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Dear Parents and Carers

The term is coming to a rapid close with only one week left before we enjoy our Christmas break. Pupils have been working hard on creating Christmas decorations, baking Christmas treats and (for many) putting on a fabulous performance as they rehearse for our Christmas by Candlelight celebration on the 16th. I have thoroughly enjoyed being part of these rehearsals and some of our pupils have the most beautiful voices with perfect intonation. It is a shame that families can't join us this year, but we will be sharing recordings of the Christmas songs and carols with you all and our pupils will be bringing home the fruits of their Christmas labours.

Reports

I have the pleasure of attaching your child's academic report for the autumn term to this newsletter. These reports will give you a good understanding of the progress your child has made this term. Please discuss with your child's tutor during your video appointment this week.

Covid Update

As cases continue to rise both locally and nationally, we have been extremely lucky that Yarrow Heights School has not had any positive cases. Please continue to test twice weekly and follow government guidelines if anyone in your household displays Covid symptoms.

We will continue to follow our internal risk assessment to prevent the spreading of Covid.

Parent Portal

Our Parent Portal is now live; if you are experiencing any difficulties logging on, please contact:

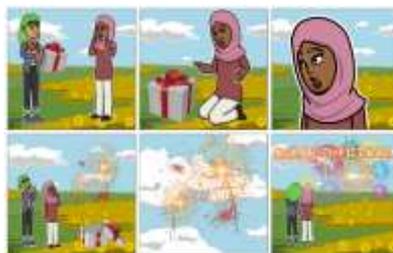
Sarah Wilson – sarah.wilson@yarrowheights.com

Christmas Competition Winners

Daisy (card design) £10 voucher

Frankie (invitation) £5 voucher

Jacob (programme) £5 voucher





Online Safety

Many children spend more time online doing their schoolwork, playing games or watching videos. Technology is hugely valuable for education, as well as a way to keep in touch with friends and family. However, it's important we all consider how we can support children's online safety at all times. In school, we study e-safety regularly. Here's some information about what your child may enjoy online and what you can do to help keep them safer:

Parental Controls:

Parental controls have been designed to help you manage your child's online activities. There are various types, some of which are free but others which can be bought. However, nothing is totally fool proof so this shouldn't replace the support and guidance you give your child to help keep them safer. For more information and step by step instructions on setting up parental controls, visit Parental Controls.

[Parental Controls & Privacy Settings Guides - Internet Matters](#)

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Supervise their online activity: keep the devices your child uses in communal areas of the house such as the living room or kitchen, where an adult is able to supervise. Primary-age children should not access the internet in private spaces alone, such as in a bedroom or bathroom. Explore together and chat little and often: Ask your child to show you their favourite apps, games and sites and encourage them to teach you how to use these. Ask them if anything ever worries them online. Make sure they know they won't be in trouble and can get help by talking to you or another adult they trust if anything happens online that makes them feel worried, sad or scared.

Dates for the Diary

Friday 10th December – Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day



Save the Children
CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY

For a small voluntary donation to the Save the Children charity, YHS pupils and staff are invited to wear a Christmas jumper on this day instead of their school fleece/jumper. The more festive the better!

Wednesday 15th December - Yarrow Heights Christmas Lunch

Full Christmas lunch with all the trimmings! Pupils and staff dine together in a festive ambiance.

Thursday 16th December: Yarrow Heights School – Afternoon Christmas Carols by Candlelight 1400 - 1515

Unfortunate this event has moved to a school event only. A recording of the performance will be sent to all parents and carers. Thank you once again for your understanding of our decision; we feel it was the right one to keep our whole community safe.

Friday 17th December 2021 Last Day of Autumn Term

The school will close at 1230. Children will be provided with lunch prior to their departure. Please advise taxis directly and we will ensure the Local Authority are notified.

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