



**Friday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2022**

Dear Parents / Carers,

All this week we have been raising awareness of Children's Mental Health Week which has culminated in today's 'dress to express yourself'. It has been great to see so many children dressed in outfits that make them feel good! The theme this year is 'growing together' and following this week's assembly, pupils have been exploring how we can continue to grow despite challenges and difficult moments we may experience.

The Rookeries GALS (Girls Active Leaders Squad) were involved in a sports workshop at Larks Hill. They all took part in different sport activities during the session and were quizzed with sports related questions. The girls were a credit to the school and thoroughly enjoyed the workshop.



On Tuesday, we took part in Safer Internet Day. Every class joined in a virtual assembly and completed activities that raised the importance of using the internet safely.

Finally, yesterday the whole school took part in our first Unity Day. This was the first in a series of planned days across the year designed to prepare our pupils for life in modern British society, by fostering in them attitudes and qualities which will enable them to become confident, caring, respectful and responsible citizens. During a Unity Day, pupils are encouraged to take ownership of their own learning and understand their responsibilities in society in a variety of ways and explore the world around them through discussing and answering a 'Big Question'.

I hope you all enjoy the weekend and I look forward to welcoming you back to school on Monday.

Kind regards

**Richard Grogan**  
**Headteacher**



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

School Car Park

The school car park is for staff only, disabled access, children who have school transport and taxis. Parents must not use the car park for pick up and drop offs as this is preventing access for those who require use of the car park.

## Pupil of the Week



Class	Pupil of the week
Nursery	Ivy
Reception – Julia Donaldson	David F
Class 1 – Oliver Jeffers	Nina W
Class 1/2 – Rachel Bright	Otto H
Class 2 – Anthony Browne	Muhammad
Class 3 – David Walliams	Hayden R
Class 3/4 -Cressida Cowell	Amelia G
Class 4 – Valerie Bloom	Arthur
Class 5 – Charlie Mackesy	Ethan M
Class 6 – Maya Angelou	Seth U

## Attendance

Class	Attendance This Week	Attendance This year so far
Nursery	75.8%	87.8%
Reception	99.3%	96%
Year 1	93.7%	92.9%
Year 1/2	97.8%	96.4%
Year 2	99.2%	96.8%
Year 3	95.4%	96.1%
Year 3/4	98.4%	96.1%
Year 4	94.6%	96.8%
Year 5	97.7%	96.8%
Year 6	94.1%	93.5%

Attendance this week  
overall – 96.5%

Attendance this year  
overall – 95.7%

Every second of every school day is vital for your child's attainment. Together we need to ensure your child attends school every day in order to achieve their maximum potential. We know children become ill but getting them back to school as soon as possible is vital, so that lost education is limited. If your child is on medication, this can be administered by school. Just pop to reception and fill out a form and we will do the rest.

If for any reason you are having problems getting your child to school let us know, we are here to help.

### **Pontefract Food Bank**

In the light of what's happening with increased fuel prices, increased food prices etc, here is the contact number and email address for Pontefract food bank. If any parents are struggling or begin to struggle

contact the foodbank to see if you meet the criteria to obtain a food voucher using the contacts below.

Contact no. [07935530583](tel:07935530583)

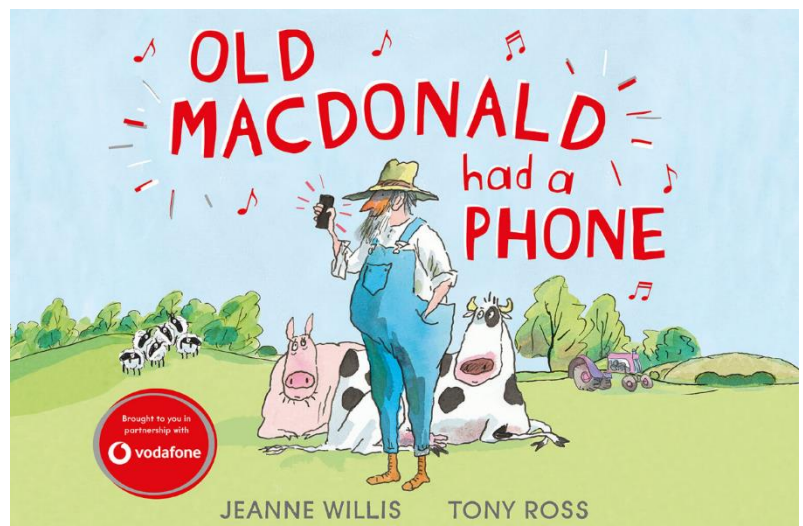
Email :[info@pontefract.foodbank.org.uk](mailto:info@pontefract.foodbank.org.uk)



### **Fairy tales for a digital age**

Vodafone digital parenting are offering free downloadable books and worksheets using fairy tales.

In partnership with Andersen Press, they are offering 10,000 free digital copies of Chicken Clicking, Troll Stinks and Old Macdonald Had a Phone, written by author Jeanne Willis and illustrated by Tony Ross. The books explore themes of internet bullying, managing screen time and being mindful of internet predators in fun and engaging stories.



The books can be downloaded from the website below on a first come first served basis.

<https://www.vodafone.co.uk/mobile/digital-parenting/digital-fairytales>

If you're in immediate danger call 999, or call 101 if you'd like to make a report.

For advice, help and support WDDAS are here to help. Please call **0800 915 1561**  
Please note this line is open **8:30am – 5pm Monday – Thursday and 8:30am - 4:30pm Friday.**

#SilentSolution

If you're in immediate danger and need to call the police but feel as though it's not safe for you to speak, you can use the **#SilentSolution**.

Call **999** as usual and after you've heard the automated message which starts with 'you are through to the police' press **55**.

The police will then know it is not safe for you to speak, and will ask you questions which you can answer through your key pad.



## Office Updates

### Breakfast Club – Places must be booked beforehand

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

If you need any assistance please call the office where we will be able to help.

We also ask that **if you are aware your child will not be attending a breakfast club session once you have booked, please let us know beforehand where possible so we can cancel the booking.** This enables us to offer the place to another child and the money is then credited back to your account

As always, we appreciate your cooperation.

### School Crossing Patrol

On the 14<sup>th</sup> - 18<sup>th</sup> February there will be no school crossing patrol on the roundabout.

Please take extra care during this time.



### Red Nose Day

We will be selling red noses in school in the build up to Red Nose Day. These are £1.50 each. We will send out a message when these are available to buy.



### 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**

Music Tuition is now available to pay on MCAS.

This can be found under Products > Music Lessons. There is an option to pay in instalments if you wish to do so. If your child takes part in the above music lessons, please ensure the full amount is paid before Friday 8<sup>th</sup> April 2022.



### Name the Rook – Fundraising Event

We are fundraising for a Buddy Bench for the playground. The children have the opportunity to name the Rook in our logo. They need to choose a name for the Rook and explain why they have chosen this name. Entries are £1. The entry forms will be given out at the end of the day tomorrow. Please return the form and £1 to the class teacher by Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> February. Our school council will look through applications and decide during next half term.

## Dinner Menu:

### Week 1

'Green Earth Monday'	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Wholemeal Margherita Pizza Slice with Jacket Wedges	Classic Pasta Bolognese & Garlic Bread	Roast of the Day Chicken with Stuffing & Gravy	BBQ Pulled Pork Bun with Wedges	Crispy Breaded Fish Fingers (Pollock) & Chips
Thai green vegetable curry with mixed rice and naan	Veggie Mince Spaghetti Bolognese & Garlic Bread	Quorn Roast with Stuffing & Gravy	Sticky Barbecue Vegetables & Noodles	Crispy Veggie Burger with Chips & Tomato Sauce
Green Beans Sweetcorn	Broccoli Roasted Summer Vegetables	Cauliflower Seasonal Greens	Wok Bashed Vegetables Carrots/Mixed Salad	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
Orange & Banana Traybake	Apple Flapjack	Oaty Raisin Cookies with Watermelon Slice	Watermelon & Pineapple Slices	Chocolate Cookie

### Week 2

'Green Earth Monday'	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Wholemeal Margherita Pizza with Herby Diced Potatoes	Pork Sausage & Mash With a Rich Gravy	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	Veg Sausage & Mash With a Rich Gravy	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

### Week 3

Next weeks dinner menu is Week 3

'Green Earth Monday'	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Veggie Meatballs with a Mediterranean Tomato Sauce & Fluffy Cous Cous	Traditional Toad in the Hole with Gravy	Roast of the Day Turkey with Stuffing & Gravy	Rich & Rustic Lamb & Root Vegetable Hotpot	Classic Friday Fish & Chips with Tomato Sauce
Wholemeal Margherita Pizza with a half portion of Baby Baked Potatoes	Autumn Vegetable & Wholewheat Tortilla 'Lasagne'	Quorn Roast with Stuffing, & Gravy	Creamy baked macaroni cheese	Mozzarella & Fresh Tomato Melt with Chips & Tomato Sauce
Mixed Vegetables Garden Salad	Green Beans Cauliflower	Wok Bashed Vegetables Carrots	Broccoli Sweetcorn	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
Chocolate Shortbread with Apple Smiles	Carrot Cake Cookie	Peach Shortcake Bar & Custard	Watermelon & Pineapple Slices	Lemon & Courgette Slice



## Dates for your diary

<b>Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> February</b>	Love Sport Session – Years 5 and 6 selected children at Pontefract Squash Club
<b>Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> February</b>	Class celebration for year 5
<b>Friday 18<sup>th</sup> February</b>	Last day of school before February Half Term
<b>Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> March</b>	Introduction to Rackets at Pontefract Squash Club for selected children year 3 and 4
<b>Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March</b>	World Book Day
<b>Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Red Nose Day
<b>Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> March</b>	Ministry of Chocolate visit to school (year 3 and 4)
<b>Monday 4<sup>th</sup> – Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> April</b>	Marrick Priory Year 6 Residential
<b>Friday 8<sup>th</sup> April</b>	Easter Celebration and Easter egg competition ( <i>more details to follow</i> )
<b>Friday 8<sup>th</sup> April</b>	Last day of school before April Half Term

The King's School  
Presents

# LITTLE SHOP OF HORRORS



BOOK AND LYRICS BY  
**HOWARD ASHMAN**

MUSIC BY  
**ALAN MENKEN**

Based on the film by **ROGER CORMAN**, Screenplay by **CHARLES GRIFFITH**  
Originally Produced by the WPA Theatre (Kyle Renick, Producing Director)  
Originally Produced at the Orpheum Theatre, New York City by the WPA Theatre,  
David Geffen, Cameron Mackintosh and the Shubert Organization



**Tues 15<sup>th</sup> - Wed 16<sup>th</sup>**  
**February**  
**2022**  
**7.00pm**  
Doors open 6:45pm

Tickets:  
£6 Adults  
£3 Students  
£3 Concessions

For further information and queries regarding tickets, please contact Kings School

01977 601701



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**.



# 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

If you are d/Deaf or hard of hearing, we've got lots of advice and support for you in English and British Sign Language (BSL)

### 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](http://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](http://www.betterandbrightschoolwear.co.uk)

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

**Thank you for your continued cooperation and support**