

Friday 3rd May 2024

This week, our Attendance Percentage across school is **96.9%**. This is amazing! Well done West Road Primary Academy. This is however, just slightly lower than last week's attendance.

We also have Class 1 this week with 100% attendance. This is amazing Snowdrop. As a reward, the whole class can wear non-school uniform, on Friday next week!

The end of term prize for Attendance is a Pizza treat. I know we are all really excited to see which class is going to win this prize.

We would like to thank all children and parents for their support in getting their children into school. Remember if you need any support with your child's attendance, do not hesitate to contact Mrs Jones or Mrs Holloway.

Uniform Donation

We have received a donation of school trousers. These are all brand new. If anyone would like a pair, please come to the office. These will be given on a first come first served basis.

2 pairs of girls - size 13-14

1 pair boys - size 3-4

1 pair boys - size 4-5

3 pairs boys - size 5 -6

2 pairs boys - size 6-7

2 Pairs boys - size 7-8

1 Pair boys - size 8-9

4 Pairs boys - size 9-10

2 pairs boys – size 10-11

1 pair boys – size 11-12

Our Stars of the Week this week have been

Nursery AM – Leo

Nursery PM – Christina

Class 1 – Jacob & Biaggio

Class 2 – Seb

Class 3 – Caleb

Class 4 – Jaxon

Class 5 – Carla

Class 6 – Casey

Class 7 – Mihai-George

Class 8 – Marc

Class 9 – Lori

Class 10 – Sam

Class 11 – Leroy

Class 12 – Poppy & Caity

*Dinner Menu
Week Commencing
07/05/24
Week 1*

Please note from Tuesday 7th May the sandwich option will be either finger rolls or baguettes instead of sliced bread.

Dates to Remember

6th May – School Closed
Week Commencing 13th May – Yr 6 SATs
24th May – School Closes for Half Term
3rd June – School Re-Opens
3rd June – Yr 5/6 Trip to National Space Centre
18th June – Yr 5/6 Doncaster Mosque Trip

Please see below details of a FREE parenting course for Parents whose children are moving to Secondary School.

New Solihull online parenting course. 'Moving Up to Secondary School for Children with Additional Needs'.

The course is free to any Doncaster parent or Carer using the code:

STGEORGE <https://solihullapproachparenting.com/online-courses-for-parents/>

Free School Meals: If you think you may be eligible for Free School Meals, or you know you are and are having trouble filling in the documentation online, please don't miss out, come to the office and Mrs Higham will support you with your queries or paperwork. We are here to support all our parents.

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.

The Local Authority are introducing the EasyPeasy App Free of charge to all our Doncaster families with children aged 0-5 years.

What is EasyPeasy?

EasyPeasy is a user friendly, app-based parenting programme for parents and carers of children from birth to five that improves the Home Learning Environment (HLE) and developmental outcomes. The app can be used independently by the parents, but can also be integrated into school by practitioners. The EasyPeasy app offers parents thousands of activities, tips and guidance covering topics from child development to school readiness to parent wellbeing. EasyPeasy uses machine learning to recommend content that is relevant and personalised to every parent or carer and child 0 – 5 years. The app is also available to access in over 100 languages.

Please find out more by visiting the website: <https://www.easypeasyapp.com/>

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.



The Junior Leadership Team will be running a Tuck Shop on Monday, Wednesday and Friday's. This half term it will be for **KS2**. Please see price list below

JUNIOR LEADERSHIP TEAM

KS2 TUCK SHOP

PRICE LIST

- Caramel Rice Cakes - 20p**
- Salted Rice Cakes - 20p**
- Raisins – 10p**
- Bear Fruit Apple – 45p**
- Bear Fruit Raspberry - 45p**
- Bear Fruit Blackcurrant - 45p**
- Bear Fruit Mango - 45p**
- Bear Fruit Strawberry -45p**
- Apple & Blackcurrant Juice – 30p**
- Orange Juice – 30p**
- Haribo Star Mix – 25p**

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.



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
Safeguarding	SENCo/inclusion safeguarding@westrd.Doncaster.sch.uk

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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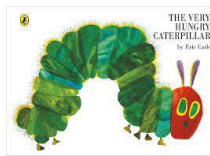
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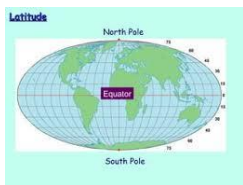




This week, Reception pupils have been learning to add two groups together. They have been challenged to write the correct number sentences. In curriculum, pupils have been learning about coronations and making their very own crowns! Nursery pupils have been learning about number five. They have begun to read the story 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar.' Our EYFS caterpillars have been growing. Well done EYFS



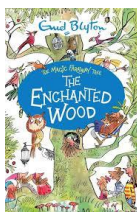
Now we need to try hard to use words with suffixes in our writing, like happiness, enjoyment and grateful. During maths, we have been looking at fractions and how groups can be equal/unequal. We have been practising colouring 1/2 and 1/4 of different shapes. In art, we have drawn mazes using straight lines linking to different Greek Myths. The children's reading has really improved over the last few months and to continue to support this, please practise reading for at least 10 minutes, three times a week. Thanks.



This week in science the children have enjoyed learning about how seeds are dispersed and the reasons why plants must disperse their seeds. In geography, the children have learnt what the North Pole, South Pole and Equator are. They worked hard to label these on a globe. In PSHE, the children have been discussing appropriate ways to greet people and have shown each other their favourite.






This week has been another successful week for Year 3-4 with maturity and kindness really showing across all 3 classes. In English our new book has started which is "Flood" a book which really stretches the imaginative mind. In maths, all the classes have been working extremely hard on new and old topics and especially the Year 4's working so hard to get better scores on their times tables tests. Keep up the fantastic work 3-4.



This week, we have continued to read the book 'The Enchanted Wood' by Enid Blyton. In English we have looked at the suffixes -ness, -ment and -ful and how these change the meaning of a word.



This week in Year 5 and 6 we have been continuing to learn about space in our science lessons. We are also gathering more knowledge about New Zealand in our geography. World War one is our focus for history and we have looked at how this war was the first to involve more modern technology. Obviously, Year 6 are building towards their SATS and they are busy with revision to be as prepared as they can be!

WEEK 1	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
MAIN	Quorn Lasagne And garlic Bread	Chicken Burger And Wedges	Roast Gammon mashed potato Yorkshire Pudding and gravy	All Day Breakfast	Crispy fish fingers with chunky chips
	 Vegetarian cottage pie	Vegetarian Burger And Wedges	 Quorn™ fillet with roast potatoes & gravy	Tomato Pasta Bake	 Crispy vegetable fingers with chunky chips
	Carrots Green beans Salad bar	Coleslaw Sweetcorn Salad bar	Carrots Broccoli Salad bar	Peas Baked Beans Salad bar	Mushy peas Sweetcorn Salad bar
	Jam Tart And Custard	Oat Biscuit	Artic Roll	Chocolate Sponge And custard	Meringue And fruit
	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
	Cheese	Ham	Tuna	Cheese	Ham



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BELLES WILDCATS

BE A PART OF THE FUTURE OF WOMEN'S FOOTBALL

The Belles Wildcats football training sessions for girls under 7s to under 11s
(School years two to six from September 2023)

WHO Girls U7s - U11s

WHAT Football training sessions
with UEFA and FA qualified coaching staff

WHEN Mondays, 5pm to 6pm

WHERE Eco-Power Stadium, Doncaster, DN4 5JW



For further
information please email
gem@clubdoncaster.co.uk



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"Pupils at West Road Primary Academy are proud to be part of the school community."

We are proud of some of the comments Ofsted said about our school.

West Road PRIMARY ACADEMY

Ofsted
Good
Provider

Throughout the school, there is a strong sense of togetherness among pupils.

The school ensures that reading is at the heart of the curriculum.

There is a respectful culture in the school.

Children in the early years get off to a strong start to their education.

Pupils know the importance of being tolerant and treating others with respect.



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JLT Tuck Shop

Prices range from 15p to 35p.



- rice cakes
- bear fruit roll ups
- juice cartons
- raisins

There are no snacks with anything your allergic to.



Monday's,
Wednesday's
and Friday
break times.

Online Safety Newsletter May 2024

Smartphone Free Childhood

Smartphone Free Childhood is a parent-led movement whose mission is to protect children from the dangers of using smartphones too young.

The premise behind this movement is that all parents/carers of a class all agree not to give their children smartphones (therefore the level of peer pressure is reduced) for a set time or until a specific age. Are you ready to join? Find out more here: <https://smartphonefreechildhood.co.uk>

You may feel your child does need a phone, particularly if they are walking home by themselves but there are alternatives to the smartphone, including a watch, which are listed here: <https://smartphonefreechildhood.co.uk/alternatives>

If your child already has a smartphone then Internet Matters have a section on their website with advice on smartphone safety: <https://www.internetmatters.org/set-upsafe/>



Is being online affecting our child's mental health?

There are many positives to being online, but we do need to be aware of the negative aspects including those that may impact our child's mental health and wellbeing, for example:

- **Social media** (spending too much time on social media, comparing ourselves to others, filtered images and desire to achieve likes).
- **Cyberbullying**
- **Seeing inappropriate content**
- **Constantly connected/information overload**
- **Excessive screentime**
- **Negative impact on our sleep**



Further information

- Childnet discusses digital wellbeing in more detail and includes top tips and conversation starters: <https://www.childnet.com/help-and-advice/digital-wellbeing/>
- The NSPCC provides further information about mental health including signs to look out for and how to get further support: <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/childrens-mental-health/depression-anxiety-mental-health/>

WhatsApp Group warning

Whilst WhatsApp has an age rating of 13+ (recently lowered from 16), a BBC investigation has found that children as young as nine have been added to WhatsApp groups and seen inappropriate content. If your child is using WhatsApp, check their group settings as by default, group privacy settings are set to 'everyone,' which means anybody can add your child to a group without their approval. You can change this setting to 'My Contacts' so only contacts can add them to groups without their approval and if somebody who is not a contact wants to add them to a group then they will need to send them an invite.

You should talk to your child about the risks of joining groups and show them how to use the reporting/blocking tools. You can find out more about the BBC investigation here: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/cv0l4z8n1p9o>

Users of this guide do so at their own discretion. No liability is entered into.
Current as of the date released 01.05.24

Are you worried that your child is addicted to being online/on their device? Recent research from Ofcom reported that "34% of parents of children aged 3-4 said it was hard to control it, rising to half (49%) of parents of children aged 16-17."* Bark have produced a blog which discusses what addiction is, how to recognise the signs and examples of what digital addiction can look like. You can find the blog here: <https://www.bark.us/blog/digital-addictions/>

[*source: <https://www.ofcom.org.uk/research-and-data/media-literacy-research/childrens/children-and-parents-media-use-and-attitudes-report-2024> accessed 24.4.24]

Misinformation online

There is a lot of information online that is incorrect/fake or misleading and it can sometimes be difficult for adults to distinguish between what is true and what is fake, never mind for younger people. We need to develop digital literacy skills in our children by encouraging them to think critically about what they read online and to fact check. Both the BBC and Channel 4 have fact checking areas on their websites:

- https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/reality_check
- <https://www.channel4.com/news/factcheck/>

One way to start the conversation would be to play a game such as 'Can you spot the signs of fake news?' from the BBC: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/zwfm8hv>

Further information

- <https://saferinternet.org.uk/online-issue/misinformation>



Encountering violent online content starts at primary school.

New research commissioned by Ofcom reported that "all children who took part in the research came across violent content online, mostly via social media, video-sharing and messaging sites and apps. Many tell us this is before they have reached the minimum age requirement to use these services."

You can read more about Ofcom's findings here:

<https://www.ofcom.org.uk/news-centre/2024/encountering-violent-online-content-starts-at-primary-school>

Talking about online toxicity

Vodafone have published an article highlighting research which shows that "69% of preadolescent boys have encountered misogynistic content online". This article discusses how to approach this issue with your child and what to do if they start repeating negative views seen online. <https://www.vodafone.co.uk/newscentre/smart-living/digital-parenting/how-to-talk-to-your-teenage-sons-about-online-toxicity/>

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.