

Yorke Mead School

Newsletter

Friday 20th December 2024

This week at Yorke Mead!
Bringing Learning to Life



Our very special visitor this week



Dates for the diary

This week	Next Month
20 th Dec – School finishes at 1:45pm	Mon 6 th Jan – INSET Day Tues 7 th Jan – Spring Term starts Thus 23 rd Jan – Times tables workshop for Y3 and Y4 parents



Christmas Charity- Thank you so much!



FREDDIE'S ARC

WOW! What can I say?
Your generous donations for Freddie's and Jessica's Arc have raised a wonderful **£1260.68** to support the research into treatment and prevention of rhabdomyosarcomas in children.

I have spoken to the parents of both families and they are thrilled and touched by your generosity.



JESSICA'S ARC

Walking Wednesday

Well done to everyone who is making the most of walking Wednesday –our winning teams are REDS and GREENS this week!



Times tables Workshop

SAVE THE DATE.....

Times tables workshop for Y3 and Y4 parents



Join us at 2.15pm

Thursday 23rd January 2025

to find out:

- The importance of times table to your child's mathematical understanding
- How times tables are taught
- How you can support your child at home

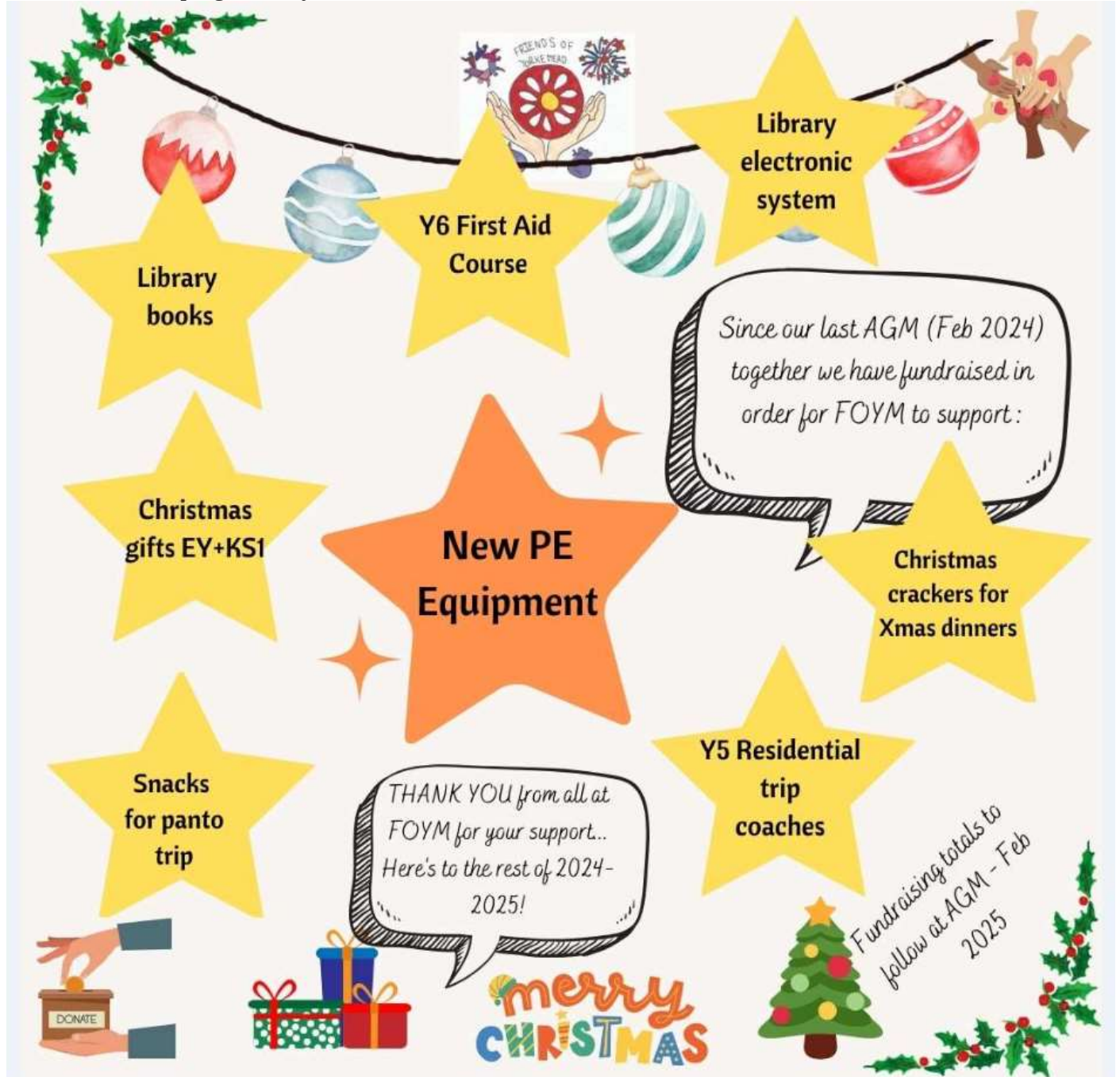
ECO-NEWS

Attached with this newsletter is the latest copy of the Yorke Mead Eco News. A huge thank you to Mrs Ronanova for the work she has put into achieving this and the support she has given the children. I hope you and your child enjoy sharing this. Paper copies are available in school; understandably we are not printing copies for every child.

FOYM – Thank you

A big thank you to all those who have supported FOYM this term - particularly those who volunteered at and attended the Christmas Fun Day. The full fundraising total will follow once this is confirmed but an initial estimate is that this is around £2500 - fantastic!

It is because of FOYM that we can achieve what we achieve, and the support means positive things happen in school. Make helping FOYM your New Year resolution!



Yorke Sport!



Intra School Competition

Yesterday our Colour Team Captains organised their first intra school competition, led by the captains and competed in by all children from Year 3 -6. There were a variety of team games played, and the competition was incredibly close with both Yellow and Greens taking tournament wins. However, the winning team for this first competition is... **BLUES**



Thinking of Others... Giving to Others

Carol Singing at Cherwell Court

As the Christmas Season is well and truly upon us, it was lovely to give to others. Year 4 Pine visited Cherwell Court singing Christmas carols to the residents there. What a lovely way to bring a smile to someone.



Gifts for those who need a little more

Thank you for the generous gifts donated to support children who may not have as much as others at Christmas time. Every little precious one will bring a smile that will make more than one person feel better.



Useful information I hope you don't need!

NHS Pharmacy First Service

Did you know that the NHS Pharmacy First Service enables children and adults to get convenient access to healthcare advice and treatment where appropriate, for seven common conditions without the potential delay of having to wait for a GP appointment? Accessing the service may mean that we can help children feel better and get back to school as quickly as possible, as well as supporting parents/carers to also get better if they are unwell with one of the conditions covered under the service.

There is no need to make an appointment; parents or carers can pop into their local Boots pharmacy with their child and ask for help under the service.

Support for the following conditions can be accessed under the service, free of charge (unless NHS prescription charges apply):

Common condition	Patient eligibility
Earache	1 to 17 years
Impetigo	1 year and over
Infected insect bites and stings	1 year and over
Sore throats	5 years and over
Sinusitis	12 years and over
Uncomplicated urinary tract	Women 16 to 64 years
Shingles	18 years and over

A summary of the service is available as an [animation](#) and more information can also be found at nhs.uk/thinkpharmacyfirst as well as at <https://www.boots.com/healthhub/a-z-services/pharmacy-first>.

Community Pharmacy England, who represent community pharmacy owners in England, have created a suite of resources for use by schools; you can use any that would suit your methods of communication with parents/carers to raise awareness of this important service. Resources include:

- ✓ Downloadable posters which can be displayed in reception/waiting areas or staff rooms.
- ✓ Downloadable flyers which could be included in school bags or left in reception/waiting area.
- ✓ Digital screen options which could be played if you have a digital screen in your reception/waiting area.

- ✓ Template news stories that could be included on your school website or in newsletters; and
- ✓ Template letter to email out to parents/carers highlighting the Pharmacy First service.

All these resources are available at cpe.org.uk/infopharmacyservices

Thank you to Alan Edwards who has helped us put together our photographs to celebrate our 'Outstanding' status. We wanted to respect the messages of our Eco Council and avoid the damage of 11 helium filled foil balloons... we kept it simple and focused on the most outstanding members of our community – your children! I hope you like them!



*Wishing you all a
very Merry
Christmas and a
Happy New Year!*

Lucille Pollard

Head teacher

