



## Spring term No 2 YFPS NEWSLETTER

### Dates

#### Jan

18<sup>th</sup> Beaford meeting  
20<sup>th</sup> Trombone workshop

#### Feb

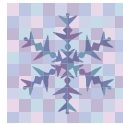
15<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> Half Term  
22<sup>nd</sup> Non pupil day  
23<sup>rd</sup> Back to school

#### March

15<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> Science week  
19<sup>th</sup> Reports to parents  
22<sup>nd</sup> -26<sup>th</sup> Healthy schools week  
25<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup> Book Fayre  
29<sup>th</sup> – 1<sup>st</sup> Parents' evenings

#### April

1<sup>st</sup> Last day of term  
20<sup>th</sup> Return to school



We seem to have avoided the severe weather that was predicted on Sunday and Monday and are hoping that today will not be as bad as was forecast! Thank you once again for all the help and support you gave the school to ensure that the children were safe.

## Developing our Creative Curriculum

Over the last term we have been working on developing our curriculum so that it is based on the key skills that children need in the future. We have interviewed groups of children about their interests and staff have worked on building topic webs that are even more exciting than usual. We have found that the children want to find out even more about their class topic at home. Thank you for all your support in helping to find artefacts related to the topics and sending them into school. Your class teacher will be sending home the topic web for this term during this week. This term we have a science week and a healthy schools week planned. Our aim is to inspire the children through even more WOW activities that are memorable and lead them to achieve even higher standards in their work.

## Comenius Trip to Milan, Italy!

We are planning our next Comenius trip to Milan, Italy. Mr Butt and Mrs Harvey will be taking two lucky children from year five on this trip at the beginning of March. The children will stay with host families - these are the same families who sent children to the UK. We will track the progress of the trip through our website and the children will share their experiences when they return!

## Forest School

We are planning to set up a forest school in our woodland area by the end of this term. Mrs McKenna has volunteered to go on a six day training course and all our staff will be getting a briefing on how the school will work. The idea is based on a Swedish approach, where we use the outdoors to help develop children's learning opportunities. Thank you to parents who are already sending in waterproofs and wellies.

## Trombone Workshop

We are very lucky to have another opportunity to have a visiting trombone player, Emily White, performing for the whole school in a half hour workshop. This has been paid for by the local authority and should be a really excellent performance. If you would like to come along and listen then please pop into school at 10.30am on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> January.

## Governor meetings

This term the governors will be discussing the following policies: collective worship, homework and marking, SEN, sex education, redundancy, pay policy, freedom of information, disability, equality and community cohesion. These are available for you to look at on our website. If you have any comments that you wish to be represented then please email: [governor@yealmpstonefarm.plymouth.sch.uk](mailto:governor@yealmpstonefarm.plymouth.sch.uk)