

## Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July 2023

Whole School Attendance – 84.7% Class Winner – 92.6%

### **End of the School Day**

Our school day finishes at 3.15pm. If you need to collect your child early for an appointment you need to provide school with evidence of this. Anyone wishing to collect their child without evidence of an appointment will need authorisation from the Head of School, Ms Woodward, to do so.



Toddler Group
Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> July 'Teddy Bear's Picnic but
usually

Every Tuesday Morning 9am and 10.30am (term time)
£1 per child.

A big thank you to parents and children who attended this week's Toddler Group. It was fantastic to see the children having so much fun, painting, playing in the sand and water and interacting with the other children. It was also brilliant to see the parents happily chatting with each other and sharing their parenting experiences. Just a reminder that the next playgroup will be on **Wednesday 12**<sup>th</sup> **July**, where we will host a 'Teddy Bear's Picnic'. Please remember to bring a Teddy and a Blanket. We look forward to seeing you there.

### Our Stars of the Week this week have been:

Nursery am – Logan
Nursery pm - Faith
Class 1 – Henry J & Kenzo
Class 2 – Reeve
Class 3 – Abel
Class 4 – Maisie
Class 5 – Andrei
Class 6 – Bethany
Class 7 – Mason
Class 8 – Sam
Class 9 – Oliver
Class 10 – Leyton
Class 11 – Luke & Archie
Class 12 – Olivia

Dinner Menu Week Commencing 10/07/23 Week 3



The next Coffee Morning will be on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> July 9am to 10am. Coffee/Tea and biscuits will be provided at a cost of £1. It's a

chance to chat to other parents and staff about any issues or concerns, and share your own experiences and advice with other parents.





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### Safeguarding

School needs to be made aware of all holidays taken during term time. This is a safeguarding issue. We need to have a reason for every absence from school. If you are taking your child/ren on holiday in term time, please complete a holiday form in advance. Thank you for your co-operation.

Please follow the link below for the BFLPT Newsletter

https://westroadprimary.co.uk/wpcontent/uploads/2023/07/Brighter-Futures-Newsletter-Summer-2023.pdf

### **Dates to Remember**

10<sup>th</sup> July AM – KS1 Sports Day
10<sup>th</sup> July PM – Reception Sports Day
11<sup>th</sup> July All Day – Nursery Sports Day
13<sup>th</sup> July PM – LKS2 Sports Day
12<sup>th</sup> July 1.30 – Yr 6 Graduation
12<sup>th</sup> July 3.30 – Yr 6 Prom
14<sup>th</sup> July 11.45- 1.00 – Picnic on the Field
21<sup>st</sup> July – School closes for the summer holiday



### **Sunshine Safety**

Now the weather is warming up we recommend on hot days children attend school with sun cream already applied and wear a

sunhat. It is also important for them bring a water bottle to stay hydrated.

Family Learning are offering our Parents 2 FREE taster sessions on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> Sept & 20<sup>th</sup> Sept 1-3 pm.

The sessions with be 'Getting Started with ICT' & 'Stress Management & Building Resilience.'

If these sessions are successful, WEA (Family Learning) can come into school & do an enrolment session on Wednesday  $27^{th}$  September and then follow on with a  $10^{th}$  December (no session  $1^{st}$  Nov half term).

Please register your interest at the School Office, or call Mrs Holloway on 01405 812734, if you are interested.

### **Nut Free School**

Can we please remind parent/carers whose children have packed lunches that we are nut

free school. This means packed lunches should **not** have any food items which contain nuts.



### **PTFA**

Your school needs you! We are looking for parents, carers, grand-parents etc. to join our PTFA. If you would like to support the school in arranging events and fund raising please let the office know.

Parent Reading Volunteers wanted across school. If you feel you have the time and commitment to make a difference to a child reading for enjoyment in school, please speak with your class teacher.





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### **Class Email Addresses**

Should you wish to contact your child's class teacher you can do so by emailing the class email. However, this should not be used to report a child absent. All absence calls should be made to the school office.

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Class 1	class1@westrd.doncaster.sch.uk
Class 2	class2@westrd.doncaster.sch.uk
Class 3	class3@westrd.doncaster.sch.uk
Class 4	class4@westrd.doncaster.sch.uk
Class 5	class5@westrd.doncaster.sch.uk
Class 6	class6@westrd.doncaster.sch.uk
Class 7	class7@westrd.doncaster.sch.uk
Class 8	class8@westrd.doncaster.sch.uk
Class 9	class9@westrd.doncaster.sch.uk
Class 10	class10@westrd.doncaster.sch.uk
Class 11	class11@westrd.doncaster.sch.uk
Class 12	$\underline{class12@westrd.doncaster.sch.uk}$

Does your child have a laptop at home to complete homework?





The following website www.toogoodtogo.co.uk is available for all parents to collect food from lots of local businesses at a



reduced price. There is also an app available.



Would you like to be a parent ambassador for mental health at West Road?

With Me In Mind are a NHS Mental Health Support Team who work within your child's school. We offer 1:1 therapeutic interventions, group work, and information events. We also offer parents/carers intervention to be able to support their child's mental health, a parent eclinic and offer workshops and advice sessions. We are always looking for ways to improve our service and feel the best way to do this is to gain feedback from service users, so we are looking to recruit some parent ambassadors. This is a voluntary role that would involve an hour long meeting once a term with WMIM Engagement **Lead** to discuss how we can improve the support that is offered and offer a space for you to share feedback on our service. We would love to hear from parents from all backgrounds and experiences, it does not matter if your child has not worked with our service.

If you have any questions or would like to get involved, please feel free to contact the WMIM engagement lead, Katie Wood at <a href="mailto:katie.wood37@nhs.net">katie.wood37@nhs.net</a> or let Mrs Holloway know. Thank you <a href="mailto:katie.wood37@nhs.net">know.Thank you</a>

Kooth is a free, safe and anonymous online mental wellbeing support service for 11 to 25 Year olds.

Please see below for further details www.kooth.com







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# Message from Doncaster Children's Services Partnership

Worried about a child? We are always here for our children, young people and families 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year.

If you are worried about a child and wish to speak to a person you can contact us by calling 01302 737777, or in the evening or at weekends call 01302 796000. You can also record your concerns online at <a href="https://www.doncasterchildrenstrust.co.uk/worried-about-a-child">www.doncasterchildrenstrust.co.uk/worried-about-a-child</a> - this can be done anonymously.



This week in Nursery we have spent time learning all about Ancient Greek vases and pots and even practised drawing our own patterns

and designing our own Greek vase. During our maths sessions we have been consolidating our learning from this term looking at repeating patterns and shapes. During our circle time we have talked about moving up to Reception and getting new teachers and how we feel about this. A super week in nursery well done everyone!

In Reception this week, pupils have been learning a story map for the Greek myth of Icarus and Daedalus. The pupils have been drawing the story



maps in Literacy. This week, pupils have been practising for their sports day next week. Excellent work Reception!

Year 1's highlight this year has been their visit from Ed Miliband, the MP for Doncaster North. He told us all about his job. He then answered lots of questions from the children from 'Do you



like the Prime Minister?' to 'Do you have any pets?' This linked to our History topic on Parliament and Prime Ministers. We have continued to learn about money in maths. We have made sculptures in the style of Giacometti. We are learning how to write character descriptions in English.



This week Year 2 have been creating a story mountain to plan their space narratives in English. In music,

the children learnt about the texture of music and how they can describe music as being thicker or thinner in texture dependant on the number of instruments used. The children have also enjoyed history where they learnt about who David Attenborough is and what work he has done to help protect animals.





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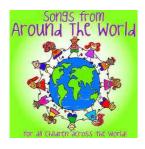
This week LKS2 have started our final book of the year in English, focusing on Haiku poems which fits in great with our geography component of Asia:Japan. In maths, we have started looking at

### Beaches

Sand scatters the beach Waves crash on the sandy shore Blue water shimmers



shapes and their properties, particularly studying the different types of triangles. Finally, the children have been amazing this week in the KS2 performance - all that singing and dancing practice finally came together. Well done to all Year 3 and 4 - they should be so proud of themselves!



UKS2 have had another fantastic week. They have all had the opportunity to perform our class songs to parents and carers and they all really loved dressing

up for the occasion and learning their dance routines. They enjoyed learning about the locations of their songs and how these relate to our learning in the classroom. The Mini Police pupils have also been on their visit and they all had a brilliant time. They represented the school wonderfully and were great representatives.

### **Dear Parents and carers,**

We have been made aware of the game 'Rainbow Friends' which is played within Roblox. There are also video compilations on YouTube that some of our younger pupils in Reception and Year 1 are accessing.

Rainbow Friends is described as a experience that combines popular games such as 'Five Nights at Freddy's' 'Poppy's and Playtime'. Rainbow Friends takes place over a five-day loop and players take on challenges. While doing so, players must avoid enemies. You play as a kidnapped child taken to an amusement park called 'Odd World' and are stalked by scary characters.

Some children are finding the characters from this game extremely frightening. The games suggested age is 10+. We are wanting to make parents and carers aware of the game so you are able to discuss with your child any concerns they may have about the game or issues that have arisen from it.

Thank you for your support





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Are you entitled to a £100 uniform voucher?

Am I entitled to free school meals for my child?

Your child will be eligible for free school meals (FSM) if you are receiving one of the following benefits or support:

- Universal Credit Your annual net earned income must be no more that £7,400, as assessed by earnings from up to 3 of your most recent assessment periods.
- Income Support.
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance.
- Income-related ESA.
- Child Tax Credit but not Working Tax Credit and your annual income is below £16,190.
- Guarantee element of State Pension Credit.
- Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999.
- Parents receiving Working Tax Credit for four weeks after their employment finishes are entitled to free school meals during that period. This also applies to parents who start working less than 16 hours per week.

### You are NOT entitled to free school meals if:

 You receive Working Tax Credit except where the 'four week run-on' applies. Even if your child is in Reception to Year 2 and they already receive a free meal under the government's Universal Infant Free School Meal (UIFSM) system, it is still worth applying for FSM. Benefits of successful FSM applications are:

- A £100 uniform voucher (payable on your first successful application only)
- Free school milk up to the end of Year 2.
- Reduced costs for residential visits.
- Other benefits may become available from time to time.

If your child becomes eligible for Free School Meals before 31 March 2022, they will continue to be eligible until they leave Primary Education. This is regardless of any changes in your circumstances and means you do not need to tell us if your circumstances change.

For more information and to apply online please visit:

http://www.doncaster.gov.uk/services/schools/fr ee-school-meals

or alternatively, please call into the office and we will be happy to advise and help you with an application



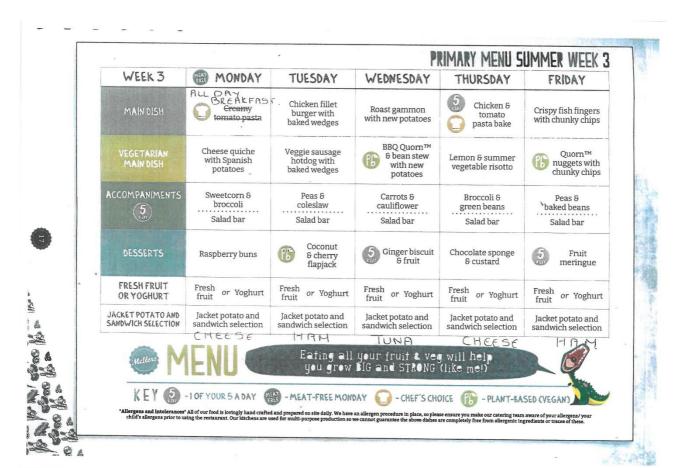




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# Online Safety Newsletter

### Quora

Quora should only be accessed by users that are 13+. Quora is a question-and-answer site. You do need to set up an account to see and post replies.

Due to the nature of the site, users can communicate with strangers. either through the Q&A boards. Private messaging can be turned off in settings and users can block other

site, then please ensure your child content is user generated, talk to your child about how information they age appropriate.

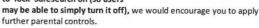
https://help.quora.com/hc/enus/sections/115001205786-Safety-Security

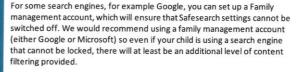
### Reporting to Social Media Sites

CEOP provide an overview of how to contact several different social media sites: https://www.thinkuknow.c o.uk/parents/articles/Repo rting-to-social-media-sites-

### Safe Searching

There is so much online that we would not want our child to view and even an innocent search can result in inappropriate content being seen. To make our child's online world safer, we would firstly recommend switching on Safesearch settings for the search engine your child uses. However, as not all search engines allow you to 'lock' Safesearch on (so users





In addition to the above, make sure you have set up appropriate parental controls on your home broadband (and any consoles/ devices/ apps/ websites that your child uses/accesses) for example, to restrict access to explicit websites or access to websites that are not suitable for children.

Please remember that no filtering/ parental control is 100% safe, so it is important that you talk to your child about how they can stay safe online and that they should talk to you or another trusted adult if they need to.

CEOP have produced an article exploring what you could do if your child sees something inappropriate online:

https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/articles/what-to-do-if-your-childhas-seen-something-inappropriate-online/

#### Further information

Parent Zone have published an article to help you understand searching in more detail:

https://parentzone.org.uk/article/search-engines

Users of this guide do so at their own discretion. No liability is entered into. Current as of the date released 1.7.23.





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# Online Challenges

Our children may not have developed the skills and ability to critically analyse all situations yet so it is important to talk to your child about hoaxes and challenges that may appear on the internet. Some challenges are fun and provide no risk, however there will be challenges that are risky/dangerous. Your child may see others complete certain challenges online without being harmed and therefore may want to repeat them and not consider the



potential risks to themselves. Make sure they know that they should talk to you (or another trusted adult) about what they see online, particularly if they plan to try a challenge or if something scares or upsets them.

We would always advise that if your child has not heard about an online challenge, then do not draw attention to it as this may lead to them searching for it out of curiosity, so just talk about challenges in a general sense. Reassure your child that challenges that suggest that bad things will happen if they do not complete the tasks are not real.

The following link will provide you with further information as well as content to help you talk to your child:

https://www.internetmatters.org/connecting-safely-online/advice-for-parents/tackling-the-hard-stuff-on-social-media-to-support-young-people/online-challenges-are-they-harmless/

TikTok have also produced this resource to help you talk to your child about challenges and the potential risks:

https://www.tiktok.com/safety/en-sg/online-challenges/

## Summertime

As we head into the summer holidays, we may find our children our online more or having more screen time. Childnet have produced this blog, which includes how to help your child with managing their screen time: https://www.childnet.com/help-and-advice/screen-time-boundaries-parents/



You may also be looking for activities to do with your child. Google and Parent Zone have produced some great resources that are free to download. They include a mix of online and offline activities, such as asking them to create a poster to show what they would do if they were worried about something they see online. You can access all the resources here:

https://www.parents.parentzone.org.uk/download

### **Vinted scams**

Have you used Vinted to buy and se used clothes? Please be aware of potential scams. Vinted have publish an article highlighting how scammer might target Vinted users and how y can protect yourself. You can read the full article here.

https://www.vinted.co.uk/help/628 recognise-spoof-and-phishing-messa

## Children's Online Safe

Virgin Media have created four different Internet Safety Tests arour four key topics to help you learn mor about the internet and different terr that you might come across such as catfishing. You can access them here

https://www.virginmedia.com/blog/one-safety/childrens-internet-safety-test/

### What is Virtual Reality

Did you know that many VR headset have a minimum age rating of 13?

Childnet have produced this article detailing what virtual reality is and th considerations that you should considered using:

https://www.childnet.com/blog/virtureality-a-guide-for-parents-and-care









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