

# Yateley School Parents' Bulletin

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## Learning Together – Empowered for Life

Dear Parent / Carer,

So we've successfully made it through another week and despite another brush with COVID, in the very large part, teaching and learning continues and more than a semblance of normality is in place for our students, which is what they so clearly need. There will no doubt be some grumbles from a few students about being outdoors in miserable November weather, but both staff and students clearly see the point and there is a huge amount of buy in. Thank you very much for all your support and encouragement at home – it really matters. That said, with the poorer weather, I can't stress enough how important it is for your child to have a warm showerproof coat. Can you also please make sure that your child is arriving punctually at the allotted time in the morning? The vast majority do, but the occasional late comer makes our safety arrangements harder to enforce.



To further support the national focus this week of **Anti-Bullying Week**, we asked all staff and students this Friday to wear odd socks (the more colourful the better). This has been an idea from the Anti-Bullying Alliance. Odd Socks Day is designed to be fun! It's also an important opportunity to encourage people to value diversity, express themselves and celebrate the individuality that makes us all unique.



I'll leave you to decide whether the Headteacher's half hearted attempt, or Mrs Dart's full-on sock and entire outfit assault wins the crown! As always, perhaps the students' efforts were better?



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**Online parents' evenings.** Thank you to the parents of our Sixth Form students who navigated their way (with ease I hope) onto the online parents' evening on Thursday. Clearly the technology has made a huge difference and has been exceptionally well received. For the benefit of parents in the younger year groups, I'd like to give you the best reassurance I can – basically it works really well - and thank you to the many parents who've contacted us to say how much they appreciated the new system. The following comment, received this morning, is representative. *'I just wanted to say a massive well done to Yateley School for getting together the online parents' evening last night! It was the easiest parents' evening I've ever attended. No having to take time off work, no mad dash to drive to the school, no trying to locate teachers and classrooms!'* Certainly, with feedback like this, it might be hard to make a case for returning to do parents' consultation evenings in the 'old way' after COVID has finally left us.

With my very best wishes for a pleasant weekend.

Yours sincerely

Paul German

Headteacher



## Anti-Bullying Week 16<sup>th</sup> November

I hope that all students have been able to find the time this week to go through the Anti-Bullying Assembly Presentation and Video that was shared with everyone.

Just as a reminder the links to the two are below:

- Assembly Video – [CLICK HERE](#)
- Assembly Presentation (with links to resources, etc) – [CLICK HERE](#)

We now look forward to looking at the entries for the poster competition (see the assembly presentation for details) and don't forget the deadline is Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> November to [Juliet.Balls@yateley.hants.sch.uk](mailto:Juliet.Balls@yateley.hants.sch.uk).

As we also said last week, if any student needs to speak to someone about any bullying concerns please do contact [antibullying@yateley.hants.sch.uk](mailto:antibullying@yateley.hants.sch.uk) who will be able to arrange the required and suitable support.

## Theme of the Week (Week Beginning 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2020) - Theme = Media

The Big Questions – please take time to discuss as a family this weekend

- Is the British Media fair?
- Are there differences between newspapers and TV?
- Which type of media is the most important source of information for you?
- Which type of media is the most important source of information for your friends?
- What is "fake news"? Why is fake news a problem?
- How can we deal with the problem of "fake news" without impacting on freedom of speech.

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Some interesting reading online:

- Daily Source – Current problems in media – [CLICK HERE](#)
- The Conversation – How Trump uses Twitter to distract the media – [CLICK HERE](#)
- The Conversation - 3.2 billion images and 720,000 hours of video are shared online daily. What is real and what is fake? – [CLICK HERE](#)

## Reception – Signing In and Out



Originally on our return in September, due to COVID we could not allow students to sign in and out of main school reception. However now that all students are required to wear face masks while travelling around the school site, students must report to main reception to sign in and out of school if not at the normal school start and end times.



## Hampshire Children & Young Peoples Crisis Line

Hampshire operate a crisis line which is available to young people who are experiencing difficulties with their mental health.

CYP Crisis Line is open: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday 3-8:30pm including bank holidays.

The service is for any young person 11-17 years old living within/residence of Hampshire County Council & Isle of Wight Council (excl. Portsmouth and Southampton).

**Freephone: 0300 303 1590** ; Email Address: [cypcrisisline@easthantsmind.org](mailto:cypcrisisline@easthantsmind.org) (contactable for professionals and young people)

CYP Crisis Line can provide:

- Immediate access to safe & confidential one to one emotional support via freephone
- Crisis de-escalation
- Self-harm/suicide safety planning
- Advice of healthy coping skills & resources such as CBT/DBT skills, mindfulness, relaxation, self-care, positive mental health
- Signposting for both young people & parents

Please see the attached poster and booklet for more information.



## Uniform Guidance

Can we please remind all parents and students that students should not be wearing hoodies into school. It is getting cold, so we expect students to wear their normal school jumper and then a coat if needed. There should be no trainers being worn. Girls must wear skirts at the correct length (please see the school guidance). Finally, a reminder that jewellery is not allowed apart from a wristwatch and/or single stud in each ear. Students that wear items they should not must expect them to be confiscated by staff. For further details on our uniform guidance then please [CLICK HERE](#).

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## Collection for the Elderly

Reminder that we are still collecting for the elderly peoples gift bags. We are hoping to deliver over 100 bags this year so really need your donations. If your young person could bring them into either reception and place them in the box by the desk or take them to the reflection centre in the mornings that would be great.

Ideas for the bags - hats, gloves, scarfs, chocolates, candles, pens, note pads, diaries, toiletries, socks and biscuits.

Medium gift bags to put stuff in.

Mrs Short, Head of Nightingale House

## MFL VOCAB COMPETITION

Congratulations to everyone who took part in week 1 of the MFL Vocab Competition. We had 48 students complete the French competition and 34 students complete the German – how amazing!

So far our winners of the German competition are:

1. Luke Fontaine (9WN)
2. Reyna Dimli (9PN)
3. Leo Acock (9WN)

And French:

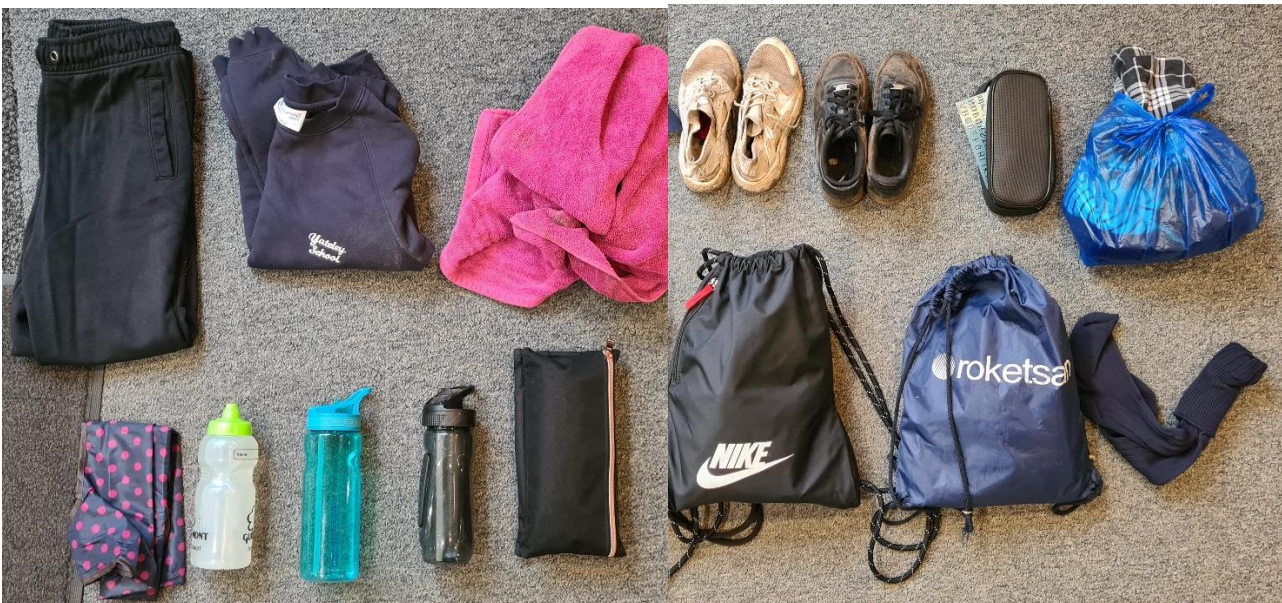
1. Alexandrina Ionas (9WS)
2. Beth Nwachukwu (9WN)
3. Jack Hill (9WN)

The winners will receive house points with Wilberforce gaining 10 points overall and Pankhurst winning 2 points so far.

Do you think you can beat our current winners? Take part in week 2 of the competition

Miss Grabowska

## Lost Property



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We have accumulated various lost property items over the last few weeks – we would really like to get these back to their owners!

The full description list of lost property is attached to the bulletin.

If you send us an email at [admin@yateley.hants.sch.uk](mailto:admin@yateley.hants.sch.uk) we will endeavour to get the item reunited with the student. All this lost property will need to be cleared by Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December.

**Admin and Reception Team**



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## COVER SUPERVISOR VACANCY

Start – Immediately or as soon as possible



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Part time – must be available 8.30am – 3.10pm

Interviews – date to be agreed

Salary Type: Grade C £18,933 - £19,941 FTE

Working Day. 8.30am – 3.10pm

This role is an excellent opportunity for someone who would like to join a dynamic educational environment. You must have experience in working with people or with students and wanting to gain or continue Secondary School awareness. Alternatively, you may be a qualified Teacher and seeking a position which will not require planning, marking and assessment.

Applications are welcome from those who have a good standard of education and have proven communication and organisational skills. They must have a sense of humour, be confident and be adaptable to the changing needs of work colleagues. Applicants must be able to work under pressure, independently and have a firm but fair non-confrontational approach towards discipline. We believe that every student is an individual and that proven techniques in praise and encouragement are key. Experience in classroom management and any presentation skills are a clear advantage.

### Duties will include;

- Independently supervising classes having presented the work set by the subject teacher
- Invigilating exams
- Support teachers in the supervision of Students on off-site visits
- Some general administration duties

This would be an ideal opportunity for someone who is considering a career in teaching or someone who is searching for a rewarding position in the support of a young person's education. The successful applicant will receive a comprehensive Induction and Continuous Professional Development Programme.

Be part of an enthusiastic team within a school who firmly believes that

For a full application pack please email [applications@yateley.hants.sch.uk](mailto:applications@yateley.hants.sch.uk).

*Ms M Hudson*

## Maths Corner

### Jack and Jill!



Jack and Jill buy 7 lottery scratch-cards. Jack paid £4 and Jill paid £3. They win £154 with the last scratch card.

Jill says, "We should each get £77".

Jack says, "@%\$\* £?!"

How much money should they each get if the money is to be shared fairly?

**1 house point to all parents/student who presents the correct answer to their maths teacher before next weeks Maths Corner is published.**

**Answer to Maths Corner 5 – Sofa so good!**  
**£382.5**