

# East Ardsley Primary Academy Newsletter

02/12/2022

Menu No. 3



**Attendance:** Congratulations to Class 6 who have 98.5% attendance this week - you were our attendance stars.

## What we have been up to this week:

We are now well into the busiest time of the year with so much going on that we are all running around madly most of the time (not in the school corridors of course!)

Lots of the children have been undertaking Assessments this week as well as getting ready for their concerts and preparing for Christmas celebrations. We will, as always, be working and celebrating right up to the last day, so there is still lots to get through.

We also had our Film Nights run by the PTFA to raise money for our school. The children all loved coming dressed in their pyjamas with their cushions, blankets and cuddlies, and whilst they did not really watch the film all that closely, they did all have a great time.

As part of the Christmas Tree Festivals at St Michael's Church and St Mary's Church this weekend lots of the children have been involved in decorating baubles, making tinsel and other elements for our Christmas trees which we will be on show all weekend at both churches.

We also have created a choir of children from across school to join the opening ceremony at St Michaels Church this afternoon. They have all been practising hard, giving up their own time to make sure they are word perfect and singing beautifully.

Just as a taster I've attached a photo of our trees for you all to enjoy. I will try and get them back to school in one piece so we can put one up in the school entrance and another in the hall for everyone to enjoy.



Ms Talbot

## Dates for your Diary:

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	Christmas Jumper day
16.12.22	School closes
3.1.23	School opens
4.1.23	Year 4 Skipping School
9.1.23	Year 5 Trip
12.1.23	PTFA Meeting 6pm
23.1.23	Year 2 Skipping School
24.1.23	Governors Meeting
25.1.23	Year 6 Robinwood
30.1.22	Inset day—school closed
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
13.3.23	Assessment Week
17.3.23	PTFA Dress Down Day
20.3.23	Mothers' Day Gift Shop

### **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 **16<sup>th</sup> December 2022** or e-mail/post it to arrive before the deadline date of **31<sup>st</sup> December 2022**. Any applications received after this date will be placed on the waiting list.

Players of the Matches: Georgie Ream, Taylor Parkin and Jack Ball.

Massive well done to all the children who have represented the school so far as part of our U11s squad. Roll on February!!

### **Christmas Hampers**

The hampers are now on display in the school office reception and the tickets are on sale for £1 per ticket.

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.

## COFFEE AND CHAT



**WHERE: The Bungalow - just before Woodkirk Academy school gates**

**WHEN: THE FIRST Thursday every month- Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> January, (Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> February, Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March)**

**TIME: 9.30AM-11.00AM**

ARE YOU.....

A FOSTER CARER  
ADOPTIVE PARENT  
SPECIAL GUARDIANSHIP  
KINSHIP CARE  
GRANDPARENTS OR RELATIVES CARING FOR CHILDREN

Come and have a coffee and a chat with people in similar situations, share experiences, gain advice and meet new people.

### REFRESHMENTS PROVIDED

This group has been set up as an unofficial support group for Parents and Carers of Adopted / Looked After / Kinship or Special Guardianship children. This can be a rewarding but stressful role in a child's life. This group has been set up to offer a social, supportive and relaxed setting for meaningful discussions about anything at all. This is a great place to meet people in a similar situation.

This is open to any Parents/Carers of children in the LEODIS Academies Trust.

For further information please contact:

Victoria or Nikki @ Leodis Support Service 0113 8873609 / 8873618



## 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 5<sup>th</sup> DEC - THURS 8<sup>th</sup> DEC**

**JUMPER JUMBLE SALE**  
**FRI 9<sup>th</sup> 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

Next PTFA meeting: 12th Jan 2023 - all welcome

PTFA

## Vacancies

We currently have the following vacancies within Leodis Academies Trust:

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 date is 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](http://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](http://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.

# What Parents Need to Know about TikTok

## A free online safety guide on TikTok.

TikTok is a free social media platform that lets users create, share and watch short videos ranging anywhere from 15 seconds to 10 minutes in duration. The app gained notoriety for its viral dances, trends and celebrity cameos and can be a creative, fun platform for teens to enjoy. Now available in 75 languages, it has more than a billion active users worldwide (as of spring 2022) and is most popular with the under-16 age bracket. In fact, a 2022 Ofcom report found TikTok to be the most-used social media platform for posting content, particularly among young people aged 12 to 17.

In the guide, you'll find tips on a number of potential risks such as age-inappropriate content, dangerous challenges and contact with strangers.

This is part of our Social Media category.



# What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

# TIKTOK

AGE RESTRICTION  
**13+**

(certain features are restricted to over-18s only)

## WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

### AGE-INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

While TikTok's "Following" feed only displays videos from users someone follows, "For You" is a stream of clips based on their previously watched content. Most videos on a child's "For You" feed will therefore be light-hearted and amusing, but it could potentially surface something unsuitable. TikTok's guidelines prohibit the sharing of illegal or inappropriate content, but the sheer volume of uploads mean they aren't manually monitored and vetted.

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CENSORED

### DANGEROUS CHALLENGES

Due to TikTok's immense popularity, some young people have unfortunately been influenced by videos challenging them to perform harmful, criminal or even deadly acts. One extreme example was the 'blackout' trend, which encouraged users to hold their breath until they passed out from a lack of oxygen. It led to two families filing lawsuits against TikTok over the tragic deaths of their children.

### CONTACT WITH STRANGERS

With around 1.1 billion users globally, the potential for contact from strangers on TikTok is high – especially as accounts created by over-18s (or youngsters using a false date of birth) are set to public by default. This not only means that someone's profile is visible to everyone else on the app, it also lets their videos be suggested to others and enables anyone to comment on them or download them.

### IN-APP SPENDING

TikTok is free, but users have the option to buy TikTok coins, which can be used to purchase emojis in the app. These emojis are then sent as rewards (retaining their monetary value) to other users for videos they've created. Coin bundles range from £9.99 to an eye-watering £99; TikTok's policy is that they can't be bought by under-18s, but it's possible to bypass this with a fake birthdate.

### ADDICTIVE NATURE

Like all social networking platforms, TikTok can be addictive: figures show that young people are investing increasing amounts of time in it. In the UK, children with TikTok spend an average of 102 minutes per day on the app, versus 53 minutes on YouTube. This compulsive repeated use can interfere with their sleep patterns – leading to irritability – and distract them from other activities.

### TIKTOK NOW

Introduced in late 2022, the 'TikTok Now' feature lets users post a daily video or photo at the exact same time as their friends. Users receive a synchronised notification at a random time of day, giving them three minutes to take a video or real-time photo. This addition can not only be a distraction to young people but could lead to them inadvertently sharing private content such as their location.

## Advice for Parents & Carers

### ENABLE FAMILY PAIRING

Family Pairing allows parents to link their TikTok account with their child's and control their settings remotely. Parents can then, for example, turn on Restricted Mode (reducing the chances of a child seeing inappropriate content); set screen time limits; and manage their child's ability to send messages (and to whom). Children can't alter these settings without parental approval.

### MAKE ACCOUNTS PRIVATE

Although under-16s will have their TikTok account set to private by default, bypassing this setting is relatively easy. However, parents have the ability to manually set their child's account to private – meaning that their videos won't be visible to strangers and they won't be able to exchange messages with people who aren't on their friends list.

### LIMIT IN-APP SPENDING

If your child is using an iPhone or Android device to access TikTok, you can alter the settings to prevent them from making in-app purchases. We'd recommend that you enable this feature, as it's quite easy for a young person – without realising what they're doing – to spend a significant amount of real money buying TikTok coins so they can unlock more features of the app.

### DISCUSS THE DANGERS

If your child wants to use TikTok and you're happy for them to do so, it's crucial to talk about the potential risks in this type of app. For example, ensure they understand not to share any identifying personal information – and that they realise they could be exposed to inappropriate content. Thinking critically about what they see on TikTok can help children become generally more social media savvy.

### READ THE SIGNS

If you're concerned that your child might be spending too much time on TikTok, or that they've been emotionally affected by something inappropriate or upsetting that they've seen, it's important to know how to spot the possible signs. Increased irritability and a lack of concentration are potential red flags, as are failing to complete homework or regularly not eating meals.

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