

Friday 1st December 2023

Whole School Attendance – 92.7%
Class Winner – Cherry Blossom 97.6%

Dinner Options

On Wednesday we will be having Thursday's dinner options and on Thursday we will be having our Christmas dinner. Please note there will only be a choice of Christmas dinner and a vegetarian option on Thursday.



Mike Bell, Senior Mental Health Practitioner, With Me in Mind, will be attending the Parent Coffee Morning on the 6th December, to offer advice and support around

Children's Mental Health and Emotional Well-being.

Please join us for a coffee and chat. 9am - 10am. Coffee/Tea and biscuits will be provided at a cost of £1.

Christmas Light Switch On

Thank you to everyone who will be attending this evening for the Christmas Light Switch on.

Our Stars of the Week this week have been

Nursery am – Isla
Nursery pm - David
Class 1 – Harrison
Class 2 – Amelia
Class 3 – Whole Class
Class 4 – Zakiyah
Class 5 – Harper
Class 6 – Casey
Class 7 – Arthur
Class 8 – Sydney
Class 9 – Lily
Class 10 – Dexter
Class 11 – Andreea
Class 12 – Remus

Family Trip to the Cast Tuesday 5th December

If you have booked a place on the Family Trip you will be notified on Monday which coach you will be on. You should arrange to collect your child/ren from the playground near the office at 12.10. The coaches will leave at 12.20pm. The children will be having an early lunch.

*Dinner Menu
Week Commencing
04/12/23
Week 3*



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

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 21st November, Tuesday 19th December and Tuesday 23rd 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.

Thorne Rural Lions Santa Visits

Thorne Rural Lion Santa will be visiting Moorends on Monday 4th December, Thorne South Thursday 7th December and Thorne North Thursday 14th December.



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

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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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 KS1 children. Please see price list below

JUNIOR LEADERSHIP TEAM
KS1 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 - 35p
Apple & Pear Juice - 35p

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.



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.

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.

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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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 Fri 17 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 Children In Need (Pudsey Fancy Dress Optional)		9-10.30am 9-10am 10.30-11.20 2.15-3.00
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	Toddlers (£1)	9-10.30am
Tues 5 th	Family Panto Trip to Cast	12-3.30pm
Wed 6 th	Parents Coffee Morning (£1)	9-10am
Thurs 7 th	Christmas Jumper Day/ Christmas Dinner Day	All day
Thurs 7 th	Moorends Christmas Lights Switch on	4pm-6pm
Fri 8 th	Winter Fayre After School	2.00-4.00
Tues 12 th	Toddlers (£1)	9-10.30am
Tues 12 th	EYFS Christmas Nativity	1.30-2.30pm
Wed 13 th	EYFS Christmas Nativity	9.30-10.30
		AM
		PM
Thurs 14 th	KS1 Christmas Nativity	1.30-2.30pm
Fri 15 th	KS1 Christmas Nativity	9.30-10.30
		AM
Mon 18 th	KS2 Carols around the tree	1.30-2.30pm
Tues 19 th	Toddlers (£1)	9-10.30am
Tues 19 th	KS1 Polar Express Reading Afternoon (Pyjamas & dressing gowns)	2.30-3.15
Wed 20 th	LKS2 Polar Express Reading Afternoon (Pyjamas & dressing gowns)	2.30-3.15
Wed 20 th	Parents Coffee Morning (£1)	9-10.30
Thurs 21 st	Christmas Party Day for All (party clothes optional)	All day
Fri 22 nd	Break Up for Christmas	



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West Road's Winter Dinner Menu Week 3

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Vegetarian burger and wedges	All day breakfast	Roast turkey, mashed potato and gravy	BBQ chicken and rice	Fish fillet and chips
Cheese pinwheel and wedges	Vegetarian chilli and rice	Vegetable wellington, mashed potato and gravy	Vegetable pasta bake	Quorn nuggets and chips
Peas and sweetcorn	Baked beans and carrots	Green beans and cauliflower	Broccoli and carrots	Peas and beans
Oat biscuit	Jam sponge and custard	Chocolate sponge and custard	Sticky toffee muffins	Jelly and fruit



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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.

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.


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)

www.yourlifedoncaster.co.uk/east-your-place-hub
Email: YourPlaceYourFamilyTeam@doncaster.gov.uk
Call: 01302 736336

Online Safety Newsletter December 2023

Minecraft

Minecraft remains ever popular and with Christmas ahead of us, maybe your child will be receiving this game as one of their presents. Minecraft Legends is rated as PEGI 7 meaning it is suitable for those over 7 years of age. The App store rate Minecraft as 9+.

You should be aware that there is a multiplayer option so players can chat to each other, and in-app purchases are available. Parental controls are available, either within Minecraft or on the console itself e.g. Nintendo Switch or PlayStation. Find out more here:

<https://www.minecraft.net/en-us/article/parental-controls>

Toxicity in game play

Safe In Our World and Ubisoft creators of games such as Assassins Creed) have co-developed the 'Good Game Playbook'. The playbook will be sent to players reporting disruptive behaviour as well as the individual reported. This is to support the person affected as well as to try and educate the person reported about the harm their behaviour might have on others.

You can read the handbook here:

<https://safeinourworld.org/news/ubisoft-safe-in-our-world-partner-to-combat-in-game-toxicity/>

Get to know Age Ratings

Age ratings are in place to help protect your child, so we thought we'd provide you with a little reminder of how important it is to check the age ratings of what your child is accessing online. Here are the age ratings of some of the more popular apps that young people are accessing. **Did you know that WhatsApp has an age rating of 16?**



Whether your child is viewing films, accessing apps, playing games online, using social media or downloading other apps – check the age rating first to see if your child is old enough. In addition, the likes of PEGI include further content descriptors, which will give you an indication of the type of content that your child might view e.g. violence, if accessing the app/game etc.

It is important to note that whilst age ratings do allow you to see if something may be appropriate for your child, it is also important to review the content yourself. This will allow you to make an informed decision as to whether it is suitable for your child to access and if it would be beneficial to apply further parental controls.

Further information

Parent Zone have published this article about why age ratings matter: <https://parentzone.org.uk/article/age-ratings>

Artificial Intelligence (AI)

It can be difficult to keep up to date with new technologies and to know if there are any related risks that we need to be aware of when using new technologies. AI is being talked about a lot, so it is worthwhile learning more about it now to help support/answer questions if our children show an interest. Twinkl provide a brilliant overview of AI here:

<https://www.twinkl.co.uk/blog/parents-guide-top-tips-for-navigating-generative-ai-safely-with-kids>

Users of this guide do so at their own discretion. No liability is entered into.
Current as of the date released 1.12.23.

Snapchat

What is Snapchat?

Snapchat is a social media app used for messaging and sharing photos and videos. **You must be 13+ to sign up.** Users can send messages (snaps) to others that can only be seen for a set time e.g. 10 seconds and users can also upload snaps to stories, which disappear after 24 hours.



What should I be concerned about?

There are risks to using Snapchat, including the risk of your child viewing content that is not appropriate for them, location sharing and contact from strangers.

Family Centre features

Family Centre includes features such as allowing you to see who your child is friends with, who they are communicating with (not the contents of conversations though) and who your child has sent messages, photos or videos to in the last week. You will also be able to report any accounts that you are concerned about as well as restrict sensitive content. Snapchat have also published a safety checklist to help support conversations about how to use Snapchat safely:

- <https://parents.snapchat.com/en-GB/parental-controls?lang=en-GB>

New safeguarding features

Snapchat have recently announced their newest features to help protect 13-17-year-olds. The first feature is in-app warnings so a pop-up warning will now be displayed if someone tries to add them as a friend that they don't have mutual contacts with, or the person isn't in their contacts.

The second feature is 'stronger friending protections.' Currently 13-17-year-olds must have several mutual friends in common for that user to show up in search results or as a friend suggestion, but this number has been increased. **These two features are available to users aged 13-17-year-olds, this is one of the reasons why it is always important for your child to sign up with their correct date of birth, so they can benefit from any such features.**

- <https://values.snap.com/en-GB/news/new-safeguards-for-snapchatters-2023>

Safety tips

Please make sure the appropriate privacy settings are set up on Snapchat and your child knows how to block and report other users if necessary:

- <https://support.snapchat.com/en-GB/article/privacy-settings2>

More information

- <https://www.virginmedia.com/blog/parental-controls/snapchat>

Fake Profiles and Cyberbullying

Setting up a profile impersonating somebody else with the intention of being unkind to others/to cause embarrassment to the individual is a form of cyberbullying.

If your child has set up a fake profile, talk to them about how this is a form of bullying and therefore not acceptable.

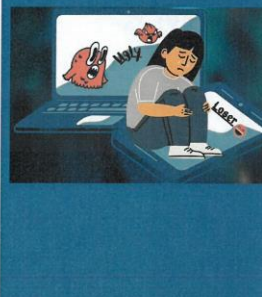
It is important that we talk to our children about the issue of cyberbullying and let them know that if they are ever a victim of it then it is not their fault, and they should tell you (or a trusted adult) straightaway. Talk to your child about reporting and blocking tools on social media or online games and show them how to use them to report any form of bullying.

You can read more about cyberbullying here:

- <https://www.childline.org.uk/info-advice/bullying-abuse-safety/types-bullying/bullying-cyberbullying/>
- <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/what-is-child-abuse/types-of-abuse/bullying-and-cyberbullying/>

Additionally, Report Harmful Content have listed how you can report impersonation accounts on the different social media networks here:

<https://reportharmfulcontent.com/advice/impersonation/>



Come join us every morning



BREAKFAST TIME

WEST ROAD BREAKFAST CLUB



GOOD MORNING!

Open from 8am

Pitstop
Everyone welcome

Games nights

Making Pizza

Gardening

Sports Night

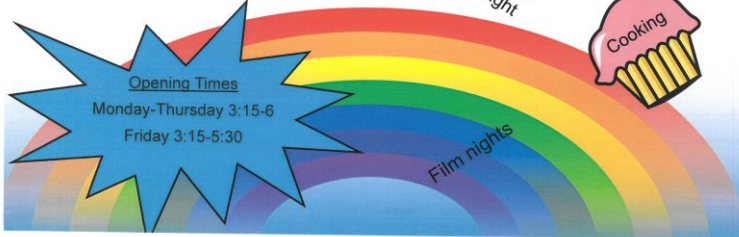
Arts and crafts

Cooking

Film nights

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

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




Toddler Group



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.




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



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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!



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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 16th 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 3rd November – Fireworks 6pm onwards

Moorends Recreational Ground

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

Sunday 12th 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 25th 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 1st 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 2nd Dec

The indoor Christmas market continues 10am-4pm.



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