



Friday 12th November 2021

Dear Parents / Carers

This week has again been packed full of exciting memorable moments as we continue to roll out more of the experiences that are part of our 50 things promise. Key Stage pupils thoroughly enjoyed their cinema trip on Wednesday and Thursday. On Tuesday, year 5 and 6 pupils took part in a growth mindset session that was delivered by Peter Mata'utia.

Year 6 pupils have also been busy completing their Pupil Leader applications. This new and exciting initiative has been launched this week, which will give pupils the opportunity to develop key leadership skills. The successful candidates will be given areas of responsibility in school such as sport/ play leader, tour guide, BSL interpreter and pupil coach. They will also be awarded a blazer to wear in school in recognition of their new role.

Finally, thank you to all those, who generously donated to our harvest collection. Reception pupils delivered the produce to the Pontefract Food Bank on Monday. Everyone at the food bank was grateful for our donations.

I hope you and your families enjoy the weekend and I look forward to welcoming you back in school on Monday morning.

Kind regards

Richard Grogan
Headteacher



Follow us on twitter to see what the children are up to on a daily basis!

“Odd Socks Day”

Tuesday 16th November

As part of anti-bullying week, to embrace diversity and celebrate our differences, please come to school wearing odd socks.

Children In Need

Friday 19th November

To celebrate Children In Need, children can wear Children In Need accessories or t shirts over their school uniform, something yellow or something spotty.

Pupil of the Week



Class	Pupil of the week
Nursery	Lillie-Mae
Reception – Julia Donaldson	Elexa-Rose
Class 1 – Oliver Jeffers	Amelia-Rose
Class 1/2 – Rachel Bright	Jacob C
Class 2 – Anthony Browne	Molly G
Class 3 – David Walliams	Hannah H
Class 3/4 -Cressida Cowell	Poppy C
Class 4 – Valerie Bloom	Autumn
Class 5 – Charlie Mackesy	Reuben W
Class 6 – Maya Angelou	Seth U

Attendance

Class	Attendance This Week	Attendance So far this year
Nursery	77.42%	90%
Reception	99%	97.5%
Year 1	97%	94.2%
Year 1/2	96%	97.1%
Year 2	98.5%	97%
Year 3	99%	95.5%
Year 3/4	97.3%	97.3%
Year 4	99%	98%
Year 5	97.3%	96.6%
Year 6	94.4%	92.8%



Attendance this week
overall – 97.4%

Attendance this year
overall – 96%

Anti-bullying week - One Kind Word

Anti-bullying week begins Monday the 15th November and as usual The Rookeries will be taking part. This year's theme is One Kind Word. The children will be looking at how one kind word can make a big difference to a person's day and how this can have a ripple effect on other people as well.



Odd socks day!

As part of anti-bullying week, we will be having odd socks day on **Tuesday 16th**. Children are being asked to come to school in odd socks (so no rushing around on that day to find a matching pair!). This is to celebrate diversity and how we are all unique.



Office Updates

Breakfast Club – Places must be booked beforehand

Breakfast club is extremely popular this year. We are only allowed to have a **limited number** of children and this is now reaching capacity.

Places **must therefore be booked through the MCAS app** – this can be done through the “wraparound care” option. **We can only allow children to attend if places are booked.**

To enable registration places must be booked before 4pm the previous day, and for Mondays places must be booked before 4pm on the Friday beforehand.

As always, we appreciate your cooperation.



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The children will also be doing lots of fun activities to celebrate this day in school!

A link will be made available on the MCAS app for donations.

Music Lesson - Timetable

Please make sure you send your child with their instrument on the below days:

- Strings – Tuesday
- Guitar - Wednesday
- Keyboard - Wednesday
- Brass - Wednesday
- Woodwind – Wednesday



For this academic year we are delighted to announce that we are supporting The Prince of Wales Hospice again. Throughout November we are asking each class to fill a bag to raise much needed funds for the Hospice.

Please remember the Prince Of Wales Hospice shops are always in need of donations or your unwanted items, and depend on your generosity and support. An average bag of good quality donations can be worth as much as £30 – this is enough to fund a home visit to a bereaved relative who doesn't have family support.

What do they accept?

- Clothing – Ladies, men's and children's
- Shoes, handbags and belts
- Household textiles – curtains, bedding, tablecloths, towels, scatter cushions, rugs
- Books, CDs, DVDs, computer/console games and vinyl records
- Crockery, cutlery, ornaments, pictures and other household items
- Electrical equipment
- Toys and jigsaws
- Furniture

Please bring any items that you can donate in to school by 2nd December. Items can be handed in to class teachers, each class have bags to fill.

Next Week's Dinner Menu....

'Green Earth Monday'	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Wholemeal Margherita Pizza with Herby Diced Potatoes	Chicken and vegetable paella	Roast of the Day Gammon with Yorkshire Pudding, Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Chicken & Sweetcorn Meatball Sub with Arrabiata Sauce & Baked Wedges	Crispy Breaded Fish Fingers (Pollock) & Chips
Veggie shepherds pie	Chinese Vegetable Curry & Mixed Rice & Naan	Roast Veggie Balls with Yorkshire Pudding, Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Creamy Baked Macaroni Cheese	Veggie Hot Dog with Onions & Chips
Sweetcorn & Peppers Garden Peas	Green Beans Cauliflower	Carrots Savoy Cabbage	Broccoli Roasted Winter Vegetables	Baked Beans Garden Peas
Freshly Baked Jacket Potato with your Choice of Toppings: Tuna & Mayonnaise, Grated Cheese or Baked Beans				
Sandwich: Ham, cheese or tuna	Sandwich: Ham, cheese or tuna	Sandwich: Ham, cheese or tuna	Sandwich: Ham, cheese or tuna	Sandwich: Ham, cheese or tuna
Oaty Raisin Cookies with Watermelon Slice	Cinnamon Pear Upside Down Cake with Chocolate Drizzle	Jam Tart & Custard	Lemon & Blueberry Yoghurt Cake	(Hidden) Beetroot Brownie

Dates for your diary

Tuesday 16th November	Odd Sock Day
Friday 19th November	Children In Need
Monday 22nd November	Sleep/Anxiety Workshop – Coffee Morning
Monday 29th November	Christmas Carol – In school performance
Tuesday 30th November	Wonder Dome – Year 5 and 6
Thursday 2nd December	KS1 – Wakefield Theatre Trip
Monday 13th December	Reception – Wakefield Theatre Trip
Tuesday 14th December	Christmas Lunch
Wednesday 15th December	EYFS Christmas Nativity
Thursday 16th December	School finishes for Christmas break
Friday 17th December	Inset Day – School Closed

School Events 2021-22

Week	Whole School Event	EYFS	Key Stage 1	Lower Key Stage 2	Upper Key Stage 2
Week 1 1.11.21	Tempest School Photographs				
Week 2 8.11.21	Remembrance Day	Food bank visit		Visit the Cinema (50 Things)	Visit the Cinema (50 Things) Pete Mata'utia motivational talk
Week 3 15.11.21	Anti-Bullying Week Children in Need	Make a Trail (50 Things)			
Week 4 22.11.21	Future in Mind Coffee Morning	Maths Parent Workshop		Maths Parent Workshop	Maths Parent Workshop
Week 5 29.11.21	A Christmas Carol Performance	Local Library visit	Pantomime Visit - signed performance (50 Things)		Planetarium visit
Week 6 6.12.21	Reindeer fun run (Prince of Wales fundraiser)	Pantomime visit	Nativity performance	Christmas performance	KS2 carol concert
Week 7 13.12.21	Christmas Jumper Day Class Christmas Parties School Christmas Dinner	Nativity performance Class Celebrations	Class Celebrations	Class Celebrations	Class Celebrations

Government guidance

Please note Government guidance on self-isolation for under 18 year old's has changed:

From 16 August, you will not be required to self-isolate if you are notified you have had close contact with someone with COVID-19 and any of the following apply:

You are below the age of 18 years 6 months

Children and young people aged under 18 years 6 months who usually attend an education or childcare setting and who have been identified as a close contact should continue to attend the setting as normal. They do not need to wear a face covering within the setting, but it is expected and recommended that these are worn when travelling on public or dedicated transport.

Anyone with COVID-19 symptoms or a positive test result should stay at home and self-isolate immediately. If you have symptoms of COVID-19, you should arrange to have a PCR test as soon as possible and inform school. School will then need proof of your result, either positive or negative.

The most important symptoms of COVID-19 are recent onset of any of the following:

- a new continuous cough
- a high temperature
- a loss of, or change in, your normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)



November

11th @ 10am & 25th @ 8pm

Emotions

Emotions are a completely natural part of life. However, there can be periods where we feel that different emotions are ruling the roost in our homes and with our children.

Why is my child reacting this way?
What is causing this out-pouring of emotion?
What triggers the emotions in your child?
What can I do to best support my child?

Book yourself into the November FREE Parenting Clinic where Anisa, a Positive Parenting Coach, will be exploring the answers to these questions.

Join us on zoom.

<https://anisalewis.as.me/theclinic>

or

email: hello@anisalewis.com for the booking link



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Netflix offers a massive variety of TV shows and movies. Users can stream old favourites or watch brand new original content.

If this is your streaming platform of choice, check out our step by step instructions for setting up parental controls below.

Follow these instructions to set maturity levels on separate profiles:

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- From your web browser, go to your **Account** profile.
- Select **Profile & Parental Controls** for the profile you want to manage.
- Select **Viewing Restriction** and change the setting.
- Enter your Netflix password.
- Set the maturity level for the TV shows and movies you want to allow in that profile.
- Don't forget to hit **Save**.

Learn how to create a profile for younger children:

- Go to **Manage Profile**.
- Select **Add Profile**.
- Make sure to name your profile & select **Kids** to use the 'Kids Experience'.
- Select **Continue**.



Add a PIN code to a viewing account by following these instructions

- From your web browser, go to your **Account** profile.
- Select **Profile & Parental Controls** for the profile you want to lock.
- Change the **Profile Lock** setting.
- Enter your Netflix password.
- Select the option **Require a PIN**.
- Enter your four digit PIN code to create your profile lock.
- Select **Submit**.



Turn off Auto-Play on your Netflix Account

- From your web browser, go to your **Account** profile.
- Select **Profile & Parental Controls** for the profile you want to manage.
- Select the **Playback Settings**.
- Make sure you **deselect Autoplay next episode in a series on all devices**.



Born and Bred in Wakefield

Priority Setting Workshop

16 November 2021, 10AM – 12PM, via Zoom



Born and Bred in Wakefield (BaBi Wakefield) is a new project which links routinely collected data to inform research projects, to learn more about how local families can live healthier, happier lives.

This exciting new initiative aims to link existing data across health, education and social care, creating a picture of families' lives over time. Women are asked during their pregnancy for their permission to access and use information that is routinely collected about themselves and their child for research purposes. This is called an electronic birth cohort study.

The concept was originally set up in Bradford, as Born in Bradford (BiB). Now called BiB4ALL, it has grown to be embedded into regular care. It has shown that it is possible to link data from maternity, health visiting, GP, social care and education services. Once connected, the data will be used by researchers, in collaboration with local services and commissioners, to help improve health, care and services through research and planning. [This video explains how it works.](#)

The aim is to create a series of BaBi cohorts across the country, each providing health intelligence which can help shape local services. The data can also be brought together as one, to help answer research questions nationally. BaBi cohorts are currently being established in Doncaster, East London, Leeds and Nottingham, as well as Wakefield and Bradford.

What to expect from the workshop

The aim of this workshop is to bring people together to discuss what is important in Wakefield regarding child health and development, so that we understand local priorities. This will inform the research that is carried out as part of BaBi Wakefield in the future.

People from a variety of backgrounds are being invited to take part, including parents, midwives, health visitors, clinicians, service commissioners and researchers.

The workshop will include a short presentation explaining the study in more detail, with the opportunity to ask questions. There will also be smaller group discussions where you will be asked to consider the health development areas you think the research should prioritise, with people from similar backgrounds (session one) and from different services (session two).

How to register

To book your place, please email midyorks.babiwakefield@nhs.net by the 9th of November 2021. Prior to the session, a link to the Zoom workshop and a more detailed agenda will be shared.

BaBi Wakefield is a collaboration, supported by Wakefield Research Hub, including:

- Conexus GP Confederation
- Mid Yorkshire Hospitals NHS Trust (MYHT)
- NHS Wakefield Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG)
- South West Yorkshire Partnership Foundation Trust (SWYPFT)
- Wakefield Council
- Yorkshire Ambulance Service (YAS)

Lateral Flow Self-Test Kits

Lateral flow tests are now available for parents / carers to order – please see the links below to support you with this:

<https://find-covid-19-rapid-test-sites.maps.test-and-trace.nhs.uk/>

[Schools, nurseries and colleges testing: order coronavirus \(COVID-19\) rapid lateral flow home test kits - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk)



Useful Contacts

Useful well-being and mental health information:

For children and young people:

WF- I-CAN

<https://wf-i-can.co.uk/>

Young Minds

<https://youngminds.org.uk/>

CAMHS Single point of access

01977 735865

<https://www.southwestyorkshire.nhs.uk/services/camhs-wakefield>

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Deaf Zone BSL Video

Deaf Zone

How can we help? First of all, have a look at the videos.

HIDE PAGE SAVE PAGE

Childline has an advice and support section with British Sign Language and ways to contact childline. Deaf zone | Childline

Young Minds

Young minds offer a lot of support for both children and also for parents to help their children.

Please visit the Young Minds Parent page on the website to find out more.

[Parents Mental Health Support](#) | [Advice for Your Child](#) | [YoungMinds](#)



For Adults:

<https://www.wakefield.gov.uk/health-care-and-advice/public-health/mental-health-wellbeing/mental-health-support>

Mind

<https://www.mind.org.uk/turning-point-talking-therapies>

01924 234860

<https://www.wakefield.gov.uk/health-care-and-advice/public-health/mental-health-wellbeing/mental-health-support>

School Uniform Stockists

Our School Uniform stockists are both still operating and orders can be made for school wear, book bags and PE kits.

Signature Retail, Ropergate, Pontefract

Signature Retail are operating a click and collect system as well as accepting orders online through their website www.signatureretail.co.uk

If you would like to make a purchase via phone, please telephone 01977 600324. Payments can be made over the phone and items can be collected at certain times.

Better and Bright Schoolwear

Better and Bright Schoolwear are currently taking orders through their website:

www.betterandbrightschoolwear.co.uk

Alternatively, you may purchase items by calling 07486 140776 or 07837 078981

Thank you for your continued cooperation and support