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Headteacher's news:

On Friday afternoon (last week), Headteacher colleagues from the ALPT met with Stuart Andrew (Member of Parliament for Pudsey, Horsforth and Aireborough) to share concerns about a range of issues facing schools - particularly related to capacity and funding. In my relatively short time in headship, I have seen a real strain on the resources in schools. Budgets are becoming increasingly hard to manage and, to put it quite simply, there needs to be more investment from Central Government into our education system.

This week:

- Y1 Pear and Y1/2 Lime visited Yeadon Library
- Y6 finished their bikeability training
- The U11 boys enjoyed a football a tournament at Fisical Sports
- The Y6 Market Day Event 2 was a success
- New Reception 2023 parents visited the school

Today, I had a very busy day with recruitment - this relates to further changes to staff that I will tell you about in due course.

I hope you have a lovely weekend - here's hoping for good weather on Monday so that our annual sports day can take place.

JOHN CHARLES AQUATICS CENTRE SYNCHRONISED SWIMMING TASTER STAGE & COMPETITIVE SWIMMING M Aquatics Centre, John Charles Centre for Sport FREE TASTER SESSION Friday 25 August 16.20-16.50 Monday 7 August Thursday 31 August Thursday 31 August 10.30-11.30 14.30-15.30 Do you have a child interested in performing in the water? Would they like to try learning a new skill set with other like minded children? Come along and give Synchronised Swimming a try! Minimum standard for this is the ability to swim 50m unaided of a recognised stroke and be able to swim at least 3 different strokes Children must be able to swim 50m unaided or be at Stage 5
All children must be able to swim Breaststroke Bookings now been taken, please email phoebe.parry@leeds.gov.uk Bookings now being taken, please call 0113 3788235 to book your child's place to book your child's place. Please include child's full name, year of birth & current swim ability. ACTIVE Aquatics ___ ACTIVE

As with previous holidays, Active Leeds has a vast array of activities scheduled in which parents can find details of online: https://active.leeds.gov.uk
For the Summer holidays, the Swimming and Synchronised Swimming teams are on the hunt for the next group of talented children and have the above taster sessions.

Synchronised Swimming Taster Session: aimed at children who can swim 50m confidently or at Stage 5 (also must be able to swim Breaststroke!)

Stage 8 Competitive Swimming Taster Session: aimed at children in school years 2 -4, who can swim 50m of a recognisable stroke & can swim 3 different strokes (Front crawl, Backstroke, Breaststroke, Butterfly)

Please book directly with Active Leeds as detailed on the posters above.

Click below to see what has been happening in your child's class this week:

Nursery Reception Y1 Pear Y1/2 Lime Y2 Cherry

<u>Y3 Willow</u> <u>Y3/4 Cedar</u> <u>Y4 Beech</u> Y5 Oak Y5/6 Ash Y6 Maple In **assembly** ... I spoke to the children about the importance of taking 'one step at a time' when we are faced with challenges or feel overwhelmed by a task or a list of jobs to do.

Sports Day will take place on Monday 10 July 2023 on the bottom field. At the time of writing, the weather forecast for the week is not looking promising but we are running out of time in the school year and need to keep our fingers crossed and hope that it changes for the better. The FORP will be selling refreshments on the day so please bring some change.

Infants: 9:30 start KS2: 13:30 start

It was lovely seeing so many of you at the Yeadon Carnival on Saturday. Thank you to all those who joined us for the parade:



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Mon 10 July: Sports Day

Tues 11 July: Parents to be emailed their child's new class/teacher for 2023-24

Wed 12 July: Children to visit their new

class and teacher 9:15-10:30

Y6 Leavers' Show 2pm

Mon 17 July: Infant Discos

(Nursery & Rec 2-3pm & KS1 3:30-4:45pm)

Wed 19 July: KS2 Discos

(LKS2 3:30-4:45pm & UKS2 5:30-7pm)

Fri 21 July: Break up for Summer Holidays

Mon 4 Sept: Teacher Training Day

Tues 5 Sept: First day back at school for all the children in Y1 to Y6