

Friday 26th January 2024

Attendance: Congratulations parents our weekly attendance percentage for this week is **96.4%**. Mrs Woodward and Mrs Jones would like to thank all the parents of West Road for coming together and supporting them to try and meet the national expectations for attendance and remain a good school. Remember, if you need support or advice linked to attendance, just pick up the phone or come in and see Mrs Woodward or Mrs Jones, anytime.

Mock SATs: Remember it is Mock SATs next week for the Year 6s, so please make sure your child comes to school, on time, every day, and please make sure they get to bed at a reasonable time to fulfil this request. If you or your children should need any further information about the above or you have any concerns involving your child's education, please feel free to ring in or make an appointment with Mr Silvester or Miss Purdy.

Playgrounds: Remember children should not ride on scooters or bikes in the playground. If they do, then unfortunately they will not be able to bring the equipment to school again. All the children are aware of the school rules, however we would like parent support to make sure younger children adopt the same ruling. Thanks for your support and understanding to keep all our children safe whilst in the school playground.

There will be a member of SLT on each playground every morning and pick-up, if you need any support or have any concerns about your child's education or wellbeing.

School Guidelines: As per the text that was recently sent out, all Year 5s and 6s should not come into the school playground till 8.35am and should walk calmly to their teacher or TA who will be waiting to take them round to their classroom. Mobile phones will be collected as soon as you come into school and any children found videoing or taking photos of children within the school grounds will have their phones confiscated and parents will be informed. **This ruling applies to all children carrying a mobile phone on school premises, from any year group.**

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.

Ofsted Report - WRPA latest inspection: On Monday, we will be emailing a link to view our recent Ofsted report and an invitation for parent's to come to a meeting to discuss it, if you



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feel you would like to. We are all pleased with the report and outcome and we continue to strive, as a community school, to improve upon the targets Ofsted left for us (with the support of all our parents). Mrs Woodward would like to thank all the staff at West Road Primary Academy and parents for supporting her, and is extremely proud of all the children.

Pit-Stop

Our Pit-Stop afterschool club has now changed to 5pm bookings only. To book your child/ren into Pit-Stop you must complete a booking form at the office and pay on ParentPay to confirm the place.



Dates to Remember

- 6th February – Yr 5/6 Victorian Workshop
- 7-9 February – Yr 5 Kingswood Residential
- 8 February – School Closes for Half Term
- 9 February – Teacher Training Day
- 19 February – Return to School
- 19 February – Young Voices
- 7 March – World Book Day
- 22 March – Yr 6 Crucial Crew
- 28 March – Wear a Hat Day
- 28 March – School closes for Easter

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.

Our Stars of the Week this week have been

- Nursery AM – Emily
- Nursery PM – Zayden
- Class 1 – Rebecca
- Class 2 – Ariana
- Class 3 – Maria
- Class 4 – Elijah W
- Class 5 – Miley-Rae
- Class 6 – Aween
- Class 7 – Lillyarna
- Class 8 – Leyland
- Class 9 – Leo
- Class 10 – Freddie F
- Class 11 – Mark
- Class 12 – Seth



On Monday 29th January we will be having a Veganuary special menu. See attached for options.

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** children starting week commencing 15 January. 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

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.

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

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.



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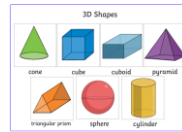
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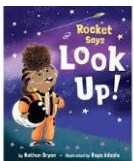
Does your child have a laptop at home to complete homework?

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



This week in Year 2 we have spent time learning all about 3D shapes, we have named the shapes and thought about how many edges and faces the

shapes have and named the different faces which we could see. During our dance session with Sadie we learnt about balances and jumps and really enjoyed exploring the different jumps and balances we could do. In science we have continued to learn about electricity and explored making circuits with bulbs and buzzers. We finished our portraits and are really proud of how much they look like us. We are very excited about the upcoming spelling bee and hope that everyone has been busy practising at home. Another super week in Year 2 well done everyone.



This week in Reception the children have enjoyed reading our new story 'Look up' by Nathan Bryon. The children did an excellent job predicting what might happen in the text. In

maths, the children have had fun exploring mass and capacity. We have also enjoyed creating our own telescopes, inspired by Galileo. In Nursery this week the children have enjoyed participating in their PE session in the hall. They have also enjoyed learning more about space and creating rockets in the design area.

Year 1 children have been writing their setting descriptions, describing a feast in the castle. They enjoyed tasting some of the food and describing it using adjectives. In maths we have continued learning about numbers to 20, using a number line and one more, one less. We have learnt about Wales and used atlases to find mountains and cities. In RE, we are learning about sacred places and this week we found out about synagogues.



In Year 3/4 this week, we have started to read our new novel *How to Train Your Dragon* which we are really excited about! In geography, we have been expanding our knowledge on rivers by studying different rivers in Europe. We have been continuing to work hard on our times tables too in maths and are getting really good with these.



This week in Year 5/6 we have been continuing to work hard on our English and maths. We are enjoying our novel 'Rooftoppers' and in maths, we have been enlarging shapes by different scale factors. We have also been

learning lots about the Industrial Revolution in history and we were surprised to learn that young children were expected to do very dangerous jobs during this time. In geography, we are continuing to learn about different regions of the UK.



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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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GIRLS ONLY FOOTBALL SESSIONS

BREAKING NEWS

Club Thorne are delighted to be running Girls Only football sessions as part of the Weetabix Wildcats Programme. The session is for ages 5 - 11 and is a fun introduction to football.

SESSION INFO

When: Every Tuesday

Where: Iqpal Poultry Stadium, Grange Road, DN8 4NA

Time: 4:30pm - 5:30pm

Cost: £3 (first session is free)

The sessions take place outside so please ensure suitable clothing and footwear.

No need to book!



clubthornecic@gmail.com



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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.

VEGANUARY
DAY
MENU
29TH JANUARY

Vegan Shepherd's Pie & Gravy

Sweet Potato Casserole

Jacket Potato

Cheese Sandwich

Vegan Chocolate Brownie



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22nd January 2024

West Road Spelling Bee Competition

Dear Parent/Carer,

After half term, there will be a Spelling Bee competition at West Road and every child from Year 2 to Year 6 will take part. In order to prepare for this, please encourage your child to practice the spellings attached to this letter. These lists will also appear on the Spelling Shed 'Play' section, labelled as their year group curriculum/common exception words. Every child has an account for Edshed- seek your child's class teacher for log in enquiries.

The competition will take place firstly in classes, with the children completing a spelling test on 30 of the practiced words. The highest scoring boy and girl from each class will then take part in a year group Spelling Bee in order to determine the top boy and girl spellers/finalists for our school.

Rules:

- The children will be able to write each word down before spelling it out loud.
- During the semi-final and final, children will write the word, press a buzzer and will then be required to say the letters for the word.

Each year group have exciting prizes to be won. Every child at school will have the opportunity to win the Spelling Bee in their year group. All we ask is that they practice their spellings over the next few weeks ready for the exciting competition.

Thank you for your continued support,

Miss Purdy
Deputy Headteacher



"The spelling bee was so intense, it was un-bee-lievable!"



NSPCC

Online gaming and keeping children safe

Do you know your whispers from your skins? Your Fortnite from your EA Sports FC 24?

As part of the NSPCC Game Safe Festival, we're encouraging parents, carers and those working with children and families to have conversations about online gaming.

GamCare will be sharing expert advice, and you'll hear directly from young people.

Our webinar will help you:

- understand how young people game online.
- learn about tools and resources that support safe play.
- gain the knowledge you need to keep children safe.

 **GAME SAFE FESTIVAL**

7 February 2024, 7pm-8pm, via Zoom. Book your place via this link: nspcc.org.uk/gamesafe/tickets

EVERY CHILDHOOD IS WORTH FIGHTING FOR

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11th January 2024

Dear Parent/Carer

World Book Day takes place on **Thursday 7th March** and we hope you'll join us as we come together to encourage every child in school to be a reader and love books.

To celebrate World Book Day, we are asking if children can come to school dressed as their favourite book character e.g. Where's Wally, Harry Potter, Horrid Henry, Mr Bump, The Worst Witch. Costumes do not have to be shop bought and can be made at home. For ideas for homemade outfits, please Google 'easy outfits for World Book Day' and you will find lots of ideas or visit <https://www.worldbookday.com/dressing-up-ideas/>.

There are lots of interactive activities, competitions and resources on World Book Day's official website at:

<https://www.worldbookday.com/>

Every child in school will receive a £1 book voucher. The tokens are valid from Thursday 17th February to Sunday 27th March. You can help your child choose their £1 book by showing them exciting 'Look Insides' at www.worldbookday.com/books. Bookshops and supermarkets are a big part of what makes World Book Day special and thousands will be taking part in World Book Day 2024, with many putting on special events to celebrate the day. Your local bookseller might be on the high street or could be a supermarket. Asda, Morrisons, Sainsbury's and Tesco all stock the £1 books. You can find your nearest bookseller at www.booksaremybag.com.

During World Book Day on Thursday 7th March, children will be taking part in exciting activities in school, all relating to reading.

We're looking forward to celebrating World Book Day in school and hope you will join in too with your child at home. World Book Day could not happen without the support of parent and carers – thank you, you make it happen!

Yours sincerely

H Purdy

Miss H Purdy
Deputy Headteacher

Just ten minutes
of sharing stories
daily makes a huge
difference to a child's
future success.



Changing lives through a love of books and shared reading.

World Book Day is a charity sponsored by National Book Tokens.

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