

**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2023**

**Whole School Attendance – 95.2%**  
**Class Winner – Snowdrop 99.4%**

**Our Stars of the Week this week have been**

### Poppy Appeal

The Royal British Legion have brought in a selection of items for us to sell in school in aid of the Poppy Appeal. These items will be on sale in school next week.



### Money

We are not responsible for money brought into school. If your child brings money in, for example for Tuck Shop or the Poppy Appeal, this should be placed in an envelope/wallet with their name and class written on. Thank you for your co-operation.



### Toddler Group

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

A Health Visitor will be attending the Toddler Group on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November, to speak to parents and answer any questions that you may have.

We look forward to seeing you then.

Nursery am – Tommy-Lee

Nursery pm - Malcom

Class 1 – George

Class 2 – Lincoln

Class 3 – Maria-Louise

Class 4 – Amelia

Class 5 – Maisie

Class 6 – Wade

Class 7 – Jack

Class 8 – Laura

Class 9 – Xaurora

Class 10 – Archie

Class 11 – Lucie-Lea

Class 12 – Caty & Becca



The next Parent Coffee Morning with take place on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November. Please come and join us for a coffee and chat, 9am to 10am.

Coffee/Tea and biscuits will be provided at a cost of £1.

*Dinner Menu*  
*Week Commencing*  
*06/11/23*  
*Week 2*



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School have arranged for 'Your Place' to have monthly Drop In's with parents. These Drop In's will be held in school on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> November, Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December and Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 8:30 - 10:00.

The local team at Your Place will be on hand to chat with you about what is concerning you or what you may need support with.

Here are a few things that you can chat to the team about:

Benefits

Family Support

Local Groups and activities

Childcare

Anti-social behaviour

Housing Support

Employment

Debt and Financial concerns

Education support for your child as well as information for adults wanting to access adult learning courses.

We look forward to seeing you.

### Flu Immunisations

On the 28<sup>th</sup> of November 2023 the school nurses will be in school to administer the flu vaccination to pupils from Reception to Year 6. Please use this link to complete the electronic consent form

<https://systems.rdash.nhs.uk/eConsent/106691FLU239949>

Or, if you would prefer a paper copy you can collect one from the office. Catch up date for those who miss this will be the 13<sup>th</sup> December 23  
**Please note you need to fill in the form should you wish for your child to have the vaccination.**

The Junior Leadership Team will be running a Tuck Shop on Monday, Wednesday and Friday's. This half term it will be for KS1 children.  
Please see price list below

**JUNIOR LEADERSHIP TEAM  
KS1 TUCK SHOP  
PRICE LIST**

**Caramel Rice Cakes - 15p**

**Salted Rice Cakes - 15p**

**Raisins - 20p**

**Bear Fruit Apple - 30p**

**Bear Fruit Raspberry - 30p**

**Bear Fruit Blackcurrant - 30p**

**Bear Fruit Mango - 30p**

**Apple & Blackcurrant Juice - 30p**

**Apple & Pear Juice - 30p**

### Packed Lunches

Please note no fizzy drinks or prime are allowed in packed lunches. These items will be confiscated.

### Name Items

Please ensure all items of clothing, book bags and packed lunches are named. This helps us to reunite items that go astray with the correct person.

### PE Kit

As the weather is starting to change please ensure your child brings indoor and outdoor PE kit.



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### 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.



**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.

### 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.

### 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](http://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.



### 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](http://www.doncasterchildrenstrust.co.uk/worried-about-a-child) - this can be done anonymously.

### 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	<a href="mailto:nursery@westrd.doncaster.sch.uk">nursery@westrd.doncaster.sch.uk</a>
Class 1	<a href="mailto:class1@westrd.doncaster.sch.uk">class1@westrd.doncaster.sch.uk</a>
Class 2	<a href="mailto:class2@westrd.doncaster.sch.uk">class2@westrd.doncaster.sch.uk</a>
Class 3	<a href="mailto:class3@westrd.doncaster.sch.uk">class3@westrd.doncaster.sch.uk</a>
Class 4	<a href="mailto:class4@westrd.doncaster.sch.uk">class4@westrd.doncaster.sch.uk</a>
Class 5	<a href="mailto:class5@westrd.doncaster.sch.uk">class5@westrd.doncaster.sch.uk</a>
Class 6	<a href="mailto:class6@westrd.doncaster.sch.uk">class6@westrd.doncaster.sch.uk</a>
Class 7	<a href="mailto:class7@westrd.doncaster.sch.uk">class7@westrd.doncaster.sch.uk</a>
Class 8	<a href="mailto:class8@westrd.doncaster.sch.uk">class8@westrd.doncaster.sch.uk</a>
Class 9	<a href="mailto:class9@westrd.doncaster.sch.uk">class9@westrd.doncaster.sch.uk</a>
Class 10	<a href="mailto:class10@westrd.doncaster.sch.uk">class10@westrd.doncaster.sch.uk</a>
Class 11	<a href="mailto:class11@westrd.doncaster.sch.uk">class11@westrd.doncaster.sch.uk</a>
Class 12	<a href="mailto:class12@westrd.doncaster.sch.uk">class12@westrd.doncaster.sch.uk</a>
Safeguarding	SENCo/inclusion <a href="mailto:safeguarding@westrd.Doncaster.sch.uk">safeguarding@westrd.Doncaster.sch.uk</a>

Please remember that we also have an email directly linked to Mrs Lambert and the inclusion team. Please use this for any safeguarding, SEN/D or inclusion messages that may not be relevant for the class email- Many thanks.



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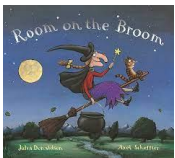
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This week in Reception we have enjoyed reading and performing a poem called 'The Small Ghostie' by Barbara Ireson. The children have completed lots of lovely activities about the poem. In maths, the children have been learning to find one more and one less. In curriculum, the children in EYFS have enjoyed starting our learning all about transport. In Nursery this week, the children have had lots



of fun reading the story 'Room on a Broom' by Julia Donaldson. The children enjoyed completing lots of exciting activities linked to Halloween.

Year 1 have loved returning to school. They have really enjoyed their spooktacular writing project. They loved describing the monsters and the dark town! They also enjoyed creating crafts, linked to their spooky monsters. In maths, the children completed word problems, to support their understanding of addition using numbers to 20. In PSHE, the children have been learning about how their friends are the same and different to them, and that they need to respect everyone.



Year 2 have had a great first week back after half term. We have started our history unit, learning all about the Romans and the Roman Empire. The children have really enjoyed



our first lesson and are looking forward to the rest of the term. We have had a spooky writing week in English and the children have created some fantastic sentences about a spooky setting. In maths, we have been learning our number bonds and how to use these when adding two numbers together. In PSHE we have looked at stereotypes and how we should not stereotype people as it is not kind. We are looking forward to another great term.



Year 3-4 have had an excellent first week back. We have all come back ready to learn and excited to

find out what our next topics are. In history, we started learning about the Ancient Egyptians and why they settled next to the River Nile. We can't wait to learn more about the Ancient Egyptians! In science, we started our topic 'Cycles in Nature' and we spent the first lesson looking at the four seasons.

UKS2 have made a fantastic start to Autumn 2. We have started our learning about mountains and materials and their properties. Maths is all about fractions and all UKS2 children have made a super effort with this new learning. The Halloween disco was great fun and the outfits were incredibly scary! Year 6 have doubled their extra tuition efforts in preparation for mock SATS week soon.



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West Road's Winter Dinner Menu    Week 2

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Margherita Pizza and wedges	Lasagne and garlic bread	Roast pork, mashed potato and gravy	Chicken pie, mashed potato and gravy	Fish fillet and chips
Sweet potato and vegetable casserole	Vegetable stir fry with chicken style pieces	Quorn tomato bake and mashed potato	Tomato and basil pasta	Vegetarian sausage and chips
Peas and sweetcorn	Corn on the cob Green beans	Cauliflower and cabbage	Carrots and broccoli	Peas and baked beans
Fruit pie and custard	Chocolate and banana slice	Lemon muffin	Ginger cake and custard	Whip and fruit



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

<b><u>Autumn 2023</u></b>			<b><u>September</u></b>
Tues 12 <sup>th</sup> - Wed 13 <sup>th</sup> Wed 13 <sup>th</sup> Wed 13 <sup>th</sup> Wed 13 <sup>th</sup> Thurs 14 <sup>th</sup> Sat 16 <sup>th</sup>	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 <sup>th</sup> Wed 20 <sup>th</sup> Wed 20 <sup>th</sup> Thurs 21 <sup>st</sup> Thurs 21 <sup>st</sup> Fri 22 <sup>nd</sup>	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 <sup>th</sup> - Fri 29 <sup>th</sup> Tues 26 <sup>th</sup> Wed 27 <sup>th</sup> Wed 27 <sup>th</sup>	Cycle to school week  Toddlers (£1) EYFS Parents Phonics Meeting Parents Coffee Morning (£1)	  9-10.30am 9-9.30am 9-10am	
<b><u>October</u></b>			
Mon 2 <sup>nd</sup> Tues 3 <sup>rd</sup> Wed 4 <sup>th</sup> Wed 4 <sup>th</sup> Thurs 5 <sup>th</sup>	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 <sup>th</sup> Tues 10 <sup>th</sup> Wed 11 <sup>th</sup>	Toddlers (£1) Wear Yellow for Mental Health- no donation needed Parents Coffee Morning (£1)	9-10.30am  9-10am	
Tues 17 <sup>th</sup> Wed 18 <sup>th</sup>	Toddlers (£1) Parents Coffee Morning (£1)	9-10.30am 9-10am	
<b>Half Term 23<sup>rd</sup> October- 27<sup>th</sup> October</b>			

Tues 31 <sup>st</sup>	Halloween Disco	EYFS and KS1 KS2	3.15–4pm 4.15–5pm 9–10.30am
Tues 31 <sup>st</sup>	Toddlers (£1)		
<b>November</b>			
Wed 1 <sup>st</sup> Fri 3 <sup>rd</sup> Fri 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Parents Coffee Morning (£1) <b>School Closed- Staff Training Day</b> Moorends Recreational Ground Firework Display		9–10am
Tues 7 <sup>th</sup> Wed 8 <sup>th</sup> Fri 10 <sup>th</sup> Sun 12 <sup>th</sup>	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 <sup>th</sup> Tues 14 <sup>th</sup> Wed 15 <sup>th</sup> Thurs 16 <sup>th</sup>	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 <sup>th</sup>	Children In Need (Pudsey Fancy Dress Optional)		
Tues 21 <sup>st</sup> Tues 21 <sup>st</sup> Wed 22 <sup>nd</sup> Wed 22 <sup>nd</sup> Wed 22 <sup>nd</sup> Thurs 23 <sup>rd</sup>	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 <sup>th</sup> Mon 27 <sup>th</sup> Mon 27 <sup>th</sup> Tues 28 <sup>th</sup> Tues 28 <sup>th</sup> Tues 28 <sup>th</sup> Tues 28 <sup>th</sup> Wed 29 <sup>th</sup> Wed 29 <sup>th</sup> Wed 29 <sup>th</sup> Thurs 30 <sup>th</sup> Thurs 30 <sup>th</sup> Fri 1 <sup>st</sup> Fri 1 <sup>st</sup>	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 <sup>st</sup>	Thorne Christmas Lights Switch on- children to sing	5-8pm
<b><u>December</u></b>		
Tues 5 <sup>th</sup>	Toddlers (£1)	9-10.30am
Tues 5 <sup>th</sup>	Family Panto Trip to Cast	12-3.30pm
Wed 6 <sup>th</sup>	Parents Coffee Morning (£1)	9-10am
Thurs 7 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Jumper Day/ Christmas Dinner Day	All day
Thurs 7 <sup>th</sup>	Moorends Christmas Lights Switch on	4pm-6pm
Fri 8 <sup>th</sup>	Winter Fayre After School	3.30-4.30
Tues 12 <sup>th</sup>	Toddlers (£1)	9-10.30am
Tues 12 <sup>th</sup>	EYFS Christmas Nativity	1.30-2.30pm
Wed 13 <sup>th</sup>	EYFS Christmas Nativity	9.30-10.30
		AM
		PM
Thurs 14 <sup>th</sup>	KS1 Christmas Nativity	1.30-2.30pm
Fri 15 <sup>th</sup>	KS1 Christmas Nativity	9.30-10.30
		AM
		AM
Mon 18 <sup>th</sup>	KS2 Carols around the tree	1.30-2.30pm
Tues 19 <sup>th</sup>	Toddlers (£1)	9-10.30am
Tues 19 <sup>th</sup>	KS1 Polar Express Reading Afternoon (Pyjamas & dressing gowns)	2.30-3.15
Wed 20 <sup>th</sup>	LKS2 Polar Express Reading Afternoon (Pyjamas & dressing gowns)	2.30-3.15
Wed 20 <sup>th</sup>	Parents Coffee Morning (£1)	9-10.30
Thurs 21 <sup>st</sup>	Christmas Party Day for All (party clothes optional)	All day
Fri 22 <sup>nd</sup>	<b>Break Up for Christmas</b>	



## **School Procedures for Absentees**

### **First Day of Absence**

The Attendance Officer will review registers on a daily basis, between 9am and 9.30am, noting any children absent without a reason being provided. At 9.30am the Attendance Officer (AO) will ring parent(s) on the contact list. If still they have not heard from the parent(s) or contacts on the list, the AO will send a text message to the parent(s) explaining if they do not contact the school within the next 30 minutes, to explain their child's absence, a home visit may well be conducted by the Designated Safeguarding Team.

If still the Designated Safeguarding Lead does not get a response from the parent(s) after a home visit, a home visit may well be conducted by the police. Any child on the Child Protection List, that is absent and we have received no explanation from a parent after ringing every contact on the contact list, will have a visit from the Designated Safeguarding Team. Should there be no response from the home visit, a call to Social Care and the Police will be made.

### **Parents' Legal Responsibilities**

Parents have a legal responsibility to ensure that their child/ren attend school and are responsible for the consequences of non-attendance.

Support will be offered. This will be communicated to parents through the school prospectus, Home/School Agreements, regular items on school newsletters and Friday letters. Meetings will be arranged with those parents whose child/ren have a pattern of absence or attendance falls below 95%.

These will all develop your understanding of parents' legal responsibilities along with involvement in the School Attendance Panel process where attendance shows no sign of improvements.

For more information please refer to the attendance policy on our school website.

# BOOK SWAP



• **Fetch a book** •  
FROM HOME

• **Swap a book** •  
AT SCHOOL

• **PLACE** •  
School Office/Foyer

## Favourite authors and genres

West Road Book Swap is to enhance children's home libraries and share books with all children across school. Children can bring a book from home to swap with another, to share an interesting book that they have read and to read new books that other children recommend!

*Come join us  
every  
morning*



# WEST ROAD BREAKFAST CLUB



*Open  
from 8am*



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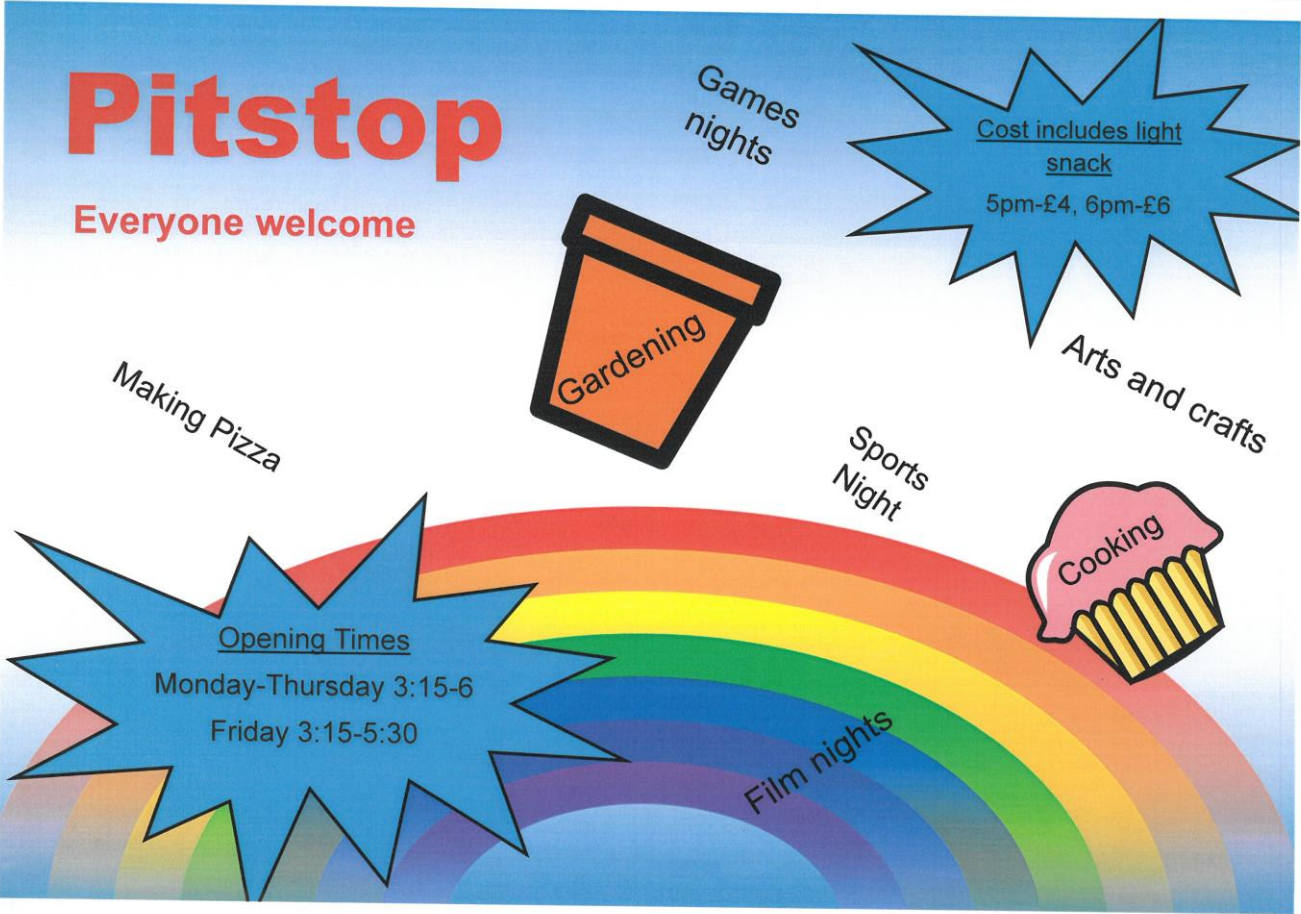
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**Pitstop**  
Everyone welcome

Games nights

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

Arts and crafts

Cooking

Sports Night

Film nights

Gardening

Making Pizza

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



## Your Place School Drop Ins

The team are on hand to chat through anything you are concerned about and may need support with:

- Benefits
- Family support
- Local groups and activities
- Childcare
- Anti-social behaviour
- Housing support
- Employment
- Debt and financial concerns
- Education support for your child as well as information for adults wanting to access adult learning courses.

**Drop in for a chat and see what we can help you with**



West End Road Primary School



Tues 21st Nov, Tues 19th Dec, Tues 23rd Jan  
08:30-10:00  
(Excludes school holidays)



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**Email: [YourPlaceYourFamilyTeam@doncaster.gov.uk](mailto:YourPlaceYourFamilyTeam@doncaster.gov.uk)**  
**Call: 01302 736336**





**Toddler Group**



West Road  
PRIMARY ACADEMY

**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

Good Morning

## Midday Supervisor Vacancy

- Midday Supervisor (Term-Time Only)
- 6.25 hours per week
- Grade 3 (Point 1-2)
- Permanent contract

West Road Primary Academy, a vibrant and ever improving learning community, is seeking to appoint a Midday Supervisor.

Duties will involve helping the children while waiting for and having lunch, including directing pupils while at the table, supervising toilet arrangements and hand washing before the meal. Further particulars are available on the job description.

An application form is available from the school office.

Please return completed applications directly to the school for the attention of Mrs Jeanette Seagrave and marked Private and Confidential.

Please Note: applications will be considered as they arrive. To arrange a visit or receive an application pack, please contact Mrs Seagrave at the school.

The Trust is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and applicants will undergo child protection screening appropriate to the post, including checks with past employers. The role is exempt from the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 and therefore candidates will be subject to an enhanced DBS certificate. The role is also engaged in regulated activity and will therefore require a children's barred list check. Shortlisted applicants will be required to complete a self-disclosure.



**Information supplied by Thorne-Moorends Town Council**

**Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> August – Moorends Gala run by the Moorends Welfare Working Group**  
**Moorends Recreational Ground – 10.30am to 4pm**

A fun free day out for all the family. Sports competitions, lots of inflatables and entertainment all FREE and face painting FREE. Bring a picnic or refreshments available to purchase.

**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November – Fireworks 6pm onwards**  
**Moorends Recreational Ground**

Free Pyrotechnics fireworks display. Rides and refreshments available to purchase.

**Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> November - Remembrance Sunday**

Service held at Thorne Memorial Park 10.30am onwards. Followed by parade to the church led by the Royal British Legions. Further detail to follow.

**Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> November 2023 - Snow White Pantomime**  
**2pm & 4.30pm at Moorends Community Centre**

Ticketed event as there is limited space.

Tickets will be £3pp and include a juice carton and sweet cone.

Further details to follow on purchasing tickets.

***Please note this replaces the Moorends event usually hosted outside the Moorends Hotel. This has been cancelled due to lack to performers.***

**Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December – Christmas light switch on**  
**5-8pm**

Plans are underway and we can confirm we will have the grotto, crafts tent and this year real reindeer all FOC. We are also hosting for the first time an indoor Christmas market. And have also arranged for a better selection of rides.

We are currently seeking sponsors which will determine how much other entertainment will can put on FOC. Road closure applications are currently with Doncaster Council and we await the outcome. The layout is being rethought and plans are in place to reduce crowding and improve safety around the stage area. A separate area will be cordoned off for performers. Full details of the layout will be confirmed once we have an outcome of the road closure applications.

Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> Dec

The indoor Christmas market continues 10am-4pm.

## Online Safety Newsletter November 2023

### Staying safe on a PlayStation

Internet Matters have teamed up with Sony Interactive Entertainment to create a quiz that you can play with your child to see who knows more about the safety options available on a PlayStation. Play the quiz here:

<https://www.internetmatters.org/press-start-for-playstation-safety/>



### Ollee - your virtual friend

Parent Zone have created 'Ollee,' a virtual friend that asks your child how they are feeling and provides ideas and advice to help. Ollee is aimed at 8-11 year olds. You are also able to use the app to find advice around any issues that you think your child might be having.

You can find out more here:

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

### Roblox



Roblox is a platform consisting of a collection of games. Players can either create games or play games that other users have created. It is free to download (however subscription options and in game/app purchases are available) and can be played across numerous devices. **A lot of the content is user generated, which may mean not all games will be suitable for your child to view/play. It is important to set up appropriate parental controls for your child.**

#### What rating is Roblox?

PEGI rate Roblox with a Parental Guidance label, this is because it is difficult to rate due to the huge level of user generated content. It is rated for 'Teens' on Google Play and 12+ on the App store.

#### What should I be aware of?

**Chat Facility** - Players can chat to each other on Roblox. You can turn communication off completely or add restrictions, such as only communicate with friends.

**Virtual Currency** - Players can buy Robux (their virtual currency) to buy in-game upgrades or accessories. For children under 13, you can set the Monthly Spend Restriction in settings.

**Game content** - as mentioned, users create games so sometimes the content/themes may not be appropriate for your child.

#### How do I report abuse and block users?

Roblox have a Report Abuse system so show your child how to use it to report inappropriate content as well as how to block other users. There are different ways of doing this depending on the device being used.

#### How do I set up parental controls and a pin?

Parental controls are available within settings. We recommend that you explore the parental controls available and set as appropriate. You can enable a PIN, which means that changes cannot be made without this pin. You can set up Allowed Experiences, which allows you to select age-appropriate experiences, so your child can only join experiences that match their age. Age categories available are for all, 9+, 13+ and 17+. All experiences are still searchable though.

*To view content that is suitable for 17+, then a user must participate in a verification process by submitting valid ID.*

#### Further information:

- <https://corp.roblox.com/parents/>
- <https://swgfl.org.uk/resources/checklists/roblox/>

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## TikTok

**You must be over 13 years of age to use TikTok.**

TikTok is a social media platform for sharing and watching short video clips. Some of the videos on TikTok may not be appropriate for your child to view and there is also the risk of strangers contacting your child. If your child is using TikTok then make sure the appropriate security/privacy settings are on.



### Account set up

By default, accounts for people under 16 are set to private at the start and we would recommend keeping it as this. This means your child must approve follower requests. You can read more about the other settings available (such as switching off comments and switching on restricted mode) here: <https://support.tiktok.com/en/account-and-privacy/account-privacy-settings>

As always, it is important that when setting up an account on TikTok, your child enters their real date of birth as accounts are tailored by age. For example, Direct Messaging is disabled for accounts aged 13-15 and they do not receive push notifications from 9pm. In addition, advertisements are tailored to the user's age.

### Family Pairing

This allows you to link your own account to your child's account. You can then set controls such as restricted mode (limit the appearance of content that may not be appropriate) and screen time management. You can find out more here: <https://www.tiktok.com/safety/en/guardians-guide/>

### Inappropriate content, themes and challenges on TikTok

Whilst against TikTok's guidelines, explicit and inappropriate content can be found on this platform, for example nudity/sexual content and hate speech. We often see viral challenges on social media, some of which can be dangerous. If your child is using TikTok, chat to them regularly about what they are viewing.

### Blocking and Reporting

Ensure your child knows how to use the safety features available to them, including how to report comments, direct messages and another user. You can find out more here: <https://support.tiktok.com/en/safety-hc/report-a-problem>

### Further information

- <https://parentzone.org.uk/article/tiktok>

## WhatsApp's editing feature

**You must be at least 16 years old to use WhatsApp.**

You may have noticed that WhatsApp have added an editing feature so you can change messages that you have sent for up to 15 minutes afterwards. Childnet have published a blog outlining what you should be aware about with this new feature:

<https://www.childnet.com/blog/find-out-whatsapps-new-features-and-how-it-can-impact-online-safety/>

## EA Sports FC 24

EA Sports FC 24 has been rated as PEGI 3, which means it is suitable for those over the age of 3. However, you need to be aware that the game does include in-app purchases and users can interact with each other.

EA Sports FC 24 was released in September and is a rebranding for the EA FIFA series. It is available to play across a series of platforms.

As players can communicate with others, your child may be exposed to inappropriate language and there is also the risk of grooming when online interaction takes place. Ensure your child knows how to use the applicable reporting tools. The chat facility can be switched off.

