

East Ardsley Primary Academy Newsletter

7/1/2022

Menu No. 1



Congratulations to Sycamore who have 100% attendance this week - you were our attendance stars.

What we have been up to this week:

As many of you will know we have had a lot of children out of school this week with covid. We have had some staff affected but we hope that if we can slow the progress of covid through school it will help us maintain manageable staffing levels.

Unfortunately many people are struggling to get PCR tests, and at times the results are slow at coming through. We are keen to make sure that we are able to continue as normally as possible for the children without losing any of the fun things we have planned.

Please bear with us and try to keep us informed of any positive lateral flow tests so that we can at least keep track of possible cases. Work is provided for children who are well enough to access it whilst they are off. If your child has a negative lateral flow they are able to come into school unless they develop symptoms. It is still the case that all children with symptoms must have a PCR test.

Despite the covid doom and gloom this week has still seen lots of excitement in school with Year 1 designing and making extreme environments on their WOW day to start their topic on Extreme Places. The children were bursting with ideas and spent a lot of time and put a lot of effort into their designing and making.

Year 2 also put their designing and making skills to good use as part of their WOW day; although they all harnessed their inner superhero to design superhero badges to launch their Superhero topic.

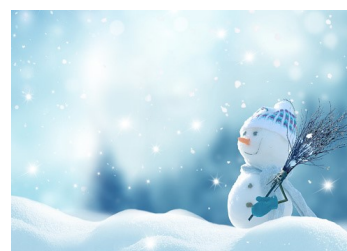
Meanwhile, Year 3 found a dragon egg in the Forest School which had already hatched so they are now all on the look-out for signs of a dragon living down there. I'm not sure if they've managed to catch a glimpse of it yet, but I know they've spotted scratches on the trees down there.

As always we have not been put off by the weather and the children have all been in rain and snow this week. Please remember to send your child suitably dressed with substantial outdoor gear to keep out the cold and wet. The children are all out for two half-hour sessions a day at the very least and whilst they are all active and enjoying themselves, it is quite a long time.

Ms Talbot

Dates for your Diary:

18.1.22	Governors Meeting 6pm
26.1.22	Year 6 Robinwood
15.2.22	Year 5 Trip
18.2.22	School closes
28.2.22	School opens
3.3.22	World Book Day
9.3.22	Year 2 Trip
14.3.22	Assessment Week
15.3.22	Year 1 Trip
18.3.22	PTFA Dress Down Day
21.3.22	Mother's Day Gift Shop
29.3.22	Parents' Evening
30.3.21	Group Photographs
31.3.22	Parents' Evening
1.4.21	School closes
19.4.21	School opens
2.5.22	School closed (Bank Holiday)
9.5.22	Year 6 SATs Week
29.5.22	School closes
6.6.22	School opens
6.6.22	Year 1 Phonics Screening
13.6.22	Father's Day Craft Shop
13.6.22	Year 4 Times Tables Check
20.6.22	Assessment Week
21.6.22	Morley Sports Day
22.7.22	School closes



Ace Club

Places are still available for the ACE Multi-skills Club. If your child would like to join, please complete the form on the next page and return it to the school office.

Flu Vaccination

A further two clinics have been arranged for any children who missed out on the flu vaccination, please see details below.

Please contact the number below to book an appointment. N.B. These clinics are not drop in sessions.

10th Jan 2022 – City & Holbeck Children's Centre – Hunslet Hall Road, LS11 6TT – 3.30-5.30pm

18th Jan 2022 – Aireborough Leisure Centre – LS20 9DA – 3.30-6pm

Tel: 03333 583 397 (option 2 ext 3)

<http://www.intrahealth.co.uk/>

KS2 Robotics After School Club

Tickets are available iZWiz Robotics Club for KS2 children starting on Mon 10/01/22 - 14/2/22. 3:30pm - 5pm. £36. www.izwizrobotics.co.uk Limited spaces remaining. Past, present and new members welcome.

Christmas Raffle Winners

1st	Daniel Jordan	9th	Darah Onobrakpeya
2nd	Olivia O'Neill	10th	Matthew Nono-Lovett
3rd	Jayden Macherenje	11th	Rory Thompson
4th	Izzie Hamilton	12th	Finn Wilkinson
5th	Mrs Coley	13th	Mrs Mell
6th	Kavarlie-Rae Philpotts-Clarke	14th	Ellis Wiffen
7th	William Foster	15th	Miss Rose
8th	Mrs Marren		

A free online safety guide on setting up new devices for children.

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In the guide, you'll find tips such as adjusting the screen time settings, setting windows limits and installing Xbox family settings.

Ace Club

Places are still available for the ACE Multi-skills Club. The sessions will run until week ending 18th February from 3:30pm - 4:30pm and will be £10.50 for the half term. You will be able to pay for the club after you have completed and returned the below slip. Your child will not be able to attend until payment has been received.

Mondays - Year 1 - Classes Birch and Sycamore

Tuesday—Year 2 - Classes 3 and 4

Wednesdays - Year 3 - Classes 5 and 6

Thursdays - Year 4 - Classes 7 and 8

Friday- Year 5&6- Classes 9,10, 11 & 12

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

This is part of our Gaming Yours faithfully,

J. Fletcher

PP: Ms. S. Talbot

Ace After-School Clubs

Name..... Class.....

My child will attend ACE Club Multi-skills. They will be attending: Year _____

Please set a password for when you collect your child from the club. Adults that will be collecting your child will be required to know the password for the ACE staff to ensure children are going home with the correct adult.

Password for collection will be _____

Contact Telephone Number (in case of emergency)

Signed.....

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What Parents & Carers Need to Know about SETTING UP NEW DEVICES FOR CHILDREN

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PASSCODES FOR IPHONE/IPAD

If your child's getting their own iPhone or iPad, you can set parental controls that make it difficult for them to access inappropriate content or download expensive apps. Once the device is set up, go to the Settings app and tap Screen Time, then select Use Screen Time Passcode and enter a passcode. Keep it to yourself so your child can't switch the protection off.

SCREEN TIME SETTINGS ON IPHONE/IPAD

Once you've set a Screen Time Passcode, you can adjust various safety settings. You could, for example, only allow communication with people from the Contacts app, place restrictions on App Store purchases and apply age limits to movies, music and web content. There are many more protective options available within the Screen Time settings section.

FAMILY LINK FOR ANDROID

Parents can manage Android phones and tablets, as well as Google Chromebooks, through Google's Family Link app. This gives your child some independence (and their own Google account) but lets parents monitor which apps are being used, set limits on content and ensure that parental permission is required to install apps. Look for Family Link in the Google Play Store.

ADD A CHILD TO FAMILY LINK

The easiest way to add a child's device to Family Link is to set it up with its own Google account. It's a good idea to create this before they use their new phone, tablet or Chromebook. Once they're logged in, open the Family Link app on your phone, press '+' in the top right and add a new family member using their Google account details. Then follow the on-screen instructions.

FAMILY SHARING ON A MAC

Families using a Mac get similar screen time options to iPhone and iPad users. Again, if you're setting up a Mac for a child, make yourself the main admin and add them as a user. This is handled through Apple's Family Sharing service, which not only allows you to put controls on child accounts but share apps and other purchases with them too. Search 'family sharing' at <https://support.apple.com>.

PLAYSTATION PARENTAL CONTROLS

With parental controls for the PS5, you'll need a PlayStation Network account (as the 'family manager') and the child will need their own account, which they should sign in with on the console. This all needs to be set up in advance, so you might want to do it before the big day. Go to PlayStation.com and search 'family account' for instructions.

DISCUSS IT WITH YOUR CHILD

If you're planning to implement any kind of restriction or protection settings on your child's new device, we'd recommend having a discussion with your young one first about what these controls do, and what they are for. If you try to impose parental controls surreptitiously or with no advance warning, don't be surprised if your child tries to find a way around them.

SET AN ADMIN ON PCs

On Windows PCs and laptops, it's important not to let your child share a general user account or be the main admin on the device. If you're booting up a new family PC or a child's own device, set it up using your own account details and you'll become the admin by default. Then set up children with their own separate account: Settings > Accounts > Family & Other Users > Add Other User.

SET WINDOWS LIMITS

Once your child's account has been created, a parent admin can go back into the Family & Other Users menu and apply limits to it. These include restricting screen time, the type of games and apps that can be installed, web filters and more. Microsoft also includes reporting tools which, for example, can email you with a weekly summary of your child's activity on the device.

TREAT AN XBOX LIKE A PC

The same control settings you use for a PC can be used to apply parental controls on an Xbox. Again, once your child is signed into the Xbox with their own account, you can then monitor and regulate their activity from a PC or web browser. Microsoft's dashboard allows you to manage voice communication through the console: so you can limit who can contact your child, for example.

INSTALL XBOX FAMILY SETTINGS

If you don't have a PC, but your child does have an Xbox, it might be easier to use the Xbox Family Settings app for iPhone or Android. Here, you can restrict console screen time (particularly handy if the console is in a bedroom), restrict communication and monitor the types of game being played. There's also a feature where you can allocate spending money for games or in-game purchases.

STAY VIGILANT

It's important to remember that none of these methods is 100% foolproof. Nobody will ever invent flawless filters or parental controls – not least because what's unacceptable to some parents is perfectly acceptable to others. So although devices' parental controls will help to keep your child safe online, they work best side by side with good old-fashioned parental vigilance.

Meet Our Expert

Barry Collins has been a technology journalist and editor for more than 20 years, working for titles such as the *Sunday Times*, *Which?*, *PC Pro* and *Computeractive*. He's appeared regularly as a technology pundit on television and radio, including on *Newsnight*, *Radio 5 Live* and *ITV News at Ten*. He has two children and writes regularly about internet safety issues.



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Covid-19 Update

You will be aware from all the media coverage around changes to testing and isolation rules alongside the return to school. We are working hard to keep school open in the current situation. This is not an easy task. We are seeing increased levels of staff absence across all areas of the school.

Because of our staffing levels, you may see that it is taking us longer to answer phones, and respond to your queries. Please use email communications where possible and we will endeavour to respond as quickly as possible.

Should teaching staff levels significantly drop, there may be a need to switch to remote learning. This may be for certain classes or year groups and such a decision is likely to be at short notice. We will not make this decision lightly, and we ask you to bear with us.

In addition, and in line with all recommended guidance, we have contingency plans in place to be able to switch to remote learning and critical keyworker care should there be an enforced school closure.

Thank you for your patience and understanding.

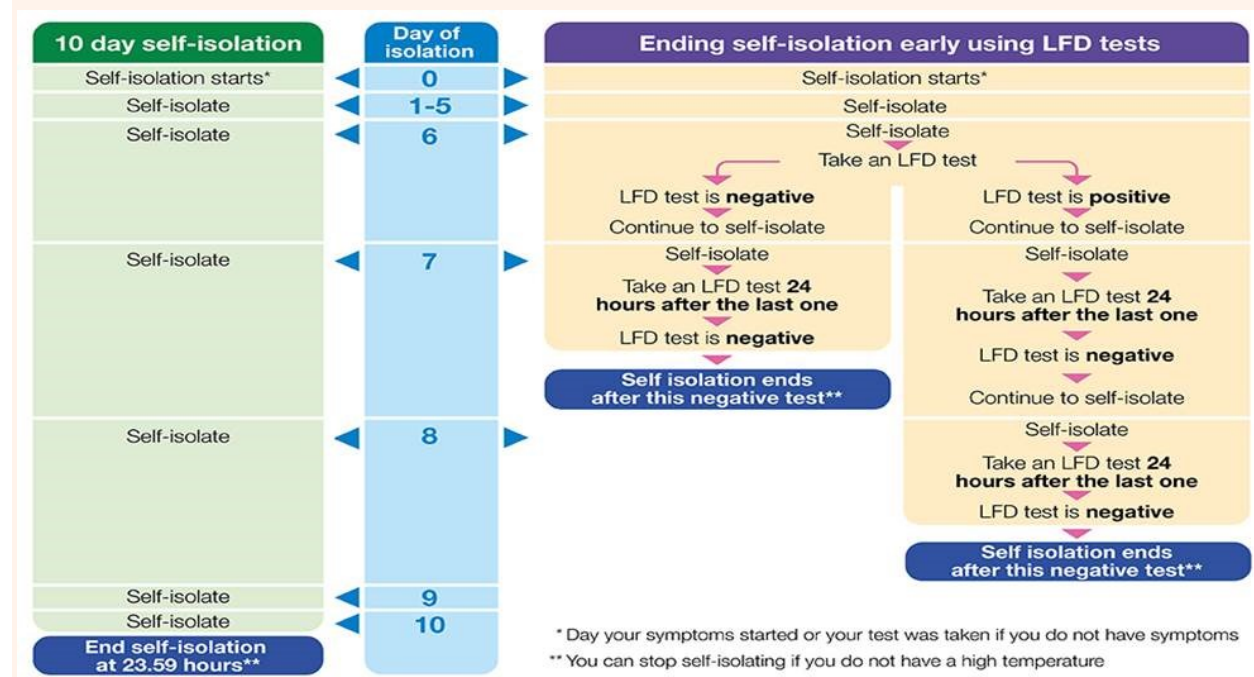
Testing, Self Isolation and Returning to school

Some parents have contacted school this week in relation to changes in testing and isolation rules.

LFD Testing

If your child tests positive using a lateral flow test, they should remain at home and follow self isolation guidelines. The test result should be reported using the government website: [Report a COVID-19 rapid lateral flow test result - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/report-a-covid-19-rapid-lateral-flow-test-result)

We hope that the following flow chart which summarises the new guidance in relation to returning to school is helpful to you:



As guidance is being updated regularly, we recommend that you follow the national guidance in relation to testing and the need for a PCR test. [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\): guidance and support - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus-guidance-and-support)

KS2 After School Club



Robotics and block programming classes using
LEGO® WeDo2 kits and Scratch.

*Mondays 3:30pm - 5pm
East Ardsley Primary Academy
starting 10th January 2022.
£36 per 6 week block.
1hr 30mins per week.*



Do you love LEGO building, coding and problem solving?
Then lets have fun working together to solve different contextualised
engineering challenges each week using the Lego Wedo2 kits. You
will develop your coding and computational thinking skills by learning
how to program and control motors and sensors.
Great for developing your cross-curricular STEM skills.
Past, present and new members are all welcome.
No prior experience required.

Book your tickets now via the link below:

www.izwizrobotics.co.uk

Applying for Primary places (Reception) to start September 2022

The on line application process opened on 1st November and runs until the deadline of 15th January 2022. 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 2022 using the online system: www.leeds.gov.uk. 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 **Tuesday 19th April 2022**.

You can contact the Admissions Team on 0113 222 4414 if you have any questions.

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 web-site <https://www.leeds.gov.uk/schools-and-education/composite-prospectus>

You can find on Leeds City Council's website 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.

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