

**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2024**

We hope everyone has a lovely half term and look forward to seeing you back on the 19<sup>th</sup> February.

**Attendance:** Congratulations parents our weekly attendance percentage for this week is **96%** 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.

**Head Lice:** We have recently had a few incidents in school with head lice. We know that it can be upsetting for you and your child but please be aware that every school has this problem. The key to halting a widespread outbreak or preventing re-infestation is regular checks of your child's hair. We recommend that you check your child no less than once a week. We would recommend that children with longer hair have it tied back for school.

**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.

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

Nursery AM – Sofia  
Nursery PM – Michael H  
Class 1 – Ethan James  
Class 2 – Kaison  
Class 3 – Isla  
Class 4 – Ariana  
Class 5 – Andrei  
Class 6 – Elliott  
Class 7 – Grace  
Class 8 – Tia  
Class 9 – Deacon  
Class 10 – Harley  
Class 11 – Mark  
Class 12 – Grace

*Dinner Menu  
Week Commencing  
19/02/24  
Week 2*

### **Dates to Remember**

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



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**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.**

### **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.



**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.

### **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**



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### 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

### 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.

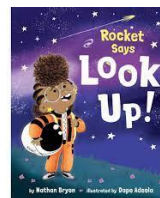
If you are worried about a child and wish to speak to a person you can contact us by calling 01302 737777, or in the evening or at weekends call 01302 796000. You can also record your concerns online at [www.doncasterchildrenstrust.co.uk/worried-about-a-child](http://www.doncasterchildrenstrust.co.uk/worried-about-a-child) - this can be done anonymously.

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.



### 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 Reception we have been learning about the composition of 6, 7 and 8. In English, we have enjoyed sequencing the story 'Look up'. The children have also enjoyed learning and performing a dance routine in PE. In Nursery the children have produced some excellent work in provision. We also had lots of fun at our reading and writing workshop. Well done, EYFS for a fabulous week.

This week, Year 1 have been learning all about weather forecasts. They have been predicting what they think the weather will be like and have written and presented a weather report. Year 1 also got to take a trip over to the local church where Father Pay took them on a tour of the sacred building linking back to their RE learning this half term. All the children were really respectful and inquisitive about the artefacts.



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This week in Year 2 we have spent time doing a science investigation learning all about conductors and insulators. The children loved testing the different materials and seeing which ones made the bulb light up. During our English sessions we have been writing our biographies about Thomas Edison and learning all about his life. In maths we have started to learn about money, identifying the different coins and the notes and how we add the different amounts. We really enjoyed learning about Picasso in our art sessions and created our own cubism faces based on his work. The children really thought about the colours and patterns they used and produced some fantastic artwork. We had our final dance session with Sadie and enjoyed showing off the dance moves we had learnt when performing to the others in our class. We have also been working hard to beat our scores in our times tables challenge. Keep on practising on times Tables Rockstars we are really seeing the impact this is having. Another super week in Year 2 well done everyone.



What a busy final week of this half term Year 3-4 have had! We have been creating a piece of writing based around our knowledge of the river Nile. We found it interesting to find out all the uses of the Nile and how it flows through 11 countries! We have also been continuing our Samba learning in music and always look forward to this each week. We are getting really good at reading music now!

This week in UKS2, we have had a very fun filled and interesting time. On Tuesday we had a full day of learning and living as Victorian children. Where the children had to write on slate with a chalk pencil. They looked at different toys that were from the period and they could not believe that some of them had been made at home from scraps of material (The rag doll.) Then on Wednesday some of the Year 5 children went on a residential trip to Kingswood. They pushed themselves to the limit and conquered their fears of heights.





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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# MOORENDS HOTEL



## MOORENDS-THORNE MARAUDERS

# U9 PLAYERS WANTED

MOORENDS MARAUDERS JUNIORS are recruiting players









We are looking for Girls & Boys in school year 4 to join our expanding Junior RL family  
  
 All abilities welcome  
  
 If you are interested contact  
**Gav on 07909 516 837**  
  
 Training is Tuesday nights 6pm at Moorends Recreation Ground  
  
 Come down and see what it's all about! Join a fun loving team and gain skills, build strength and make friends for life

**What are the benefits?**

- Fitness
- Skill
- Discipline
- Commitment
- Friendships for life









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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](mailto: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.

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!"



## If you're struggling this winter, we can help

We can offer support with things such as fuel poverty and staying warm, financial hardship support, support accessing food banks as well as emotional and wellbeing support.

Meet us at Thorne Library, Mondays from 10am - 12:30pm

 February 5th & 19th, 2024

 March 4th & 18th, 2024

No prior booking needed and no waiting list!

Available till 31st March 2024

Visit [doncastermind.org.uk](http://doncastermind.org.uk) or call 01302812190 for more info

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11<sup>th</sup> January 2024

Dear Parent/Carer

**World Book Day** takes place on **Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> 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 17<sup>th</sup> February to Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> March. You can help your child choose their £1 book by showing them exciting 'Look Insides' at [www.worldbookday.com/books](http://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](http://www.booksaremybag.com).

During World Book Day on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> 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



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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