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# Welcome to the Autumn Term

We were delighted to welcome all our pupils. parents and staff back after the Summer

A special warm welcome to the new pupils and staff who have joined us this week. We hope you all settle in quickly and happily for what is going to be a very busy and exciting term.

### **Next Week's Diary**

FYMS Pre-Prep and Year 3 Fun 2.00pm

Afternoon (see page 3)

Virtual Year 6 Parents' and 5.00pm

Tutors' Welcome

9.00pm Year 4 to Ufton Court 9.00am Year 8 to Yateley Common

8.40am Prep School Council, Sports

Council, Food Committee &

Eco Team Elections

5.00pm Virtual Year 3 and Year 4

Parents' and Tutors' Welcome

#### Fabulous GCSE PE Results

Many congratulations to our Year 8 children who achieved a really superb set of GCSE PE results.

We were really delighted for them and are incredibly



proud of their hard work and dedication. Congratulations to Mrs Ellis too for helping the children achieve such excellent results at the age of 13!

Rob Upton's latest blog can be found on the School website. The following is a taster:

What would our world look like if the next generation became leaders in kindness?

#### **After School Clubs**

After school coaches and clubs are running as usual next week except:

Monday: Open Dodgeball, Languages Puzzle Club (both due to the Year 6 Welcome Evening)

# "Kindness is the quality of being gentle,

But kindness can mean different things to different people. The meaning is in how you choose to show it. This may be through empathy, acceptance, kind gestures, thoughtfulness..... the possibilities are wide ranging and entirely up to you as an individual.

Kindness - Give and Receive



To read the rest of this article click here.

caring, and helpful"

To view other blog posts visit the Headmaster's Blog page of the school website.

## Yateley Manor Award

Many congratulations to **Luca Norris** who has achieved his silver YMAS Award.

#### Committee Elections

Elections for the Prep School's Food Committee, School Council, Sports Committee and the Eco Team will be held on next Thursday, 16th September.

Pupils from Years 3 to 6 who would like to stand for election to one of the Committees and have not represented their year group on any of the committees before, should let their Head of Year know by the end of school on Tuesday.

#### **Pre-Prep Awards**

Reception Smiles: All the Reception children for settling in so well.

# Years 3 and 4 Parents' and Tutors' Welcome

The Year 3 and Year 4 Parents' and Tutors' Welcome will now take place on Thursday 16th September starting at 5.00pm. A link to the meeting will be sent home to parents in the first half of next week.

# Year 6 Parents' and Tutors' Welcomes

The Year 6 Parents' and Tutors' Welcome sessions will take place on Monday 13th September at 5.00pm. Parents have received an email with zoom meeting information for each of the Year 6 tutors so that they can join their child's tutor for an informal chat.

## Phonics and Reading Workshop for Reception Parents Postponed

The Phonics and Reading Workshop for Parents of Children in Reception which was scheduled for Monday 13th September has been postponed. It will be rescheduled for when we are able to invite parents into school again.

# Year 6 and Year 8 Personal Statement

<u>Year 6</u> and <u>Year 8</u> children were today given a paper copy of the personal statement forms to complete by Monday 20th September.

Digital copies are available (on the links above) in case you prefer to complete the form digitally. Completed forms should be given/emailed to form tutors.

#### Year 6 Homework

From the start of this academic year and until the end of the Autumn term, children in Year 6 will have four homeworks each week (English, Maths, French and Science).

The Humanities subjects, History, Geography and RS, will be added in rotation at the start of the Spring Term 2022. The children will have a total six homeworks one week and five the next.

#### House Points and Bonuses

	Bonuses	Prep House Points	Pre-Prep House Points	Overall
Fyson	4th	4th	from next week	4th
Kingsley	1st	2nd	from next week	2nd
School	3rd	1st	from next week	1st
Stanley	2nd	3rd	from next week	3rd

Bonus Point Winner: Kingsley
Prep House Point Winner: School
Overall Winner: School

Children in Years 3 and up have already been working hard to win bonuses and house points and those in Year 1 and Year 2 will be trying hard to gain house points from next week.

In Prep, bonuses are awarded for Attitude to Learning and as a result of a graded or assessed piece of work. Two are automatically awarded for an A grade, one for a B. House points may be earned as a reward for commendable acts which are not academically focused. They are also awarded weekly for well-kept record books. House points may also be lost through misdemeanours.

In Pre-Prep house points are awarded for academic hardwork and commendable behaviour.

Each week one house wins the Bonuses Trophy, one wins the Prep House Points Trophy and one will win the Pre-Prep House Points Trophy.

#### No Ceiling on Learning - Year 7 & 8 Curriculum Explored

Robert Upton will be hosting a virtual meeting entitled 'No Ceiling on Learning – Years 7 and 8 Curriculum Explored" for parents of children from Year 3 upwards on Monday 20th September at 7.00pm

This is a new event, which we hope will give parents an idea of the rich and varied curriculum that is on offer for our senior pupils. These are vitally important years in a child's education and we are incredibly proud of the huge progress our Year 7 and 8 children make with our tailored mixture of challenge and support. Our academic programme is stimulating and the children benefit from specialist teaching in small groups by staff who know the children well.

If you would like to find out more please complete the form that can be found here and a link to the meeting will be sent to you nearer the time.

#### **Chess Masterclass**

Chess Masterclass will restart next Tuesday, 14th September. The first session will be for Group A. The sessions run from 5.30pm to 7.00pm

#### Year 5 Homework

At the start of this academic year, children in Year 5 will have two homework tasks each week, English and Maths.

French and Science will be added after October half term. This homework timetable (ie English, Maths, Science and French) will be in operation from October half term for the rest of the academic year.

We introduced this phased homework pattern a couple of years ago to ease the transition from Year 4 to Year 5 and feedback has been positive.

We consider it important that pupils start to acquire the homework habit, which is essential in developing individual learning skills.

#### Congratulations To ....

**Charlie Sutton (6NCD)** who achieved his PADI Open Water Diving Qualification this summer completing the theory test, four pool dives and four open water dives. Well done **Charlie**.

**Eloise Macoraghty-Mines (8JAC)** who auditioned for the Farnham Youth Choir and was offered a place to start this month

**Rex Macoraghty-Mines (4GJR)** who has been offered a place in the Training Choir of the Farnham Youth Choir.

Anna (6MJB) who, competing against 13 other skaters, was awarded a bronze medal for her performance as Annie in the National Inter-Rink Artistic Skating Competition held in Milton Keynes.



#### **Wedding Bells**

Many congratulations to **Alex Thompson** on her wedding to Nick which took place during the summer holidays. We are so glad that they finally had their special day and wish them many, many happy years together. **Alex** is now known by her married name: **Mrs Young**.



#### Happy Birthday to ...

Finn Aumonier 10 Jacob Brown 9 Harry Hennessy 10 Hope Horne 13 Amadou Jallow 12 Callum Maclean 6 Isaac Perry 8



# Friends of Yateley Manor School Corner

#### Pre-Prep Fun Afternoon

FYMS' Pre-Prep and Year 3 Fun afternoon is this Sunday, 12th September between 2.00pm and 4.00pm on the Headmasters Lawn, adjacent to the Pre-Prep playground. FYMS are delighted to welcome any children from Reception to Year 3 and their siblings for a fun afternoon and refreshments. This is a great opportunity for children (and parents) to meet up and have some fun.

#### **Bags 2 School recycling**

FYMS will be running their next Bags 2 School recycling morning on Friday 8th October. More details to follow but it is a great way to get rid of any old clothes and raise funds for FYMS.

#### **Barn Dance**

There are only a handful of tickets left for the FYMS Barn Dance which will take place at the Meade Hall, Crown and Cushion in Minley on Saturday 9th October from 7.30pm until late.

Tickets are £45per person and can be booked using the FYMS online portal: <a href="https://www.pta-events.com/friends-yateley-manor-school">www.pta-events.com/friends-yateley-manor-school</a>

#### **House Poety Performance Competition**

We are excited to announce that we will be marking National Poetry Day by holding our inaugural Yateley Manor Inter-House Poetry Performance Competition.

We are hoping that children in Year 1 upwards will participate in this new venture by learning and performing a poem. Those in Year 3 upwards may select their own poem and those in Years 1 and 2 will be given a choice of pre-selected poems.

House staff and form teachers will support the children to learn their poems over the coming weeks and help from home will be greatly appreciated. Poem performances will take place in English lessons during the week commencing 4th October, leading up to National Poetry Day, which falls this year on Thursday 7th October.

We will be encouraging every child to take part in the competition in order to score points for their house. Consideration will, of course, be given to those who find performance to an audience nerve-wracking but we hope that this competiton will give each child the chance to develop their public speaking abilities and confidence – vital life skills.

More information will be emailed to parents.

### Menu week commencing 13th September

PALMER & HOWELLS

Yateley Manor School					
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	
Beef Bolognaise	Pulled Pork	Roasted Plum Tomato & Basil Pasta	Butter Chicken	Battered Fish	
Wild Mushroom Bake	BBQ Vegetables	House Made Pesto Pasta	Curried Cauliflower	Roasted Aubergine	
Jacket Potato Choice of Topping	Jacket Potato Choice of Toppings	Jacket Potato Choice of Toppings	Jacket Potato Choice of Toppings	Jacket Potato Choice of Toppings	
Spaghetti Herb Bread Fine Beans	Parsley Crushed Potato Cabbage Caramelized Onion	Shredded Turkey House Garlic Bread Confit Garlic Leeks	Brown Rice Savoy Cabbage Sweet Potatoes	Chips Garden Peas House Tartar Sauce	
Salad Bar	Salad Bar	Salad Bar	Salad Bar	Salad Bar	
Dessert Selection	Dessert Selection	Dessert Selection	Dessert Selection	Dessert Selection	



Freshly Bread, Seasonal Salads, Fresh Fruit are available daily



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Next week's fixture list		
Monday	Chess v St Catherine's (postponed)	
Wednesday	2.30pm Football v Farleigh and Stroud U13, U11A, U11B, U11C, U10A & U10B Away at Farleigh (see below) 2.30pm Hockey v Holme Grange U13, U11A & U11B Home at Yateley Hockey Club, U10A, U10B, U11/U10C Away at Cantley Park (see below)	
Friday	2.15pm Football v Daneshill U8A, U8B & U8C Home, U9A, U9B & U9C Away 2.15pm Hockey v Daneshill U8A & U8B Home at Yateley Hockey Club, U9A & U9B Away	
Saturday	1.30pm Stroud School U10 <b>Football</b> Tournament (7-a-side) <b>at Wellington Sports Ground</b> (meet Mr Daines at the venue at 12.50pm)	

# Associated Board Music Exams

This term's Associated Board Music Exams will take place in school on Monday 29th and Tuesday 30th November. Children who have music lessons outside school are also able to take exams in school.

Parents who wish to arrange an examination in school for their child should complete the form which can be obtained from <u>Jennifer Hustler</u>.

Pupils who take individual lessons in school and are taking an exam this term will have a form sent home by their instrumental teacher.

Forms should be returned to Jen Hustler, Director of Music, by Friday 22nd October.

### Fixture Changes for next week

Please note the following fixture change for next week:

**Monday**: Chess match v St Catherine's has been postponed

Wednesday: All the triangular football fixtures will now take place at Farleigh including

the U10A & U10B. There will be no matches at Stroud School

**Wednesday** The **hockey** matches which were due to be played at Holme Grange will

now be played at Cantley Park. There are no matches on the Holme

Grange site.

#### Gum Shields for Children in Years 3 to 8

A reminder that all Yateley Manor children in Years 3 upwards must wear a mouth guard/gum shield for playing hockey and rugby.

Boil and fit gum shields are available from sports shops and the School Shop. Some parents prefer to purchase gum shields which are professionally fitted and offer a greater level of protection (not recommended for children in Years 3 and 4 because their teeth change so quickly) and these can be organised though your dentist.

Girls in Year 3 upwards will need gum shields from now whilst the boys in Year 3 upwards will need them from November. Please note that children without a mouth guard will not be able to represent the school in rugby or hockey teams and will only have limited access to elements of training sessions.

### **Swimming Squads Trials**

Swimming trials for the Yateley Manor Swimming Squad will be held on the following times:

Wednesday 15th September 7.00am - 8.00am Years 5 and 6 Wednesday 15th September 4.35pm - 5.25pm Years 3 and 4

To be eligible to join the swimming squads children should be able to swim continuously for a minimum of ten minutes. We also ask that they are committed to the club and attend every week.

Due to restrictions in the pool we are only able to offer places to 16 children in each group. Places will be offered based on their times in the swimming trials.

If you would like your child to take part in the trials please email Natasha Middleditch.

#### Year 6 Presentation Skills Workshop

Year 6 had an invaluable Interview Skills Workshop on Thursday morning led by Tracy Squirrell. Discussion and practical activities explored the importance of first

impressions, how to create a positive impact and making words effective through the use of body language and tone of voice. They also discussed how to respond to interview questions and practised putting their news skills into action.





#### Communication with Parents

**INAMOS,** our weekly newsletter, contains lots of information about forthcoming events, reminders of parent meetings, match information, lunch menu, cancelled clubs and much more. It is posted onto the school website, usually on Friday evenings, and a link to it is emailed to all parents.

On the <u>home page of the school website</u> there is a link to the INAMOS page. Here you can find the most recent edition as well as issues from earlier in the term. Editions of INAMOS from recent terms can be found on the INAMOS Archive page.

Please read INAMOS regularly to keep up to date on information that you need to know.

We are also happy to email the link to pupils who may like to read INAMOS on a weekly basis. If you would like your child to receive the link please send their email address to <u>Penny Charles</u>.

**Email:** Some information, including letters from the Headmaster, will be sent to parents by email. Please remember to let us know if you change your email address. Unfortunately, some email providers do not allow bulk emails through their filters and therefore a small number of parents may not receive these emails. Parents who do not receive a weekly INAMOS email should contact <u>Penny Charles.</u> Similarly if you would like another email address added to our distribution lists please also let her know.

**Facebook, Twitter and Instagram:** Photographs of events are regularly posted to the school Facebook page, Twitter and Instagram accounts so that parents, grandparents and friends can keep up-to-date with everything going on at Yateley Manor. You do not need to have your own Facebook, Twitter or Instagram accounts to be able to look at our pages. Links to both <u>Facebook</u>, the <u>School Twitter Feed</u> and <u>Instagram</u> can be found on the homepage of the school website.

If you do have Facebook, Twitter or Instagram why not *like* our Facebook page or *follow* us on Twitter and Instagram so that feeds come directly to you. Please note that we do not name children on social media. Please help us keep our children safe by not naming them in the comments of a photogaph.

## Autumn Form Captains and Vice Captains

Form	Form Captain	Vice Captain	
6CD	Ronnie Thompson	Flores Johnson-Rodriguez	
6МЈВ	Sasha King	Jack Bowie	
6NCD	Jasper Wisbey	Sienna Whitley	
6PD	Oscar Mackenzie-Smith	Ella Walley	
6SKP	Louis Raven	Barbara Maseda Villalon	
6TLM	Dylan Sehmi	Anishan Barathan	
5AER	Kayan Sachdev	Sophia Lester	
5ALY	Phoebe Batcheler	Matthew Page	
5AT	Emmy Chapman	Ishaan Ansar	
5BCS	Maia Cella Walker	Finn Aumonier	
5OCU	James McGinty	Sydney Miles-Darby	
4GJR	Jacob Brown	Grace Harvey	
4SS	Sophie Haines	Azob Chick	
ЗНЈ	Maisie Sigley	Elio Sandy	
3РТ	Tvisha Nair	Freddie Andrews	
3VMN	Lachlan MacIntyre	Gianna Alexander	

#### It is Good to be Back







#### **LAMDA**

We will again be offering LAMDA tuition to children in Years 3 to 8 this academic year. During designated early morning and lunchtime sessions, Gail Brundle will be delivering individual, shared and small group lessons in a variety of courses set by the London Academy of Music and Dramatic Art, resulting in recognised exam qualifications. While there will be no additional charge for these lessons, there will be a registration fee for any child who wishes to take the exam.

New groups for the current year will start in the week commencing 20th September and these groups are open to all children from Year 3 to Year 8. Due to restrictions with teacher: pupil ratios there will be a limited number of places available for each session. These will be allocated on a first come first served basis. Those children who attended LAMDA sessions last term need to apply again if they would like to continue.

Parents were sent an email on Friday with more details. As we know that these sessions are very popular we are letting parents know that the email containing the link to the booking form will be sent out on **Monday 13th September at 7.00pm.** 

#### Music Practice Club

Music Practice Clubs are running again this term as an after-school club every evening except Wednesdays. The club is open to all children in Years 3 to 8 who learn a musical instrument, whether in or outside school. The purpose of the club is to provide an opportunity for independent practice, taking advantage of the fantastic practice room facilities in the Music School, under the supervision of Mrs Gough, the school violin and piano teacher.

The session is pupil-led, but with Mrs Gough on hand to provide guidance, help with theory, aural or to accompany students working towards a performance.

Any pupil wishing to attend the club should sign up during the day in School Reception. Then come and get your music practice ticked off the list before you get home!

Please ensure that any child who wishes to attend a Practice Club session has their music and instrument (if appropriate) with them. It will not be possible to loan out music or equipment at this time.

## First Week for our New Reception Children

Very well done to our super new Reception classes for being such superstars in their first week. We are really impressed with how quickly and how well they have all settled into school life. We are sure they will have a fantastic first year!



#### **School Shop**

The school shop is currently open for parents to purchase school uniform on Tuesdays and Wednesdays between 3.00pm and 5.30pm. We are only able to have one parent and their children in the shop at any one time. Parents will be asked to wait in School Reception if someone is already in the school shop.

Mail order from the shop is still available. Please download and complete the order form which can be <u>found on the school website</u>. Completed forms should be emailed to <u>shop@yateleymanor.com</u>. Information about payment and collection of mail orders is also on the webiste.

#### **Music Opportunities**

The new school year has started well in the Music School and Jennifer Hustler, our Director of Music, has been pleased with the enthusiasm shown by the children. In class music lessons, she has outlined some of the opportunities available to the children.

Individual music lessons are offered on a wide range of instruments. If you are interested in individual lessons for your child, please contact Jennifer Hustler, our Director of Music, or collect an information sheet from School Reception.

We offer introductory lessons for violin for children in Years 1 and 2, cello for children in Years 3 and 4 and clarinet for children in Years 5 and 6. Our peripatetic teachers give ten lessons to groups of four children. This gives them the opportunity to try the instrument within a small group and decide if they would like to continue with individual lessons afterwards. There is no charge for these sessions but there will be a one-time fee for instrument hire. Places are limited and are offered on a first come first served basis. An email with information about these groups will be sent to parents.

Our musical ensembles will all start again next week except for Junior Manor Singers, which started last Wednesday afternoon. We are very excited to introduce a new ensemble; Manor Cool Keys, which will meet for the first time on Monday morning at 8.00am in Mozart and which is open to any pianists or keyboard players who have already completed Grade 1 and are still taking lessons.

Music Practice clubs have already started for this term (please see separate item on this page for more information). Individual music lessons have also already started. C S