

**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2024**

This week, our Attendance Percentage across school is **95.6%**. This has unfortunately dropped from last week. We would like to announce that for the 3rd week running our Class 11 - Cherry Blossom children have achieved 100% attendance!! This is a massive achievement. Well done Class 11! We are so proud of you all! Also this week we have Orchid - Class 5 and Dragon tree - Class 6 with 100% attendance. This is absolutely amazing - 3 classes with 100%! 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.

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

Nursery AM – Brooke  
Nursery PM – Cooper  
Class 1 – Mabel  
Class 2 – Ella  
Class 3 – Caleb  
Class 4 – Henry  
Class 5 – Fuscia  
Class 6 – Spencer  
Class 7 – Raigan  
Class 8 – Jessica  
Class 9 – Daniel & Lola  
Class 10 – Millie  
Class 11 – Hayden  
Class 12 – Maria

**World Book Day**

We had a great day in school for World Book Day. The costumes were amazing and the children had so much fun. Miss Purdy made a fantastic giraffe as she read *The Giraffe the Pelly and Me* in assembly!



**Parents Meetings**

To book you parents meeting please go to <https://westroad.schoolcloud.co.uk/>

*Dinner Menu  
Week Commencing  
11/03/24  
Week 2*

We do not recommend younger children go on this website. Rainbow Friends - Huggy Wuggy. Even though it's a horror game, Roblox rates Rainbow Friends as appropriate for all ages. And we find this to hold true. Like any good horror game, there are jump scares involved. And the characters can look a little scary.

**Year 6, leavers' prom, Monday 8<sup>th</sup> July, 2024, venue: school.**

In past years, the Year 6 leavers' prom has been arranged by the school staff. This year, parents have kindly come forward to offer their help to run and support the event to raise funds in and outside school. So, if you are a Year 6 parent and you have the time to support the **Parent Prom 24 Group**, please contact Mrs Walker on: **07595167928** or let school know and they can pass on your details. These events are often very costly to the school and we welcome the support from the parents (and the year 6, year group) to raise their own funds. I would personally like to thank Mrs Walker for giving her time.

**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.

**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.



**Dates to Remember**

- 18 & 19 March – Nursery Parents Meetings
- 21 March – Class 1 & Class 8 Parents Meetings
- 22 March – Class 2 & Class 5 Parents Meetings
- 22 March – Yr 6 Crucial Crew
- 25 March – Class 6 & Class 11 Parents Meetings
- 26 March – Class 3 & Class 9 Parents Meetings
- 27 March – Class 7 & Class 10 Parents Meetings
- 28 March – Class 4 & Class 12 Parents Meetings
- 28 March – Wear a Hat Day
- 28 March – School closes for Easter
- 15 April – School Re-opens

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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### 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.



### 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](mailto:nursery@westrd.doncaster.sch.uk)

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

[safeguarding@westrd.Doncaster.sch.uk](mailto: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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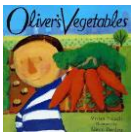
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In Nursery this week, we have been looking at the story of Oliver's Vegetables and thinking about our own favourite foods.

We are also learning about animals and their babies. In Reception this week, we have been looking at the characters of Jack and the Beanstalk and their feelings. In maths, we have been looking at the numbers 9 and 10.



about how we can ensure we are eating a healthy balanced diet each day. We have spent time investigating seeds and bulbs during our science session and looked at how these grow into plants. We thought about the similarities and differences between them and what they need in order to grow. Another super week in Year 2. Well done everyone.



This week Year 1 have been working on their SPaG skills and have been understanding how we use capital letters for proper nouns.

In maths, the children have been working on their number line skills by subtracting numbers up to 20. In science, the children have learnt why logging happens and how it is harmful to Earth. In RE, the children have continued their learning about Easter and have learnt the different ways in which Christians celebrate Easter.



This week in Year 2 we have been working hard looking at different aspects of grammar and applying these in our writing. During our Art session

we really enjoyed finishing off our seascapes by adding the waves on our pictures and we are really proud of how amazing these look on our classroom display. In our PSHE session we learnt about healthy eating. We looked at which meals include a balance of different foods and thought

In Year 3/4, we have started to complete our assessments this week. The children who completed their assessments have shown resilience and determination - well done! In science, we have learned that the stem transports water in plants. We have started to investigate this by placing celery in dyed water and are looking forward to observing what happens. We had such a great day yesterday for World Book day and the costumes were amazing.



What a fantastic week we have had! Year 5 have been working hard on their assessments and we are so proud of their progress since autumn term. We have been learning all about the Victorian era in history and how they lived, the country of Australia, forces in science and Chinese art! Linking all of our topics to previous learning is really helping us to understand more about the world and our geographical and historical features which all links to why we are here today - it is ever so fascinating! Swimming was also great and we are already becoming so confident in the water.



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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

On Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March we will be having a Red Nose Day Themed meal. See attached.



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# Your Place

## At Your School

Tues 19th Mar  
08:30-10:00

Pop in for a chat!

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.



Email: [YourPlaceYourFamilyTeam@doncaster.gov.uk](mailto:YourPlaceYourFamilyTeam@doncaster.gov.uk)

Phone: 01302 736336

Scan the QR code to find out more:





**RED NOSE DAY**  
**MENU**

**FRIDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> MARCH**

**FISH & CHIPS**

**QUORN NUGGETS & CHIPS**

**JACKET POTATO**

**HAM SANDWICH**

**LEMON BAKEWELL TART (NUT FREE)**

**STRAWBERRY JELLY & STRAWBERRY WHIP**



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## Online Safety Newsletter March 2024

### Managing Screen time from Internet Matters

Are you worried your child has too much screentime or would like more advice on how to support your child in managing their screen time? Internet Matters have a wealth of information on their website to help support you.

This first link discusses how to get the most out of screen time and how to talk to your child about screen time based on their age:

- <https://www.internetmatters.org/issues/screen-time/protect-your-child>

This second link provides advice on how to tackle too much screen time and what the signs of too much screen time might be:

- <https://www.internetmatters.org/issues/screen-time/deal-with-it/>

This final link provides a guide on how to balance screen time:

- <https://www.internetmatters.org/resources/creating-a-balanced-digital-diet-with-screen-time-tips/>



### Fortnite Battle Royale

Fortnite Battle Royale is rated PEGI 12 because it features moderate violence which means it is not suitable for persons under 12 years of age.

It is important to remember that when rating games, PEGI do not take into consideration the communication features of a game. Fortnite does include a chat facility, which adds further risks.



#### What is Fortnite?

There are different versions of Fortnite, including Battle Royale, which is free to play (although in-app purchases are available). In Battle Royale up to one hundred players compete against each other.

#### What do I need to be aware of?

- **Chatting to strangers and inappropriate language:** Fortnite contains voice and text chat. Due to the nature of the game, your child may be chatting to strangers and may hear inappropriate language. Ensure your child knows how to report players for any inappropriate behaviour.
- **In app purchases:** All users can purchase V-Bucks directly through the game so make sure you don't store your card details within the game/device and restrict purchases.

#### Parental Controls

Fortnite includes several parental controls to help you make it a safer environment for your child including disabling voice chat, filtering language and setting privacy settings. **Also, remember to set up age-appropriate parental controls on the device your child is playing on.**

#### Further information

Virgin Media outline how to set up the different parental controls available: <https://www.virginmedia.com/blog/parental-controls/gaming-fortnite>

### Does your child need a mobile phone?

If you are thinking about giving your child their own phone, then you might find this article from Family Lives useful as it discusses things you need to consider:

<https://www.familylives.org.uk/advice/primary/health-and-development/does-your-child-need-a-mobile-phone>

Users of this guide do so at their own discretion. No liability is entered into.  
Current as of the date released 01.03.24.



## Instagram

You will probably know that Instagram is used to post photos and videos, but did you know that it can also be used to message, voice/video call and send disappearing messages? Users can also upload to 'Stories' (which disappear after 24 hours), broadcast live and upload reels (short videos).

**You must be over 13 years of age to set up an account.** To create an account, you must enter a date of birth (but it is not verified). *When you set up an account for users under 16 years old, the account is set to Private. This is the recommended setting so that your child approves who follows them and sees their content.* Even if your child's profile is private, their bio (at the top of their profile) can still be seen by **everyone**. Check they have not included personal information here e.g. they should not be wearing their school uniform in their photo.

Instagram includes several privacy settings, so go through these with your child and ensure they are set appropriately. Settings include:

- Messages/Group chats – set who can message you/add you to groups.
- Story replies – you can turn this off or choose who can message you.
- Hidden words – turn this option on to hide comments/messages that may be offensive. You can also add your own custom words or emojis.

Make sure your child understands that there is a risk that content they upload can be shared with others without their permission as other users can screenshot it.

### Supervision

You can set up supervision on your child's (aged 13-17) Instagram account. This gives you access to a set of tools including the ability to see who they follow/who follows them, how much time they are spending on Instagram, set a time limit and view accounts your child has blocked. Your child can also share when they have reported anything to Instagram with you. Learn more here: <https://help.instagram.com/658522825492278>

### Safety Features

Ensure your child knows how to report posts and people, how to unfollow and block people, delete and turn off comments. View here: <https://help.instagram.com/269765046710559>

### Quiet mode

Your child can activate quiet mode, so they do not receive notifications (to provide less distraction whilst studying and at night time).

### How can I keep my child safe on Instagram?

The NSPCC have published a blog with everything that you need to know: <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/online-safety-blog/keeping-children-safe-on-instagram/>

### More information

- Visit the family centre to learn more about the features available: <https://familycenter.instagram.com/>
- Download a parent's guide to Instagram: <https://help.instagram.com/299484113584685>

## Do you need help managing your child's device?

You can use Google Family Link or Apple Family Sharing to help you depending on your child's device.

### Google Family Link

This is a parental control app from Google that lets you:

- See activity reports showing how long they spend on each app.
- Approve or block new app download
- Set screen time limits.
- Find their location (using their device)

You will need to download an app and then decide appropriate settings.

<https://families.google.com/familylink>

### Apple Family Sharing

You can set up Family Sharing in the settings of your device. Family Sharing allows you to:

- Share Apple subscriptions.
- Share purchases from the App Store.
- Approve what children purchase/download.
- Limit screen time.
- Share locations and find devices.

<https://www.apple.com/uk/family-sharing/>

### Monitoring Apps (paid for)

In addition, there are apps that you can pay for that you may find provides a better solution for you. Whilst we cannot recommend a specific product these are some examples that you could review and test using a free trial

- Norton Family: <https://uk.norton.com/products/norton-family>
- Qustodio: <https://www.qustodio.com/en/>
- Family Time: <https://familytime.io/>

"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.

**Ofsted**  
Good  
Provider

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There is a respectful culture in the school.

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

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

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

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.

## **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.

APPLICATIONS ARE NOW OPEN FOR...

# JUNIOR BAKE OFF

AGED BETWEEN 9-12 AND LOVE TO BAKE? WE'D LOVE TO HEAR FROM YOU!

[WWW.APPLYFORJUNIORBAKEOFF.CO.UK](http://WWW.APPLYFORJUNIORBAKEOFF.CO.UK)

Applications close 17th March 2024



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## 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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# Moorends Design Workshop

Refreshments  
Provided



Tuesday 5th March 2024

Moorends Miner Welfare, 24A  
West Rd, Moorends, Doncaster  
DN8 4LH

5:00pm - 6:00pm



Are you interested in making Moorends a better place to live? Do you have positive ideas that you want to share?

If this sounds like you, then come along and meet with Well Doncaster and tell us your dreams, no matter how small or big! To find out how we can support you and your community!

For more information please contact [Lucy.Garnham@doncaster.gov.uk](mailto:Lucy.Garnham@doncaster.gov.uk) or 07855182443

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