

MARCH 2019 NEWSLETTER



Yapton CE Primary School

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the second half of our Spring term. It was great to see the children return to school looking so smart after the half term break.



To support our G2BG (Good To Be Green) policy we have introduced THINK:

Before you speak:

THINK

T = Is it True?

H = Is it Helpful?

I = Is it Inspiring?

N = Is it Necessary?

K = Is it Kind?

THINK gives children an opportunity to discuss what may have gone wrong, the reasons for this and how to put it right.

Communication



It has been great to be able to chat to parents either before or after school when I am standing outside by the entrance. One of the topics of conversation has been about "communication". I appreciate that receiving letters and information by 'paper letters' is frustrating. We are going to be using a system called 'Parent Mail' very soon. This will enable us as a school to communicate with you via an app on your mobile phone or to your email address. Please ensure that the school office has your up to date contacts for phone and email.



We are working hard to update the website and to keep this current and relevant.

The FOYS Facebook page will keep you updated on all of their events. This page is only to promote the FOYS events.

YEAR 6 SATS Workshop

Thank you to the parents and carers of our year 6 children who were able to come to our SATs workshop. It was great to see so many of you. We appreciate that the time may not have been convenient for some of you as it was in the school day. Please speak to your child's class teacher if you were unable to attend but would still like further SATs information. The presentation is on our class pages on the website for you to access as well. Some questions were asked by parents regarding the way that Maths is taught, please refer to our calculation policy which is on our website.

Parental feedback - What went well:

"completing the questions with my son helped me to understand what is expected"

"telling parents about SATs and keeping us up to date"

"good to see a sample of the type of SATs questions"

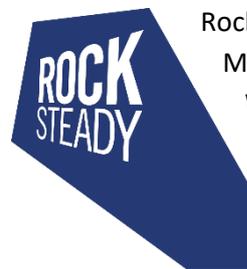
Parental feedback - Even better if:

"longer sessions on individual sections"

"had coffee"

"parents learnt the same way as the children"

ROCK STEADY - Inspiring Every Child Through Music



Rock Steady are visiting us on Friday 8th March to provide us with a demo day.

We will start the day with a whole school assembly and then each year group will get a 30 minute workshop.

Rocksteady is an exciting peripatetic music service, teaching children to learn an instrument by playing in their very own rock band. Giving children the chance to rehearse together, perform songs they love and learn life skills along the way. Making music fun!

A leaflet will come home on Friday following the workshops.



Attendance: at the end of the first half of the Spring term our attendance was 94.8%. Our target is 97%. As you can see from our Diary dates, we have a range of exciting experiences lined up for our children, so they need to be in School. Lateness contributes to this figure so please ensure that all of our children are in school on time. **The register is taken at 8.55 am.**

Online Safety: please continue to be vigilant, use THINK! to consider whether certain social media are necessary or age appropriate for children.



Useful websites:
nspcc.org.uk/onlinesafety
 or call 0808 800 5002
www.net-aware.org.uk
www.saferinternet.org

Do you know which social media services are age restricted?

WhatsApp users need to be 16 to use WhatsApp.

Nearly all other social media services require users to be at least 13 years of age to access and use their services. This includes Facebook, Snapchat, Twitter, Instagram, Musical.ly and Skype.

Whilst there is no age restriction for watching videos on YouTube, users need to be 13 or older to have their own YouTube account.

Information taken from:

www.childnet.com/blog/age-restrictions-on-social-media-services

Parking: thank you for the consideration that has been shown over the last few weeks regarding parking.

Read@3 - Family Reading Time

EYFS (YrR) & KS1 (Yrs 1&2) on Wednesday
 KS2 (Yrs 3,4,5, & 6) on Thursday
Everyone is welcome.



Diary Dates

Thurs 7 th March	World Book Day. FOYS book & cake sale in school.
Wed 13 th March	Pupil Progress Meetings 4.30pm to 7pm.
Thurs 14 th March	Pupil Progress Meetings 3.30pm to 6pm.
Wed 27 th March	YrR Flying Start meeting 2.45pm in log cabin.
Wed 27 th March	Years 3, 4 & 5 Production Hoodwinked at 6pm.
Thurs 28 th March	Years 3, 4 & 5 Production Hoodwinked at 1.30pm.
Fri 5 th April	Easter Church Services: EYFS/KS1 9.30am & KS2 10.45
Fri 5 th April	Last Day of Term.
Tue 23 rd April	Back to School.

Week beginning 13th May Year 6 SATS Week.

If you have any concerns or queries about any aspect of school life, please see me when I am outside or pop into school and talk to us.

Best wishes

**Mrs K Huggett
 Headteacher**