone else. From what I have seen it will be fantastic, I can't wait to see the finished product!

Special Awards this week:

Hedgehog and Squirrel Class

To all of you for working so hard this week to create



the nativity and coping so well with all the changes.

Badger Class

George for making amazing progress with his reading.

Fox Class

Freya for fantastic listening and effort in Maths.

Writer of the Week

Hedgehog Class

Theodore

Badger Class

Nuala

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

Extended opening! Get your Christmas gifts now, closing Sunday 13th December!



<https://www.pta-events.co.uk/yaxham>

Christmas events

Monday 14th December - Sausage and Mash with vegetables and gravy followed by a Christmassy Cupcake

16th December - Badger class trip to Gressenhall. The museum service and coach company have done a fantastic job to reassure us that all safety measures are in place. Please remember that your child will not be able to attend if they develop symptoms. If they become unwell on the trip we will have to ask you to collect them.

17th December 2020 - Christmas 'Book Before Bedtime' 6-6.30pm

Children are invited back in their PJ's for a bedtime story with their class. Please let us know if your child will be coming or not to allow us to plan.

18th December 2020 - Christmas Party Day

Children can come to school in party clothes and enjoy a day of fun! As we can't have the normal lunch, please feel free to make their packed lunch a party-style lunch as a special treat. The friends will be providing us with some special treats for the party and we really hope Santa will somehow be able to visit us safely!

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>

Wishing you all a restful weekend ready for the last week of term.

Jennie Muller

Headteacher

Dates for your Diary:

Monday 14th December - Sausage and Mash followed by Christmas Cupcake

16th December 2020 - Virtual Nativity Release Date

17th December 2020 - Christmas 'Book Before Bedtime' 6-6.30pm

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

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

End of Term 18th December 2020

Return to School 4th January 2021

End of half term 12th February 2021

Return to School 22nd February 2021

End of term 26th March 2021

Return to School 12th April 2021

End of half term 28th May 2021

Return to school 7th June 2021

End of term 21st July 2021

MIDDAY SUPERVISORS

Would you be interested in joining our lunchtime team?

We require an additional staff to work with children at lunchtimes for two days a week.

Contracts are term time only, 12.00 noon to 1.30 pm

You must be:

- Kind, calm, caring and patient
- Enjoy the company of children and like playing games!
- Fair and consistent, following the school behaviour policy.
- Friendly and approachable

Being able to develop positive relationships with children and staff is essential.

The role will require you to carry out a range of duties including:

- Assist in serving lunches
- Supervising children whilst they are eating
- Setting up and clearing away tables and chairs and cleaning the area
- Taking an active role in supervising and managing outside play
- Promoting good playtime relationships

If you would be interested in joining our team and require further information please contact the school office: Telephone 01362 692033 or email office@yaxham.norfolk.sch.uk

We are committed to ensuring the very highest possible standards of care to our young people and as such require all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. An enhanced DBS with a barred list check will be required and other procedures and checks will be followed as part of our safeguarding procedures. The school is an equal opportunities employer.

These posts come under the requirements of the Childcare (Disqualification) 2009 Regulations, successful applicant will be required to complete a declaration form to establish whether they are disqualified under these regulations.

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.



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 31st 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.

https://formstack.io/TyZSZjXRWndR4L6rW7HXEpqpL8_drGsA9XWSOF15Xgj56D1utKVODIduJM61p1nhQCUNLTnUQhdZtMU48x7Srg



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

0344 800 8020

Or visit your local library for help with applying



**Contact
us today**