



Spring term No 5 YFPS NEWSLETTER

Dates

Feb

15th – 19th Half Term

22nd Non pupil day

23rd Back to school

March

15th – 19th Science week

19th Reports to parents

22nd -26th Healthy schools week

25th – 31st Book Fayre

29th – 1st Parents' evenings

April

1st Last day of term

20th Return to school

School Grounds Development

As you will have noticed, the first double hut has been removed now. We plan to extend the car park to help with traffic congestion around the school.

Part of our whole school vision is to further develop the school grounds so that learning can take place outside as well as inside the building. At half term we are having our vegetable beds prepared and installing a chicken run! Our aim is to try and bring some of the experiences that our children get at Nethercott Farm into everyday school life. We plan to save some rescue chickens so they will look quite scrawny to begin with! We are asking any families who would like to help look after the chickens at the weekends to come and let the office know.

May celebrations

The school has been open for thirty years this academic year and we would like to hold celebrations to commemorate this in the summer term. If you would like to be involved with organising this event then please come along to a meeting on Thursday 4th February at 2pm where we can develop ideas further. If you have any ideas but cannot make the meeting then please pass them into the office.

School Meals

We have exciting meals on offer next week:

Wednesday: Chinese New Year meal

Thursday: Sausage and chips

Friday: Valentine Buffet

Science week

Mrs Clarke has been busy booking up exciting events to lead up to this week, including the space dome and a hands on science display. If you are involved in science in anyway and could offer a n input please contact the office. We are very pleased that 12 children have signed up for the **Mad Science Club** which will take place on Monday evenings.

Learning targets

Our children are working hard to achieve their learning targets for maths and Literacy. Thank you for supporting them with their homework activities and daily reading. We are planning another parent **maths workshop** on **Wednesday 31st March at 2.30pm**. If there are other ways that we can give you further guidance on ways to support your child then please send an e-mail to governor@yealmpstonefarm.plymouth.sch.uk

Attendance

Our school has a good attendance rate and we would like to maintain this. Please can you try and avoid booking holidays in term time as this has a huge impact on your child's progress.

School Council

The school council have recently met to discuss the new topics that we are covering in our curriculum and other topics that they find interesting. Teachers have been planning exciting learning opportunities and feedback from the children is very positive. They are also keen to get hand dryers in all the toilets. The school will look into the cost of this.

Sporting events

Last week Y5 and Y6 went to Goals and took part in a football tournament. They played very well: won two games and lost two games. Well done to our players who represented the school with a good sportsmanship attitude.