

East Ardsley Primary Academy Newsletter

21/12/ 2018

Menu Week no: 1



Attendance: Congratulations to class 1 who had 100% attendance this week - you were our attendance stars. Well Done to you all!

What we have been up to this week:-

What an amazing week we have had at East Ardsley Primary Academy. We have been astounded by the quality of the children's performances this week.

I've been lucky enough to have attended them all—one of the perks of being a Headteacher. The children were all immaculately behaved; got up and spoke clearly and confidently and sang their hearts out. It was a joy to be a part of.

Thank you to everyone who turned up to watch them. You were all a very appreciative audience and made sure that the children knew all their hard work was worth it with your warm congratulations for them all.

As we are approaching a new term we have been reviewing some of the things we have in place for sharing the children's success with you as parents. We all feel that we could improve our Merit Assemblies to make them more personal and to enable the teachers to be there to share in the children's achievements.

We have therefore decided that we will be having a Key Stage 2 Merit Assembly on a Tuesday at 3pm and a separate Key Stage 1 and Reception Class Merit Assembly on a Wednesday afternoon.

You will still receive a text each Friday if your child is going to be awarded a merit the following week. We have also decided to insert our Class Assemblies into this slot too, to try and make things more streamlined.

All the dates for assemblies are listed on the Newsletter and will be updated on the school website over the holidays. We want to make sure that we get it right, so that we are able to share as much of the children's successes with you as possible.

I hope you all have a very Merry Christmas and New Year. Thank you all for your continued support and good will.

Ms Talbot



Give safe gifts this Christmas

Many children and young people will be given the latest gadgets such as tablets, smart phones and games consoles this Christmas. The internet and all it can offer, is a wonderful tool for keeping in touch with friends and family, however parents and carers need to be aware that it is possible for people who are unknown to children and young people to communicate with them via the internet. Here are some things to consider if you are buying a piece of technology for a child or young person this Christmas.

Buying a mobile phone for a child or young person?

When purchasing a mobile for a child or young person ask the store assistant if they can set parental security settings on the device for you. Many stores provide this service free of charge. You can also find step by step instructions for setting security settings on mobile phone provider websites. Setting the security settings on the mobile before you wrap the present will help to keep your child safe when they're online. Most mobile phone providers also offer free parental control services. These limit the content children can access at home, via the mobile network, to items suitable for under 18s. These settings might not be automatically switched on, so check with your service provider and ask them to do this for you.

Buying a game for a child or young person?

All games released in the UK will have PEGI ratings on the packaging; 3,7,12,16 or 18 meaning that games rated as such should not be played by persons below those respective age bars. Next to the age rating there are also pictograms to explain why the rating was awarded.

When purchasing a game for your child, always check the PEGI certification. The PEGI system is designed to inform you of what's suitable and what's not, for different ages. Many of the popular games have 18 PEGI ratings. Content within these games could potentially be harmful, frightening or worrying for young children. Check the PEGI rating before you buy a game for a child to check that it is age appropriate.

Buying a games console for a child or young person?

You might not realise that even games consoles such as the Xbox and PlayStation, are connected to the internet and can be used for communicating as well as playing games. Don't forget that you can also set parental controls on these devices too. AskAboutGames

Attendance

The overall attendance for the Autumn term class winners are:

KS1—Class 2 = 97.5%

KS2—Class 5 = 98.9%.

The children in these 2 classes only, will be having a non school uniform day on Friday 11th January 2018.

Prize Draw

Congratulations to Kazik Wojciechowski and Kayzia Ward on winning the Autumn Term attendance prize for your amazing attendance this term. Enjoy the fun at your activity.

School Council

School Council have recently chosen St George's Crypt in Leeds as their charity. We are very excited to help and support this great cause but we need your help. Having been in contact with the charity they have listed all the things they need to help the homeless at this time and so I'm asking you on behalf of School Council that Over this holiday you have a look at the list and bring into school anything that you have.

75,000 will wake up on Christmas morning homeless please help.

Food

- * Tea bags, instant coffee, sugar
- * Milk, including long-life and powdered
- * Tinned meats such as meatballs, ham, steak and kidney
- * Tinned fish such as tuna
- * Cereals
- * Pasta, pasta sauces
- * Rice
- * Noodles
- * Oxo cubes
- * Gravy granules
- * Tinned fruit
- * Rice pudding

Clothing

- * Socks (brand new, male and female)
- * Boxer shorts (brand new)
- * Knickers (brand new)

Toiletries

- * Toiletry gift sets which can be given as presents, especially at Christmas
- * Razors (male and female)
- * Toothbrushes and toothpaste
- * Shower gel (not soap, for hygiene reasons)
- * Shampoo
- * Deodorant

Many Thanks Mrs Pattison and The School Council

Debts owing to the School

The amounts that parents owe school for services that the school provide, such as dinners, nursery and breakfast club are rising. If these debts are not cleared the school budget has to pay for them. This means that money which should be spent on the children's education is used to pay for debts incurred by parents. I am sure that every parent will agree that this is unacceptable, I am sure that you would not take your child out for a meal and expect them to be given food without paying, the same applies to school. The school is providing services which are not being paid for.

Nursery Places

If you require a place for your child to start Nursery from September 2019 onwards, please make sure your application form is handed in at the school office before the deadline date of

31st March 2019. Any applications received after this date will be placed on the waiting list.

Applying for a Reception Place

Parents and carers have until the **15th January 2019** to complete their applications for a Reception place for September 2019 and should apply using the online system. You will be informed of the school offer via email on national offer day, Tuesday 16th April 2019.

Three drop in sessions for parents and carers applying for a Reception place will be held at The City Centre Hub, Merrion House, Woodhouse Lane, Leeds LS2 8LX on the following dates: Wednesday 9 January, 10 am to 12 noon

If you need any further information you can contact the Admissions Team on 0113 222 4414.

Helpful telephone numbers- Leeds Anti - Social Behaviour Team: 0113 222 4402

Childline: 0800 11 11 Leeds Domestic Violence 24 hour helpline: 0113 2 460401

Out of hours service for ongoing noise 6.00 pm -3.30 am: 0113 395 0143

NSPCC: 0808 810 800 Leeds Domestic Violence 24 hour helpline: 0113 2460401

Home Start-Support and friendship for families 0113 244 2419 or email office@home-startleeds.co.uk