



Monday 3rd February 2020

Safeguarding Children - Safer Internet Day

Thank you to the Year 6 parents who came in to see me last week and alerted me to an inappropriate group chat that some of our Year 6 children were involved in. Sadly, the group included some inappropriate words and was cyberbullying. **Cyberbullying is when someone bullies others using electronic means, this might involve social media and messaging services on the internet, accessed on a mobile phone, tablet or gaming platform. The behaviour is usually repeated and at times can be as subtle as leaving someone out of a group chat or cropping them out of a picture.** I have spoken to all of Year 6 to address this concern and advised all parents to regularly check their child's phone to ensure that they are safe. Please report any further incidents to myself by taking a screenshot and emailing to: head@msmleeds.co.uk

Mrs N Wood, Headteacher.

Safeguarding Warning.

We have had a number of children using these apps. Please be aware of their age ratings:



Snapchat

The Snapchat app lets you send photos, short videos or messages to your friends. Pictures and videos, known as Snaps, usually appear temporarily before disappearing, though they can be captured via screenshots. The Stories feature lets you share Snaps in a sequence for up to 24 hours. Using the Discover screen lets you watch Stories from friends, celebrities and brands.



Instagram

Instagram is a picture and video sharing app. Users can post content on their profile grid or to their stories, which last 24 hours. You can follow your friends, family, celebrities and companies on Instagram. Instagram also has a live streaming feature.



WhatsApp

WhatsApp is an instant messaging app which lets you send messages, images and videos in one-to-one and group chats with your contacts. You can choose to share your live location for up to eight hours with one contact or a group.



Wear Red Day

On Friday 7th February, our school will be taking part in Wear Red Day again. We are raising money for Children's Heart Fund Surgery. This is a charity that supports children and adults across Yorkshire who are born with congenital heart disease and is based at the Leeds General Infirmary. On this day, we are asking children to wear red clothing and bring a donation of £1 with them to school. Thank you for all of your continued support.

Miss Reynolds, Y3 Teacher.



Parents' Pupil Progress Meetings

Our next Pupil Progress Meetings will be just after February half term on **Wednesday 26th February** (YR, Y1, Y2 2pm –6.30pm) and **Thursday 27th February** (Y3, Y4, Y5 and Y6: 2pm –6.30pm)



You will be able to view your child's books and talk to your child's class teacher about their progress and targets. Again, these will be held in the hall and you will have the opportunity to sign up from **Monday 10th February**.

Remember, if you have any concerns about your child's learning, speak to your child's class teacher before this date either first thing in the morning or by phoning the school office to make an appointment.

Diary Dates

Friday 7th February –£1 Charity Donation
Wear Red Day

Tuesday 11th February – Safer Internet Day

Wednesday 12th February – **Valentines Disco** with DJ – £1 donation Non-Uniform
1pm-2pm – Rec/Y1 and Y2
2pm-3pm – Y3 and Y4
4.30pm-6pm – Y5 and Y6 (tuck shop available)

Friday 14th February – 3.10pm
SCHOOL CLOSURES FOR HALF TERM

Monday 24th February – SCHOOL CLOSED
TRAINING DAY 3

Tuesday 25th February – SCHOOL OPENS

Parents' Pupil Progress Meetings 2pm-6.30pm

Wednesday 26th February – YR, Y1 & Y2
Thursday 27th February – Y3, Y4, Y5 & Y6

Wednesday 4th March – World Book Day -
Dress up

Educational Visits 2020

As part of our curriculum, children in Years 1-6 have visits or visitors in school each term. These give them first hand 'experiences' to support their learning and to gain 'sticky' knowledge to apply to future learning. Ask them what they have learnt!

Y4 Jorvik Viking Trip

On Friday 31st January, Year 4 Rowan visited the incredible Jorvik Museum in York. They had a fantastic day of learning! The children participated in a battle tactics workshop before taking a ride around the reconstructed Viking villages. The children learned all about how and where the Vikings lived and they explored how the Vikings impacted Britain and why the Viking era was so important! They are extremely excited about continuing to learn about the Vikings and feel inspired to create some incredible pieces of historic writing!

Y4 Elm will be visiting this week! 😊

Miss D Owen, Y4 Class Teacher and Phase Leader.



Y3 and Y5 – The Discovery Centre

Over the last two weeks, both Year 3 and Y5 have visited the Leeds Discovery Centre as part of their history learning about the Ancient Egyptians. Both year groups are learning about the Egyptians this year due to us realigning our curriculum. Next year, Year 3 will be the only year group learning about the Egyptians. Both year groups had the opportunity to handle a range of exciting artefacts and even spotted a real mummy! Ask your children what they learned!

Despite teacher absence in Year 3 due to illness, their behaviour was exemplary and they were a credit to the school.



Miss Leach, Mrs Willetts and Mrs Palmer.

Poet in School – Conrad Burdekin

Last week, Leeds poet, Conrad Burdekin spent the morning in Year 3 exciting them about poetry! He will come back to work with them this week and get them involved in performing their poems... look at our school Facebook Page!

Y3 Can order signed poetry books (see separate letter).

