

East Ardsley Primary Academy Newsletter

18/11/2022

Menu No. 1



Attendance: Congratulations to Class 8 who have 96.5% attendance this week - you were our attendance stars.

What we have been up to this week:

This week has been the wettest we've seen for a very long time and even we have had to admit defeat and to keep the children in some-times when the playground has been a lake and the rain hammering down. Undeterred, Bikeability still went ahead and the Year 6 cyclist managed to complete their course. What a lesson in determination and perseverance.

We have had our Anti-bullying week in school this week and the focus has been on making sure the children tell the adults in school if they do not feel safe or are worried about someone else. The children know that they need to try and sort things out for themselves first and we have done a lot of work around using their words to tell one another how they feel, but we also need the children to trust the adults in school and to turn to them if they feel they cannot manage situations for themselves.

If your child tells you about something that has happened in school please encourage them to tell an adult in school. You can follow this up with a message on Tapestry so that we can check in with your child and make sure they know they can tell us. We want them to build their independence and resilience and to know that dealing with things for themselves does not mean not asking for help in school.

Miss Holmes is wanting to support West Ardsley Methodist Church Food Bank again this year and asks if you would donate any treats that can be handed out to families in need this Christmas alongside the usual foodstuffs. She is going to put a box outside at the entrance to the main school reception area if you would like to donate a contribution of treats or nibbles.

Please remember that we have our Dress Down Day on Thursday 24th November 2022. The PTFA ask you to donate something for our Christmas Hampers in return for your children wearing clothes of their own choosing for the day. Make sure your child takes account of the time they will be outdoors during the day and the other activities they may be undertaking so that they are suitably dressed for the weather.

The Dress Down Day is on Thursday because school is closed to the children on Friday 25th November 2022 for an Inset Day. We will be undergoing training at Woodkirk Academy with the other Leodis Academies Trust schools.

Ms Talbot

Dates for your Diary:

24.11.22	PTFA Dress Down Day
25.11.22	Inset Day—school closed
28.11.22	Assessment Week
29.11.22	Flu Immunisations
29.11.22	Class 7 Parents Evening
29.11.22	PTFA Key Stage 1 Film Night
1.12.22	PTFA Key Stage 2 Film Night
2.12.22	Christmas Tree Festival
5.12.22	Rock Steady Concert
6.12.22	Class 7 Parents Evening
7.12.22	Year 4 Trip
7.12.22	EYFS/Year 1 Nativity
8.12.22	EYFS/Year 1 Nativity
9.12.22	Christmas Jumper Jumble
13.12.22	Christmas Dinner Day
13.12.22	Year 2/3 Concert
14.12.22	Nursery Christmas Sing
14.12.22	Year 2/3 Concert
15.12.22	Year 2/3 Concert
16.12.22	School closes
3.1.23	School opens
9.1.23	Year 5 Trip
12.1.23	PTFA Meeting 6pm
24.1.23	Governors Meeting
25.1.23	Year 6 Robinwood
2.2.23	Year 1 Celebration Assembly
9.2.23	PTFA Valentine Disco
10.2.23	School closes
20.2.23	School opens
20.2.23	D:side workshops all week
22.2.23	Year 3 Trip
2.3.23	World Book Day
2.3.23	Year 6 Trip
9.3.23	Year 2 Celebration Assembly

Nursery Places

If you require a place for your child to start Nursery from September 2023 onwards, please make sure your application form is handed in at the school office before **16th December 2022** or e-mail/post it to arrive before the deadline date of **31st December 2022**. Any applications received after this date will be placed on the waiting list.

MSSA Football League

Last Monday was our final three games of the MSSA Football League before our Winter break. The matches will resume towards the end of February.

All three games were extremely tricky, and the team had to battle throughout to gain and keep control of the ball.

The first school we played was Drighlington where Georgie was on top form in goal. She is an outstanding goalkeeper and proves this week in, week out. To come away with a 0-0 draw, we were more than happy.

Birchfield were next and although they were tough opponents, our team had got into their stride and were on form throughout. We had lots of shots on goal with the crossbar being hit three times. By half-time we were still 0-0 and wondered if it was going to be one of those days. In the second half, a great assist from Caspar was headed in the goal by Taylor, their keeper had no chance. A few minutes later, a brilliant corner kick from Jack landed straight at Taylor's head and he once again knocked it in. We came away with a very well deserved 2-0 win.

The final game was against Asquith Primary. This too proved to be tricky as both teams fought hard for the ball. The game was end to end with shots on both goal throughout. This ended with another 0-0 draw, disappointing, but these scores just prove how good the teams in the Morley League are.

As the updated league table came through later last night, I was absolutely ecstatic to see that we are second in the league on the same points as leaders, Westerton (they have a game in hand to us). What a fantastic position we are in as we go into our Winter's break.

Here is the league table for you to have a look at, sorry it is a bit off centre, it doesn't transfer well.

	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS
Westerton	8	6	2	0	18	4	14	20
East Ardsley	9	6	2	1	18	5	13	20
Churwell	8	6	1	1	26	4	22	19
Victoria	9	5	2	2	14	11	3	17
Drighlington	8	4	3	1	13	4	9	15
Asquith	8	3	1	4	8	13	-5	10
Birchfield	7	2	1	4	10	14	-4	7
Gildersome	7	2	1	4	8	13	-5	7
Blackgates	6	2	0	4	10	18	-8	6
Newlands	8	2	0	6	9	22	-13	6
Fountain	7	1	0	6	4	15	-11	3
Seven Hills	7	0	1	6	6	21	-15	1

PTFA Update:

Happy Friday!

Lots going on to update you on this week so grab a brew and get comfy

Reminder about Movie Nights: Date for the diary, it's show time again and we have the ever popular Polar Express lined up for KS1 and KS2 on two separate dates. So put on your favourite PJ's, dressing gowns and slippers and settle down with a hot dog, chocolate milk and snacks to enjoy the film. Nut, wheat and lactose free options will be available.

Tickets go on sale on Parent Pay today so please book to avoid disappointment

KS1: Tuesday 29th November 5pm - 7pm £3.00 per ticket on parent pay.

KS2: Thursday 1st December 5pm - 7pm £3.00 per ticket on parent pay.

A promotional poster for a movie night event. On the left, a large steam locomotive is shown from a low angle, moving through a snowy, starry night landscape. A small figure of a child in a blue nightgown stands in the foreground, looking up at the train. The background is a dark blue sky with white stars and snowflakes. On the right side, the text 'THE PTFA PRESENTS' is in white, followed by 'MOVIE Night!' in large, bold, red letters. Below this, 'NOW SHOWING' is written in a smaller, yellow, outlined font. A red-bordered box with a white background contains the title 'THE POLAR EXPRESS' in black. Below the box, the text 'Put on your favourite PJ's, dressing gown & slippers to join us for a Christmas Movie night!' is in white. Further down, 'Hot dog on arrival followed by chocolate milk and snacks during the film.' is also in white. At the bottom, there are two white boxes with black and red text. The left box is for KS1, showing the date 'Tues 29th Nov' and time '5PM - 7PM'. The right box is for KS2, showing the date 'Thurs 1st Dec' and time '5PM - 7PM'. Both boxes state '£3 per ticket booking via parent pay.' and include a small holly leaf icon. At the very bottom, the text 'Registered charity 1200456' is visible.

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Christmas Hampers / Dress down day

It's that time of year again when we have a dress down day for the kids and they bring something in for the hampers which the PTFA make and we raffle off to make much needed funds for the school.

The dress down date for the hampers is next week... **Thursday 24th November**. The list below shows what food items (with examples) each class are being asked to bring in.

Please remember we are a nut free school so please don't donate anything with nuts in and items need to be unopened and in date

Nursery: Bottles - Wine (alcoholic or not) / pop /squash / bubble bath

Willow and Blossom: Edible Christmas tree decorations

Birch: Biscuits / Cookies

Sycamore: Savoury crackers / Breadsticks

Class 3: Jars - Pickles / Chutneys / Sauces

Class 4: Tins - Soup / Fruit / Vegetables

Class 5: Chocolate (Nut free)

Class 6: Savoury Snacks - Crisps / Popcorn (No nuts)

Class 7: Coffee / Tea / Hot Chocolate

Class 8: Dried Food - Pasta / Gravy / Stuffing / Stock cubes

Class 9: Cakes - Christmas cake / Mince Pies / French Fancies

Class 10: Tins - Meat / Hot Dogs/ Fish

Class 11: Sweets (no nuts)

Class 12: Jars - Jams / Marmalades

The raffle tickets will be £1 a strip and will be on sale from 28th November. Please send your money with your child who will be able to buy tickets on your behalf as Year 6 children will be visiting each class every day. They will also be sold in Nursery and at the nativities. The raffle will be drawn at the last nativity and the hampers will be on display in a couple of weeks outside the school office.

Christmas Jumper Jumble:

For the first time we are going to do a Christmas Jumper Jumble. So many Christmas outfits only get worn a couple of times so we are asking parents if they would like to bring in any old Christmas outfits (in good condition please) between 5th-8th December and come to our Christmas Jumper Jumble Sale on the 9th December after school in the hall, you can grab a bargain and pay as you feel. Please see the poster below for details.

PTFA PRESENTS

CHRISTMAS JUMPER JUMBLE!

DONATE YOUR OLD JUMPERS:
MON 5th DEC - THURS 8th DEC

JUMPER JUMBLE SALE
FRI 9th DEC
IN THE SCHOOL HALL

WHAT IS A JUMPER JUMBLE SALE?

Donate your preloved Christmas jumpers, dresses, t-shirts etc by sending them into school with your children by **THURSDAY 8TH DECEMBER**

On **FRIDAY 9TH DECEMBER** visit our Christmas jumper jumble sale in **THE SCHOOL HALL**

Grab yourself a bargain and do your bit for the environment.

PAY AS YOU FEEL
Cash or card accepted

Registered charity 1200456

PTFA get technical:

We've had some requests to have a card machine available at certain PTFA events. I'm pleased to say we now have one and it will be available for the Jumper Jumble. Please note it will not be in use for disco tuck shops.

Next PTFA meeting: 12th Jan 2023 - all welcome

Have a good weekend!

Vacancies

We currently have the following vacancies within Leodis Academies Trust:

Catering Supervisor (Cooking) – Working 37 hours per week, term time only + 8 days. Salary from £19,105 per year!

Catering Assistants – Various shifts including 12.5, 15 and 25 hours per week, term time only + 8 days. Salary of £10.60 per hour!

Cleaner – Working 15 hours per week, term time only + 20 days. Salary of £10.60 per hour!

Closing dates are 30 November and 5 December 2022 @ 9am. For further information please visit: [Working for Leodis Academies Trust – Forging Young Futures, Together](#)

Applying for Primary places (Reception) to start September 2023

The on line application process opened on 1st November and runs until the deadline of 15th January 2023. 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 2023 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 **Monday 17th April 2023**

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 website <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.

Bullying

Regular Snip

A free online safety guide on combatting online bullying.

Defined as “ongoing hurtful behaviour towards someone online”, cyber-bullying makes its victims feel upset, uncomfortable and unsafe. In the digital world, it has numerous forms – such as hurtful comments on a person’s posts or profile; deliberately leaving them out of group chats; sharing embarrassing images or videos of someone; or spreading gossip about them. Cyber-bullying can severely impact a young person’s mental health ... so, in support of Anti-Bullying Week, we’ve provided a list of tips to help trusted adults know what to look for and how to respond to it.

In the guide, you'll find tips such as playing online games with your child, talking about your child's online life and being prepared to listen without showing any judgement or criticism.

This is part of our Online Bullying category.

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about HOW TO COMBAT ONLINE BULLYING

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1. GET CONNECTED

Playing online games together with your child or connecting with them on social media (providing they're old enough) is not only fun but also an excellent way of establishing some common ground to discuss things you've both seen or done online – as well as keeping an eye on who your child is communicating with in the digital world.

2. KEEP TALKING

Regular chats with young people about their online lives are good practice in general, but they can also be an excellent refresher to help prevent cyber-bullying situations. Topics you might want to revisit include why it's important to only connect online with people we know and trust, and why passwords should always remain secret (even from our best friends).

3. STAY VIGILANT

Observe your child while they're using technology and just after they've used it. Are they acting normally, or out of character? Possible signs of a problem may include seeming quiet or withdrawn, jumpy or anxious, angry or repeatedly checking their phone. When you feel it's the right time, you may want to check in with them to see if everything is OK.

4. MAKE YOURSELF AVAILABLE

If an online bullying incident does occur, it may take a while before your child is ready to open up about what happened. Just gently remind them that they can always come to you with any problems – and that they won't be in trouble. You might also suggest a trusted family member they could turn to, in case they feel too embarrassed to tell you directly.

5. BE PREPARED TO LISTEN

When conversations about online bullying do take place, they're likely to be difficult, emotional and upsetting for both you and your child. Actively listen to your child while they're bringing you up to speed, and try not to show any judgement or criticism – even if they haven't dealt with the situation in exactly the way you would have hoped.

FURTHER SUPPORT AND ADVICE

If you or your child need additional help with an online bullying issue, here are some specialist organisations that you could reach out to.

Childline: talk to a trained counsellor on 0800 1111 or online at www.childline.org.uk/get-support/

National Bullying Helpline: counsellors are available on 0845 225 5787 or by visiting www.nationalbullyinghelpline.co.uk/cyberbullying.html

The NSPCC: the children's charity has a guide to the signs of bullying at www.nspcc.org.uk/what-is-child-abuse/types-of-abuse/bullying-and-cyberbullying/ and can be reached on 0800 800 5000

6. EMPOWER YOUR CHILD

Depending on their age, your child might not want a parent 'fighting their battles for them'. In that case, talk through their options with them (blocking the perpetrator, deleting the app and so on). By allowing your child to choose the path they take, you're putting them in control but are also demonstrating that you're there to support them along the way.

7. REPORT BULLIES ONLINE

Cyber-bullying often takes place through a particular app, social media platform or online game. If this is happening to your child, encourage them to report the offender to the app or game in question – ideally with screenshots to support their complaint. Most games and apps have reporting tools specifically to stamp out abusive behaviour and protect users.

8. ENCOURAGE EMPATHY

Protecting themselves online is the priority, of course, but young people should also feel empowered to help if they witness other people falling victim to cyberbullying. Even if they don't feel confident enough to call someone out on their abusive behaviour online, they can still confidentially report that person to the app or game where the bullying occurred.

9. SEEK EXPERT ADVICE

Victims of online bullying frequently experience feelings of isolation and anxiety, a loss of self-esteem and potentially even thoughts of self-harm or suicide. If you think that an incident of cyber-bullying has affected your child's mental wellbeing, then seek psychological support for them. There are some useful contact details in the central panel below.

10. INVOLVE THE AUTHORITIES

If the nature of any online bullying makes you suspect that your child is genuinely in imminent physical danger – or if there are any signs whatsoever of explicit images being shared as part of the bullying – then you should gather any relevant screenshots as evidence and report the incidents to your local police force.

Meet Our Expert

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