



## **End of Year Newsletter 2017/18**

20<sup>th</sup> July 2018

Dear Parents,

It is hard to believe the nearly ten months have passed since the first day of term in September. It has been an incredibly rewarding time thanks to our superb staff and children and the support and encouragement given by you, our parents and carers. There have been a huge number achievements, too many to list, some of these have been recognised in today's celebration assembly. Recent highlights have been a wonderful and engaging activities week and sports day. As we are all too aware, change and different experiences can be difficult for our pupils but with the appropriate preparation it is important that we provide as many enriching experiences as possible, activity week was testament to this with the children demonstrating the progress they have made through their perseverance and coping strategies. At the beginning of the summer term work commenced on the new sensory playground and garden area. The new play area is proving extremely popular with the children and all classes having been planting trees and sensory plants in the garden.

We were all particularly excited when in March pupils at the school received awards from the National Handwriting Association. Along with our OT department, the children received their rewards and gave a presentation about how OT has helped them to improve their handwriting skills. We have recently achieved Asthma Friendly School status from the NHS and are currently going through assessment for The Eco schools Green flag award. I am also pleased to announce that we have increased the capacity to deliver the Forest schools program with Marc Doe becoming a level 4 practitioner, this qualification will enable Marc to train staff to level 3. During the coming year each class will have at least one week of forest schools. Further information about Forest schools can be found at the following link <http://forestschoools.com/what-are-forest-schools/>

As you will be aware we have implemented a new assessment approach across the school from January, this has enabled us to measure steps of progress in a more frequent and informative way. A new timetable that further allows us to meet the needs of our pupils will be implemented for all classes in September, this will be snet to you during the first week back at school in September. Further Curriculum information evenings and planned workshops will also be delivered during the coming year.

During the year we hosted two very informative speakers; Gina Davies, who gave advice to parents about disruptive sleep patterns and Katie Reynolds, author of the award winning What is happening to Tom and Ellie books on Sexuality and safety. We will be hosting further speakers during 2018/19.



I am pleased to announce that the Parent/Staff resource Library will be available for all parents to use from September. We have invested in hundreds of books on a variety of autism related topics for parents and staff to borrow. Tea and coffee making facilities are also available and we encourage you to use the library as a parents meeting room. If you would like to avail of this, we will be sending out a flyer in September to book the library through Carole and Gemma in the main office.

Sadly we will be saying goodbye to Niamh Mellerick (Lead OT) who will be taking a lecturing post at Brunel University, Jo Harte (OT) who will be continuing her studies and Nina Milburn (OT) who is moving to Greece. Each have contributed significantly to supporting all our pupils and I'm sure you will join me in thanking them and wishing them well for the future. Caroline McHugh (currently OT at the Manor) will be taking up the lead OT position, Rachel Washington OT and Shandae Simon OT will be joining the staff team from September. Maymunah Sanni (TA) will also be leaving us this year and I would like to thank her for all her hard work during the year.

Congratulations are in order for Lisa Byrne (HLTA) who recently gave birth to a baby boy Finlay. Laura Pearce Education and Compliance officer will be commencing maternity leave from September and I would like to wish her well.

I would like to say goodbye to our eleven year 6 leavers, many of whom have been with us since reception, year 1 and 2. Each have made significant progress during their time here and I wish them all well at The Manor in September.

Finally, I would like to thank you the parents for your continued support without which, we could not do the work we do. All staff at Yiewsley Grange, wish you an enjoyable and peaceful summer. The school office will be open for the majority of the summer break should you have any enquiries, alternatively, should you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me at [Ciaran.walsh@hmschool.org.uk](mailto:Ciaran.walsh@hmschool.org.uk) and will return your message at the earliest possible convenience.

Yours Sincerely,  
Ciaran  
Head teacher



## Dates for your Diary

### Autumn Term 2018

- \* Term starts: Monday 3rd September 2018 Training Day 1 No School for Pupils
- \* Tuesday 4th September 2018 Training Day 2 No School for Pupils
- \* Wednesday 5th September 2018 Training Day 3 No School for Pupils
- \* Thursday 6th September 2018 PUPILS RETURN TO SCHOOL
- \* Half term: Monday 22nd October to Friday 26th October
- \* Monday 29th October 2018 PUPILS RETURN TO SCHOOL
- \* Term ends: Friday 21st December 2018

### Spring Term 2019

- \* Term starts Monday 7th January 2019 Training Day 4 No School for Pupils
- \* Tuesday 8th January 2019 Training Day 5 No School for Pupils
- \* Wednesday 9th January 2019 PUPILS RETURN TO SCHOOL
- \* Half term: Monday 18th February to Friday 22nd February
- \* Monday 25th February 2019 PUPILS RETURN TO SCHOOL
- \* Term ends: Friday 5th April 2019

### Summer Term 2019

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Head Teacher: Richard McCabe BSc (Hons)

- \* Term starts: Tuesday 23rd April 2019 Training Day 6 No School For Pupils
- \* Wednesday 24th April 2019 PUPILS RETURN TO SCHOOL
- \* Half term: Monday 27th May to Friday 31ST May
- \* Monday 3rd June 2019 PUPILS RETURN TO SCHOOL
- \* Term ends: Tuesday 23rd July 2019



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First Group**  
*positive actions, positive outcomes*

