

# East Ardsley Primary Academy Newsletter

18/12/2020

Menu Week no: 3



**Attendance:** Congratulations to classes F2A and 2 who had 100% attendance this week - you were our attendance stars. (Children absent due to isolating are not included in these numbers) Well done to you all!

## What we have been up to this week:-

We have had a fantastic week in school. Every Christmas activity possible has been included at some point during the week. The children have all had their Christmas parties with lots of fun games, food and festivities.

The children have all been finishing off their work ready for the new term and teachers have been busy clearing out and sorting everything ready for next term, whilst making sure all the traditional Christmas activities have been planned and sorted.

We are still waiting for the final copies of our Christmas videos for you to watch with your children. We will post a link on Tapestry as soon as we have them and can upload them to our secure site. Keep checking Tapestry every day so you don't miss out.

We have reviewed everything we have done to date over this term to manage the challenges of COVID and highlighted the things we feel have worked really well and those challenges we have had to work hard to resolve. This will be uploaded on to Tapestry later today for you to read through over the Christmas break.

It has been so reassuring to know that everyone is so supportive and that we all want to do the very best by our children; to keep things as close to normal as possible, whilst still keeping everyone safe.

We are determined to start next term as positively as we have ended this one so our pre-teach groups are starting up again on the first day back, Monday 4th January 2021.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for being so amazing and working so hard this term. The children have come back and just got on with all the changes without any fuss. They are a credit to us all! All the staff in school have been just as fantastic and given everything they have to meeting the needs of your children and addressing all the issues that have arisen due to lockdown and then the COVID restrictions in school. We have also been given a staggering amount of support from the MAT, Leeds Local Authority and our Local Governing Board. We could not have managed it without them. Last but by no means least, our parents have all stayed on board through all the disruption and trusted us throughout. Thank you to all of you.

Please remember to let us know if your child develops symptoms of COVID over the Christmas break and the outcome of any subsequent test. Please use the office email: [office@eastardsley.org.uk](mailto:office@eastardsley.org.uk) so that teachers do not have to check on Tapestry over the break.

Make sure you keep yourselves safe and well over Christmas as we want you all back and raring to go in January.

Ms Talbot

## Dates for your Diary:

18.12.20	School closes
4.1.21	School opens
1.2.21	D:side Workshops
12.2.21	School closes
22.2.21	School opens
4.3.21	World Book Day
8.3.21	Mothers' Day Gift Shop
22.3.21	Assessment Week
29.3.21	Year 4 and 5 Concert Week
2.4.21	School closes
19.4.21	School opens
21.4.21	Class photographs
3.5.21	Bank holiday school closed
10.5.21	Year 6 SATs Week
28.5.21	School closes
7.6.21	School opens
14.6.21	Fathers' Day Craft Shop
21.6.21	Assessment Week
23.7.21	School closes



# ADMISSIONS ARRANGEMENTS CONSULTATION FOR 2022 – 2023

Dear Parents

The Board of Trustees at Leodis Academies Trust intends to determine (set and approve) the following admissions policy arrangements for entry into all Academies within the Trust during the academic year September 2022 to July 2023.

The Academies are:

- Blackgates Primary Academy
- East Ardsley Primary Academy
- Hill Top Primary Academy
- Westerton Primary Academy
- Woodkirk Academy

The changes to our proposed policies mirror the simplified wording in the Leeds City Council Admission Policies (LCC). When we determine our policies, we may take into account any feedback the Council receives on their policy as well as all feedback we receive.

In addition to the simplified wording changes we propose the following changes to all of the Trust's Admissions Policies:

- To introduce a new oversubscription criterion (Priority 1ii) relating to children who have been in state care outside of England, to reflect proposed changes to the School Admissions Code.
- To introduce a revised oversubscription criterion (Priority 2) relating to children with exceptional social or medical needs that can only be met by our Academies, in line with the LCC consultation

To remove the use of the Supplementary Information Form for previously looked after children. This proposal is to enable families to submit the information to the Local Authority in a variety of formats.

For the Woodkirk Academy Admissions Policy only we propose to introduce simplified oversubscription criterion (Priority 4) in relation to children of staff at the Academy, and to change the wording of the Independent Appeals process in line with the LCC consultation.

Details of our consultation and copies of our proposed policies can be found here: <https://leodisacademiestrust.com/admissions-consultation>

We welcome your views and encourage you to respond by the deadline of **Friday 29 January 2021** and you can respond by emailing us at [info@leodisacademiestrust.co.uk](mailto:info@leodisacademiestrust.co.uk).

Paper copies of the consultation are available from Reception at each Academy.

### After School Club Year 1—Year 4 places

All children who have returned their forms for the Multi-Skills Club have a place .

### After School club Year 1—Year 4

As they have been running extremely smoothly, we would like to continue running ACE Club, Multi-skills club the same after Christmas. These will be class based, so the children will still be in their bubble. The sessions will re-commence on Monday 4th January until Friday 12th February. The sessions will run from 3:30pm – 4:30pm. These sessions will continue to be FREE of CHARGE and will be subsidised by our PE funds for the foreseeable future.

Mondays – Year 1 – Classes 1 and 2

Tuesdays –Year 2 – Classes 3 and 4

Wednesdays – Year 3 – Classes 5 and 6

Thursdays – Year 4 – Classes 7 and 8

If you would like your child to attend, please fill in the slip below and return to the office as soon as possible.

Yours faithfully,

J. Fletcher

PP: Ms. S. Talbot

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### Ace After-School Clubs 4th January – 12th February 2020

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Class: \_\_\_\_\_

My child will attend ACE Club Multi-skills on : (please tick your child's year group below)

Mondays Year 1 Club ☐

Tuesdays Year 2 Club ☐

Wednesdays Year 3 Club ☐

Thursdays Year 4 Club ☐

I will pick my child up from the club at 4.30 pm ☐ (PLEASE TICK)

Contact telephone number (in case of emergency) \_\_\_\_\_

## Applying for Primary Places (Reception) to start September 2021

The on line application process opened on 1st November and runs until the deadline of 15th January 2021. Parents/carers should have received a letter and 'quick guide' from admissions inviting them to apply for a reception place. Parents are able to apply for their child's reception place to start school in September 2021 using the online system: [www.leeds.gov.uk/apply](https://www.leeds.gov.uk/apply). After applying, please check that you have received a confirmation and keep the email safe. If you do not receive a confirmation email, this means that some of the information has been omitted and the application will not be processed, therefore you will need to contact Admissions.

Parents will be informed of their school offer via email on **16th April 2021**.

Leeds City Council are unable to hold face to face drop-in sessions this year but will be holding Facebook question and answers sessions on the dates below or alternatively families can contact the Admissions Team on 0113 222 4414 if they have any questions.

Tuesday 5 January 2021      4 - 5 pm

Wednesday 13 January 2021    2 - 3 pm

You can find information about schools, previous years allocation data, catchment maps and links to school admission policies on the 'find more information about a school' page on Leeds City Council website <https://www.leeds.gov.uk/schools-and-education/composite-prospectus>

You can find the following on Leeds City Council website [www.leeds.gov.uk/apply](https://www.leeds.gov.uk/apply)

- an address lookup tool - for families to check if their address has any priority, but not all addresses will have such priority
- the link to the online application form

Please remember to:

- use all 5 preferences, using only use 1 or 2 preferences decreases the chances of being offered a place at a preferred school;
- any supplementary information needs to be provided by the closing date (this applies if a child is previously looked after, is seeking admission under exceptional needs or if a family wish to apply for their child to be admitted out of chronological age group
- use the child's actual permanent address. Using that of a friend, relatives, childminder or renting a property to gain a school place are all considered fraud and places can be withdrawn.

### **The Real Junk Food Project**

We have been informed of a fantastic charity initiative within West Yorkshire that is offering to deliver a special Christmas to ALL families across West Yorkshire.

The Real Junk Food Project is a local charity that is going to deliver FREE Christmas food hampers and gifts anywhere in West Yorkshire between Tuesday 1st December and Wednesday 23rd December.

To receive this wonderful offer, you need to register your household at the link below

<https://tinyurl.com/yy9d2ffv>

**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](mailto:office@home-startleeds)