

Friday 8th September 2023

Whole School Attendance – 94.4%

Class Winner – Sunflower 100%

Welcome Back!

We hope everyone has had a fantastic summer break. Here at West Road we are very excited and very much looking forward to the year ahead under our new Acting Head Teacher Ms Woodward.



Our Parents, Teachers and Families Association (PTFA) are holding a Coffee Afternoon for parents who are

interested in joining our PTFA. Please come along find out how our PTFA raise funds to help all children in school, and share your ideas. This will take place on Wednesday 13th September at 2pm. We look forward to seeing you then.

FYI – Moorends Community Gala will take place on Saturday 16th September 10.30am – 4pm



Toddler Group

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



The next Coffee Morning will be on Wednesday 13th September 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.

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.

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.



*Dinner Menu
Week Commencing
08/09/23
Week 3*



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

The first session will be 'Getting Started with ICT'. This 2 hr taster session aims to build confidence and get everyone starting to use Digital / laptops or their smartphone. The 2nd session 'Stress Management and Building Resilience', will focus on managing everyday stress, exploring how things make us feel / stressed, looking for signs in the body and exploring as a group, ways of managing it.

If these sessions are successful, WEA (Family Learning) can come into school on Wednesday 27th September to speak about these courses in more detail and parents will be able to sign up to the 10-week course which will run from the 4th October to the 13th December.

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

Thank you.

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.

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.

Nursery	nursery@westrd.doncaster.sch.uk
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	class12@westrd.doncaster.sch.uk

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

If your child requires a school laptop to complete their homework on Edshed and Times Table Rockstars, please let their class teacher know.



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.



Too Good To Go



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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 clinic 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 katie.wood37@nhs.net or let Mrs Holloway know. Thank you 😊

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 www.doncasterchildrenstrust.co.uk/worried-about-a-child - this can be done anonymously.

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



It has been fantastic to see the new Early Years classes this week. The pupils have enjoyed exploring all the areas of their new classrooms such as the water tray, playdough station and mark-making area. In Nursery, we have learnt about red in maths and been finding objects around the classroom. We have been really impressed with all the pupils settling in to their new school timetable, especially those who are now staying at lunchtimes. In Reception, we have been reading the story of 'Goldilocks and the Three Bears' and creating a story map with actions! Well done to all the EYFS pupils for a brilliant start to the new term.



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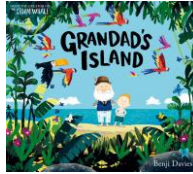
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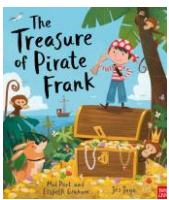
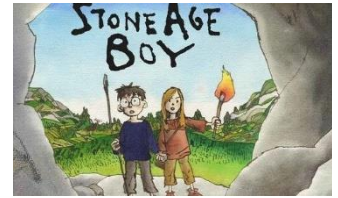
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Year 1 have had so much fun on their first week back! They have started to learn about their new story, Grandad's Island. They have spent the week learning about the author and finding out about the main characters. In maths, the children have been sorting and counting objects. They are true mathematicians! In PE, the children are learning about 'fundamental skills.' This week, we practiced jumping. In science, we began our learning about the human body, which we are excited to learn more about!



Year 3-4 have come back into a new year and it is like they have never been away. Getting straight back on with their work and showing real potential across all subject areas. In English we have started our work on the Stone Age Boy which the children have shown a real interest in which has also linked in with our history topic which is based around the Stone Age period. The children have loved learning all about different ways of living and even discovering what Stone Age people had to eat and what they did for pleasure. Finally, in maths Year 3-4 have been looking at place value and number which is an essential skill for any level of maths and the children have showed real potential with this topic and we hope that continues moving through the term. Well done Year 3-4!



This week in Year 2 we have enjoyed hearing all about everyone's summer holidays, we have spent time getting to know each other and settling back into school life. During our English sessions we have

begun reading our new book "The Treasure of Pirate Frank". The children made some super predictions about what might happen in the story and enjoyed thinking of their own rhyming words. In R.E we have started to look at the religion of Judaism and the children were really interested when learning all about the Torah and how special it is to Jewish people. We spent circle time thinking about our worries, how we can overcome these and the people who can help us if we ever feel worried at school or home. It has been a busy week filled with lots of new learning and we are proud of the children and their super attitudes to school. Well done Year 2.



What an exciting first week back we have had this week! We are settled into our new classes and are way into the routines of UKS2. Our new book is called 'The House with Chicken Legs' and we are loving the spooky vibes it is giving us so far- Baba Yaga the witch is a great character. In maths we have been consolidating our place value knowledge and working hard on our first arithmetic test of the year- we are aiming to beat our scores every week! We must remember to watch Pocahontas this weekend as it links to our history unit- The British Empire.



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 than £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.
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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/free-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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WEEK 3	 MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
MAIN DISH	All day breakfast	Chicken fillet burger with baked wedges	Roast gammon with new potatoes	  Chicken & tomato pasta bake	Crispy fish fingers with chunky chips
VEGETARIAN MAIN DISH	Cheese quiche with Spanish potatoes	Veggie sausage hotdog with baked wedges	 BBQ Quorn™ & bean stew with new potatoes	Cheese pinwheels with diced potatoes	 Quorn™ nuggets with chunky chips
ACCOMPANIMENTS 	Sweetcorn & broccoli Salad bar	Peas & coleslaw Salad bar	Carrots & cauliflower Salad bar	Broccoli & green beans Salad bar	Peas & baked beans Salad bar
DESSERTS	Raspberry buns	 Flapjack	 Ginger biscuit & fruit	Chocolate sponge & custard	 Fruit meringue
FRESH FRUIT OR YOGHURT	Fresh fruit or Yoghurt	Fresh fruit or Yoghurt	Fresh fruit or Yoghurt	Fresh fruit or Yoghurt	Fresh fruit or Yoghurt
JACKET POTATO AND SANDWICH SELECTION	Jacket potato and sandwich selection	Jacket potato and sandwich selection	Jacket potato and sandwich selection	Jacket potato and sandwich selection	Jacket potato and sandwich selection



MENU

Eating all your fruit & veg will help you grow BIG and STRONG (like me!)



KEY  - 5 A DAY

 MEAT-FREE

MEAT-FREE MONDAY

 CHEF'S CHOICE

 PLANT-BASED (VEGAN)

Allergens and intolerances All of our food is lovingly hand crafted and prepared on site daily. We have an allergen procedure in place, so please ensure you make our catering team aware of your allergens/ your child's allergens prior to using the restaurant. Our kitchens are used for multi-purpose production so we cannot guarantee the above dishes are completely free from allergenic ingredients or traces of these.



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West Road's Termly Calendar of Events (for parents/carers)

<u>Autumn 2023</u>			<u>September</u>
Tues 12 th Wed 13 th Wed 13 th Wed 13 th Wed 13 th Thurs 14 th Sat 16 th	Toddlers (£1) Roald Dahl Day (optional dress up day) Parents Coffee Morning (£1) PTFA Coffee Afternoon- everyone welcome LKS2 (Year 3 and 4) Parents Welcome Meeting Big Talk in School for children (Sex Relationships Education) Moorends Gala run by the Moorends Welfare Working Group	9-10.30am 9-10am 2-3pm 3.15-4pm 10.30-4pm	
Tues 19 th Wed 20 th Wed 20 th Thurs 21 st Thurs 21 st Fri 22 nd	Toddlers (£1) UKS2 (Year 5 and 6) Parents Welcome Meeting Parents Coffee Morning (£1) KS1 Parents Welcome Meeting Parent Consultation Group with Mrs Woodward Jeans for Genes day (optional for children to wear jeans in school)	9-10.30am 3.15-4pm 9-10am 9.45-10.15 10.30-11.30	
Mon 25 th - Fri 29 th Tues 26 th Wed 27 th Wed 27 th	Cycle to school week Toddlers (£1) EYFS Parents Phonics Meeting Parents Coffee Morning (£1)	 9-10.30am 9-9.30am 9-10am	
<u>October</u>			
Mon 2 nd Tues 3 rd Wed 4 th Wed 4 th Thurs 5 th	Non-Uniform Day- Rainbow Theme (to raise money for the PTFA) Toddlers (£1) LKS2 (Year 3 and 4) Multiplication Tables Check Meeting Parents Coffee Morning (£1) Individual School Photos	9-10.30am 3.15-3.45pm 9-10am	
Tues 10 th Tues 10 th Wed 11 th	Toddlers (£1) Wear Yellow for Mental Health- no donation needed Parents Coffee Morning (£1)	9-10.30am 9-10am	
Tues 17 th Wed 18 th	Toddlers (£1) Parents Coffee Morning (£1)	9-10.30am 9-10am	
Half Term 23rd October- 27th October			

Tues 31 st	Halloween Disco	EYFS and KS1 KS2	3.15–4pm 4.15–5pm 9–10.30am
Tues 31 st	Toddlers (£1)		
November			
Wed 1 st Fri 3 rd Fri 3 rd	Parents Coffee Morning (£1) School Closed- Staff Training Day Moorends Recreational Ground Firework Display		9–10am
Tues 7 th Wed 8 th Fri 10 th Sun 12 th	Toddlers (£1) Parents Coffee Morning (£1) Remembrance Day (Poppy Day in School) Remembrance Sunday Parade		9–10.30am 9–10am 10.30am onwards
Mon 13 th Tues 14 th Wed 15 th Thurs 16 th	Odd socks day (no donation needed) Toddlers (£1) Parents Coffee Morning (£1) Winter Reading Event for Nursery Children and Parents	Nursery/Class 1 Nursery/Class 2	9–10.30am 9–10am 10.30–11.20 2.15–3.00
Fri 17 th	Children In Need (Pudsey Fancy Dress Optional)		
Tues 21 st Tues 21 st Wed 22 nd Wed 22 nd Wed 22 nd Thurs 23 rd	Class 9 Parent Meetings with Mr Deere Toddlers (£1) Parents Coffee Morning (£1) Class 4 Parent Meetings with Miss Hartshorne Class 7 Parent Meetings with Mr Silvester Class 8 Parent Meetings with Miss Brown		All day 9–10.30am 9–10am All day All day All day
Mon 27 th Mon 27 th Mon 27 th Tues 28 th Tues 28 th Tues 28 th Tues 28 th Wed 29 th Wed 29 th Wed 29 th Thurs 30 th Thurs 30 th Fri 1 st Fri 1 st	Class 3 Parent Meetings with Miss Wilson Class 6 Parent Meetings with Miss Northwood UKS2 Reading Escape Room (both children and parents) Class 11 Parent Meetings with Miss Purdy Flu Vaccinations for Children Nursery Parent Meetings with Miss Craddock Toddlers (£1) Parents Coffee Morning (£1) Class 10 Parent Meetings with Miss Owen Nursery Parent Meetings with Miss Craddock Class 1 Parent Meetings with Miss Patterson Class 5 Parent Meetings with Miss Bradley Class 12 Parent Meetings with Miss Bennett Class 2 Parent Meetings with Mrs Dixon		All day All day 2–3pm All day All day All day 9–10.30am 9–10am All day All day All day All day All day All day

Fri 1 st	Thorne Christmas Lights Switch on- children to sing	5-8pm
<u>December</u>		
Tues 5 th Tues 5 th Wed 6 th Thurs 7 th Thurs 7 th Fri 8 th	Toddlers (£1) Family Panto Trip to Cast Parents Coffee Morning (£1) Christmas Jumper Day/ Christmas Dinner Day Moorends Christmas Lights Switch on Winter Fayre After School	9-10.30am 12-3.30pm 9-10am All day 4pm-6pm 3.30-4.30
Tues 12 th Tues 12 th Wed 13 th Thurs 14 th Fri 15 th	Toddlers (£1) EYFS Christmas Nativity EYFS Christmas Nativity KS1 Christmas Nativity KS1 Christmas Nativity	9-10.30am 1.30-2.30pm 9.30-10.30 1.30-2.30pm 9.30-10.30 9.30-10.30
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Mon 18 th Tues 19 th Tues 19 th Wed 20 th Wed 20 th Thurs 21 st Fri 22 nd	KS2 Carols around the tree Toddlers (£1) KS1 Polar Express Reading Afternoon (Pyjamas & dressing gowns) LKS2 Polar Express Reading Afternoon (Pyjamas & dressing gowns) Parents Coffee Morning (£1) Christmas Party Day for All (party clothes optional) Break Up for Christmas	1.30-2.30pm 9-10.30am 2.30-3.15 2.30-3.15 9-10.30 All day

*Come join us
every
morning*



WEST ROAD BREAKFAST CLUB



*Open
from 8am*



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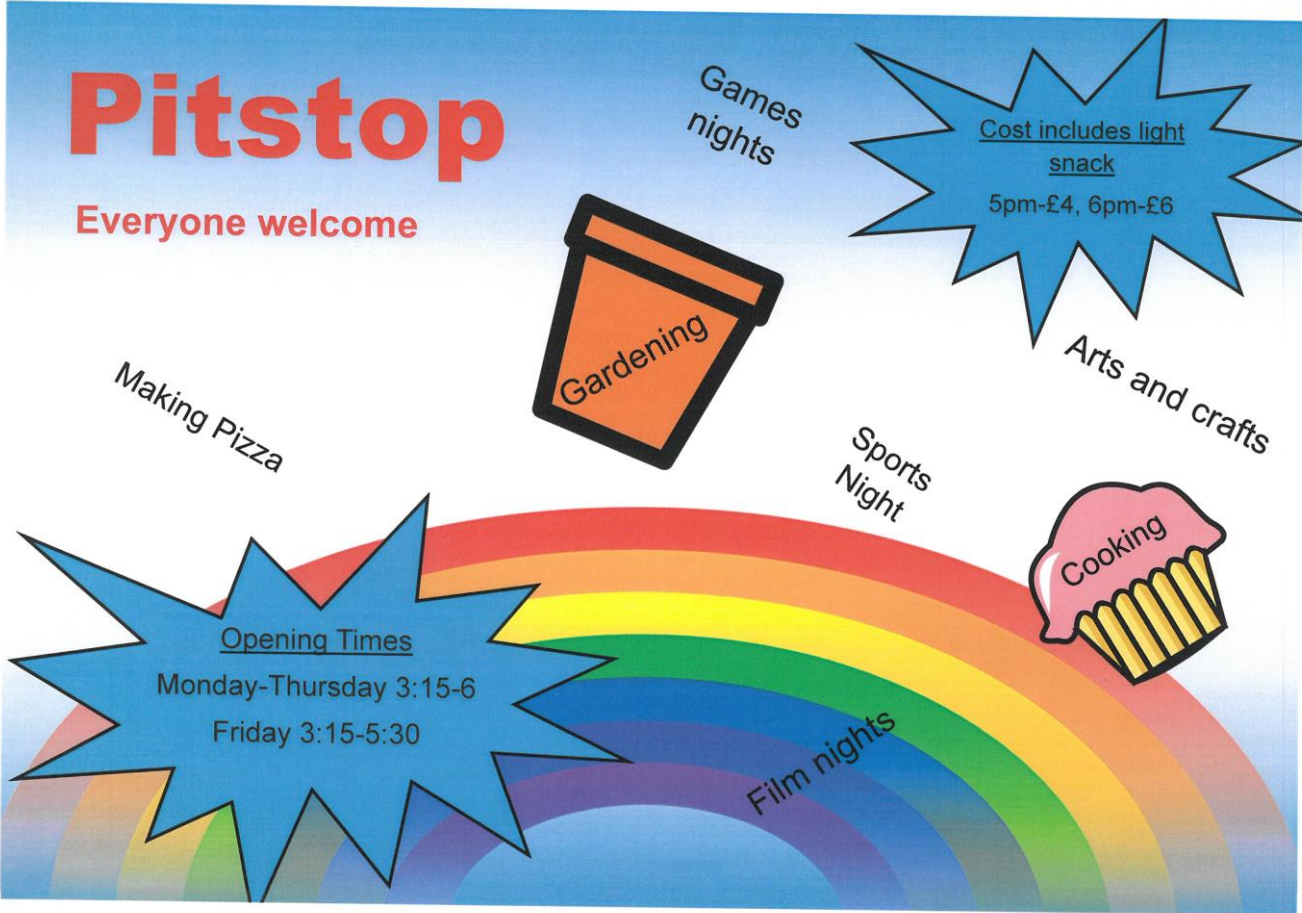
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Pitstop
Everyone welcome

Games nights

Cost includes light snack
5pm-£4, 6pm-£6

Arts and crafts

Cooking

Sports Night

Gardening

Making Pizza

Opening Times
Monday-Thursday 3:15-6
Friday 3:15-5:30

Film nights

Pitstop Activities

	<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>
<u>Week 1</u>		Colouring	Board games	Arts and crafts	Biscuit decorating
<u>Week 2</u>	Pizza Making	Knex/Lego Building	Scooters	Gardening	Bingo
<u>Week 3</u>	Origami	Quiz night	Den Building	Comic Book Making	Gardening
<u>Week 4</u>	Dodgeball	Sock Puppet Making	Pizza Making	Board Games	Film Night
<u>Week 5</u>	Gardening	Rounders	Rock Painting	Knex/Lego Building	Dance
<u>Week 6</u>	Halloween Crafts	Halloween Crafts	Gardening	Board games	Playdoh Making
<u>Week 7</u>	Biscuit decorating	Gardening	Sports	Halloween Crafts	Halloween Crafts

These are the activities for this half term. Colouring and toys will always be accessible for the children who wish to not to participate in the activity.

Si-Fi Theme!

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CALLING ALL BUDDING CREATIVES!

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To enter we would like you to submit **3 pieces of artwork** you would like to showcase, you can be as creative as you like, use your own choice of media, whether it is paint, textiles, drawing, or collage. You may want to have a theme running throughout your work, such as nature, urban culture, sport, or a theme that is important to you.



Send us photos of all 3 of your pieces of art to childrens.university@don.ac.uk by the 16th September for a chance to win this incredible prize!



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Toddler Group



West Road
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TUESDAYS 09:00 AM - 10:30 AM

Join us every Tuesday morning 9 am - 10:30 am
for toddlers and babies to meet and play.

**Termly visits from Health professionals -
Family Hub, and Your Place.**

A chance for parents and toddlers to meet our
West Road family.



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Parent Coffee Morning
Join us every Wednesday morning
9 am - 10 am.
Meet with other parents to discuss any
issues and share advice.
Every term visitors will attend, including :
health visitors, school nurse, 'Your Place' and
Stronger Families
£1 entry



**Free
Taster
Sessions**

'Adult Learning Within Reach' are offering Free taster sessions at West Road. We would love to see parents and carers get involved.

Let's Get Digital

✓ Wednesday 13th September	✓ Wednesday 20th September
✓ 13:00 - 15:00	✓ 13:00 - 15:00
✓ Confidence to learn - Get to grips with ICT +	✓ Introduction to the 'Get IT together' Family learning course with ICT
✓ For parents, carers and beginners.	✓ For parents, and carers if required.



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PRIMARY ACADEMY

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Friday, 8th September 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

Please find attached a letter from Big Talk who are coming into school to teach the children about Relationship Education, called the 'Growing Up Safe' programme.

The Big Talk teaching team will teach the children age appropriate information from Nursery up to Year 6 – details for each year group are on the letter.

Prior to the event:

As parents you are able to click on the link and understand what Big Talk is and what they deliver, in school, to all the children.

Big Talk Link ; <https://www.bigtalkeducation.co.uk/year-by-year/> The password is: Happy&Safe

Big Talk will be in school, all day on: Thursday 14th September 2023.

If you DO NOT wish your child/children to participate in the taught sessions in their classroom, please contact your child's teacher on the class email or on the playground and we will ensure they are removed from their timetabled session on that day.

Yours faithfully

Mrs Lambert

Inclusion and Safeguarding Lead



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Relationship Education to help keep children safer

Information for Parents & Carers of children in Primary Schools

To keep children as safe as possible **Relationship Education** is now statutory in all Primary Schools, we are engaging the support of the specialist organisation BigTalk Education, who are a Social Enterprise recognised by national lead bodies and Government.

They work with 3yr olds upwards and have been involved in delivering age-appropriate education of this type for over 20 years.

Below is some information on the Growing Up Safe programme that will be delivered to the Children.

*** Age 3 (Nursery).** A fun learning environment where the children are taught: the differences between boys and girls, naming body parts, correct scientific words, private areas of the body, good touches and bad touches.

• Ages 4 to 8 (Reception School Years 1, 2 & 3) Re-enforces and checks what was covered in Nursery. Using specially designed child friendly resources at the end of this session they will be able to identify happy situations within relationships, and those which may be risky (e.g., other children or adults taking improper photographs of them, inappropriate touches, exposure to unsuitable media etc.) Plus, whom they can talk to if they are worried.

• Ages 8 to 9 (School Year 4) We cover different kinds of families, similarities and differences between boys and girls, the emotional and physical changes of growing up (puberty) how babies are made, then develop in the womb etc. (reproduction). Also discussed is, how to look after our bodies and be safe and healthy.

• Ages 9 to 11 (School Years 5 & 6) Reproduction and puberty are re-capped, the children are given the opportunity to ask questions. As well as additional clarification on puberty, they will often want more details on how babies develop and are born. It is important that they know there is someone in school as well as at home if they want help, advice or more information etc. (Information at this stage is vital to protect them as they move onto Secondary School and to provide an alternative to Google etc.

All the resources BigTalk Education use are age appropriate and help keep children protected from unwanted touches, abuse, and exposure to unsuitable images etc.

Further information on the above can be found on: www.bigtalkeducation.co.uk/parents
The new video Parent presentations <https://www.bigtalkeducation.co.uk/year-by-year/> are on our website – the School will circulate the password one week prior to our visit.

In addition, “**Bodies, Babies and Bellybuttons**” is the BigTalk book which accompanies the Growing Up Safe programme. This is a great resource for parents and can be ordered online from www.bigtalkeducation.co.uk on our Resources page.

Should you require any further information BigTalk Education can be contacted on admin@bigtalkeducation.co.uk.

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East Family HUBs

September-October
Timetable

**Discover the sessions, activities,
support and events taking place this Autumn
for families of children 0-5 and beyond!**

Sessions & Activities

**East
Family
HUBs**

Tuneful Chatter (0-5)

Take part in playful arts activities with Tuneful Chatter! Here, your children will have fun with experienced artists exploring music, dance, and drama activities. This activity is part of Tuneful Chatter, funded by Arts Council England Place Partnerships and Doncaster Council, and led by darts, Cast and City of Doncaster Council's Early Years Intervention and Prevention Service.

Stay & Play (0-5)

Come along and join us for our Stay and Play session which offers a fun session for you and your child to play and learn new skills with a range of fun filled activities. It includes sensory play, outdoor play, messy play, music and instruments, physical toys and games, books and stories, singing and snack time.

Breast Start (Any age welcome)

A friendly and relaxed environment that gives you an opportunity to meet other mums, share experiences and build your confidence to breast feed with support from peer supporters and a trained Nursery Nurse. **You can also attend this session whilst pregnant.**

Infant Massage (From 6 weeks)

You will be invited to book onto these sessions by your Health Visitor – You will learn gentle massage techniques with your baby, which will support bonding and attachment, improve baby's skin and sleep, aid digestion and help reduce colic. **Call the Health team for more information on 0300 021 8997.**

Other Services and Support

You can also access information and support around **volunteering, counselling services**, how to join our **parent groups** or become a **parent champion**, access **wider feeding support** and much more. for more information about each of these, visit www.doncaster.gov.uk/familyhubs

Don't forget to follow us on Facebook for all the latest updates!



Other community venues we deliver at:

Dunscroft Together Community Centre

St Lawrence Rd,
Dunscroft, DN7 4AS

Shaw Wood Academy

Mere Lane, Armthorpe, DN3 2DG

Edenthorpe Community Centre

Cedric Road, DN3 2HZ

Free Gee Centre

off Marian Rd, Edenthorpe, DN3 2PT

St Nicholas Church Hall

Stonegate, Thorne, DN8 5NP

Sessions & Activities

First Friends (Birth to Crawling)

A safe, informative, and stimulating environment which is welcoming and supportive to all. The Community Nursery Nurse is available in this group. **You can also attend this group if you are currently pregnant.**

Baby Fun (Birth to Crawling)

Come along and enjoy some quality time with your baby, exploring lots of sensory activities as well as making new friends. **You can also attend this group if you are currently pregnant.**

Busy Babies (Crawling to Walking)

A follow-on session from First Friends or Baby Fun, this session includes sensory and messy play, music and instruments, physical toys, games, books, stories, singing and soft play. A change of clothing may be required.

Toddler Time (From Walking onwards)

A welcoming and supportive environment to help children prepare for nursery including a range of fun filled activities such as sensory play, outdoor play, messy play, music and instruments, books and stories. A healthy snack is provided for children to sit and enjoy together.

Talking Together (2+)

Booking is required – call your local Hub for more information on this group. These sessions are designed to enhance communication and language skills, through fun and engaging activities and experiences.

Wriggle, Rhyme & Storytime (0-5)

Come along and enjoy our fun and interactive session where children can explore music and rhymes with their parent/carer using our props and sensory resources. Join in with a range of activities that can be easily completed in the family home and enjoy sharing story time led by our Early Years Development Workers.

Forest School (Walking to School age)

Forest school provides children with the opportunity to explore and learn in the natural environment. Investigating wildlife, plants, and trees of the local woodlands, through fun and interactive activities, such as bug hunting, den building, Hapa zomeing and more.

Childminder Drop-in Session

Run by Ofsted Registered Childminders for the children they care for to play in a stimulating, safe and fun environment. This group also provides the opportunity for networking between Childminders.



Our venues

Stainforth Family Hub

Junction Road
Stainforth
DN7 5DH
01302 734048

Armthorpe Family Hub


Mere Lane
Armthorpe
DN3 2DG
01302 736760

Moorends Family Hub

Marshland Road
Moorends
DN8 4SB
01302 737470

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<div>  <h2>September-October Timetable</h2>  </div>					
	Mondays	Tuesdays	Wednesdays	Thursdays	Fridays
Stainforth	Toddler Time 1.00pm-2.30pm 	Tuneful Chatter 1.30pm-2.30pm	Wriggle, Rhyme and Story Time 10.30am-11.30am	First Friends 9.30am-11am Busy Babies 10am-11am Infant Massage 1pm-2pm (Invite via Health Team)	Stay & Play 9.30am-11am (Starting 15th September)
Armthorpe	First Friends 9.30am-11am Stay & Play 1.00pm-2.30pm (Starting 11th September)	Childminder Drop-in 9.30am-11am Infant Massage 1pm-2pm (Invite via Health Team)		Talking Together 9.30am-10.15am (Call Armthorpe Family Hub to book a place) Breast Start 1.30pm-3pm	
Moorends	Stay & Play 9.30am-11am (Starting 18th September) Sensory room available Mon-Fri! Call Moorends Family Hub to book	Busy Babies 1pm-2pm	First Friends 9.30am-11am		Wriggle, Rhyme and Story Time 10am-11am Infant Massage 1pm-2pm (Invite only)
Other venues		Forest School 9.15am-10.15am Shaw Wood Academy, Mere Lane, Armthorpe, DN3 2DG First Friends (term time) 9.30am-11am Edenthorpe Community Centre, Cedric Road, DN3 2HZ Dunscroft Baby Fun 9.30am-10.30am Dunscroft Busy Babies 10am-11am Both run at Dunscroft Together Community Centre, St Lawrence Rd, DN17 4AS	Edenthorpe Baby Fun 9.15am-10.15am Edenthorpe Busy Babies 10am-11am Both run at the Fred Gee Centre, off Marian Rd, Edenthorpe, DN3 2PT	Thorne Baby Fun 1pm-2pm Thorne Busy Babies 1.30pm-2.30pm Both run at St Nicholas Church Hall, Stonegate, Thorne, DN8 5NP	Tuneful Chatter 10.30am-11.30am (Please note that this session is being delivered at The Point, 16 South Parade, Doncaster, DN1 2DR)

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The W App - Anonymous polls

The W App is rated as 12+ in the App store and as 'Parental Guidance' on Google Play. Once an account has been created, the user picks their school and participates in polls.

A user can choose any school (no verification takes place) and then you can see all users at that school (includes their name/year group and profile picture if that has been added). In the polls, users are asked a question (for example 'Hallway crush') and then the user selects one of four random people from that school. Whilst the app says that it is anonymous, users can purchase a membership that allows users to see who chose them in a poll.

You should be aware that this app does include in app purchases and can be linked to other social media accounts. You can block and report other users.

Further information

Internet Matters have produced an article outlining what you need to know about anonymous apps in general and the risks your child might face in using them, including cyberbullying.

<https://www.internetmatters.org/resources/anonymous-apps-guide-what-parents-need-to-know/>

Back to school photos

With the excitement of a new school year and your child reaching a new milestone, many of us share photos of our child online without thinking about the associated risks. If you post online, then try following these basic rules:

- Don't post any photos of your child that show their school logo/name or recognisable places by where they live that can make it easy for people to find out their location.
- Never include your child's full name.
- Are there any other children in the pictures you share online? If yes, do you have permission from their parent/carer to upload it?
- Would your child be happy for your comment/photo about them to be online – remember what might be 'cute' now may be embarrassing to them in the future.
- Make sure appropriate privacy settings are on.



Alternatively, you could just share photos with those who you really want to share the photo with (grandparents etc.) via WhatsApp or iMessage rather than via social media.

Further information

CEOP have published this article which includes advice on sharing photos of your child online:

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/articles/Sharing-pictures-of-your-children/>

Meta introduces more parental supervision tools.

Meta have announced new features for some of their products. Firstly, they have added parental supervision to Messenger (users must be 13+), which includes the ability to see who your child interacts with. Also, Meta have added a feature to encourage teens to set time limits on Facebook (users must be 13+) and new parental supervision features on Instagram (users must be 13+). Find out more here:

<https://about.fb.com/news/2023/06/parental-supervision-and-teen-time-management-on-metas-apps/>

Users of this guide do so at their own discretion. No liability is entered into.
Current as of the date released 1.9.23.

Threads (13+)

Threads was launched by Meta (creators of Facebook, Instagram and WhatsApp) in July and is similar in design to Twitter. As with Twitter, users can share text posts (with images and videos) and then other users can respond to create a thread. You need to have an Instagram account to login to Threads and **you must be at least 13 years old to create an Instagram account.**



For everyone 13 – 17 years old (in the UK), their account will automatically be set as private when they join Threads. As with Instagram, users can choose specific words to filter out of replies as well as hide comments that may be offensive. Users can also unfollow, block and report a profile. Any accounts that you have blocked on Instagram will automatically be blocked on Threads as well. Users can also change their settings on Threads so other users are unable to mention them in replies.

If you have supervision set up on Instagram for your child (aged 13 – 17) then it will automatically be set up for Threads and the same settings will be applied, such as time limits and scheduled breaks. You can find out more here: <https://help.instagram.com/658522825492278>

Threads is still being developed so new functions will be added but currently you are unable to direct (private) message other users.

You need to be aware that your child may come across content that is not appropriate for your child. If your child is using this app, then make sure they know how to use the reporting/blocking facilities, that appropriate privacy/safety settings are applied and they know to speak to a trusted adult should they need to.

Further information

<https://www.childnet.com/blog/instagram-threads-a-guide-for-young-people-and-parents/>

Roblox: new checklist

PEGI rate Roblox with a 'Parental Guidance' label (icon shown right), this is because of the huge level of user generated content within Roblox. It is rated for 'Teens' on Google Play and 12+ on the App store.



You can either use Roblox to create games or play games that other users have created. **As a lot of the content is user generated, it may mean not all games will be suitable for your child to view/play. It is important to set up Parental controls appropriate to your child.**

New Roblox Checklist

The 2023 Roblox Checklist created by SWGfL and the UK Safer Internet Centre in partnership with Roblox is now available to download here: <https://swgfl.org.uk/magazine/new-roblox-checklist-available/>

Age ratings

There is so much that we can do online nowadays including playing games, chatting with others, watching TV or sharing our videos/photographs. One of the ways we can help keep our children safe online is by checking age restrictions/ratings as detailed below

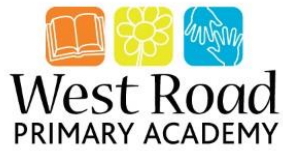
- **Films:** The British Board of Film Classification (BBFC) rate films. The page includes a link to a 'Parents' Guide to Age Ratings': <https://www.bbfc.co.uk/resource/viewing-films-safely-online>.
- **Video games:** PEGI provides age classifications for video games. PEGI considers the age suitability of a game, not the level of difficulty. It is important to note that PEGI do not take into consideration the chat facilities within games.
- **Apps:** Check the individual age ratings within the relevant app store. We also recommend that you download any apps and use them yourself to check their suitability.
- **Social Media networks:** All social media networks have a minimum age rating; they are all at least 13+



Does your child have speech, language and communication needs?

Parent Zone understand that talking about life online with a young person who has speech, language and communication needs (SLCN) makes difficult, so they have created a selection of visual and spoken resources to help you. You can find out more here:

<https://parentzone.org.uk/TalkTech>



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