



6<sup>th</sup> October 2023

Dear parents and carers,

Welcome to this week's newsletter! We have had a wonderful week in school.

### World Mental Health Day- 9<sup>th</sup> October

The Wellbeing Ambassadors met to decide what activity each class could complete on this day and they came up with some amazing ideas. The group tried to think of something that every class could be involved with and two ideas that were voted for were the following:

- Each child writes out an affirmation which they think relates to them. The best ones can be collected and become part of an 'Affirmation Station' which hopefully can be placed somewhere in school.
- When lining up outside of their classroom each child can high five, fist bump, shake hands or say pass to the teacher before going into the class. I know we have done something similar in the past and the group said that they enjoyed this.

You can find out more below:

[World Mental Health Day 2023 | Mental Health Foundation](#)

### Safeguarding – Among Us update

Attached to this newsletter is some advice for parents around the online game 'among us'.

Please read this for your reference. If you need any more support regarding online safety please leave a message at the office for Miss Brogan or Mrs Davey.

### Black History Month

This week was the start of our Black History Month. Children will be displaying their learning in the large hall during parents evening on Tuesday 17th October.

### Times Table Rock Stars

Learning times tables are so important for your child as they will help them achieve well in other areas of Maths learning as they progress throughout school. As a school, we invest in Times Table Rock Stars as a brilliant app that supports children to learn these quickly and accurately. Children all have their log ins for this and it can be downloaded as an app on phones or tablets. We will soon be running some competitions on this so we encourage you to familiarise yourself with this and make sure that you can get logged on. Watch this space for competitions!





## Early years reading event – Wednesday 11th October

Next Wednesday 11th October No.1, nursery and reception will have their first reading events of the year. Families are welcome to come in school at 9am or 2:30pm to share a book with their child.

## Reading

### Learning with Parents

We are loving the new method of recording children's reading at school and at home, and we thank you for being as enthusiastic about the website as we are. There are still a few parents from different year groups who have not yet signed up so class teachers will be contacting you directly.

### Accelerated Reader

Week number two for the return of the reader of the week, and it's a clean sweep by a reading superstar from last year. Let's give a great big well done to Micah in 4D who has snagged the top place for not only most words read, but also the most quizzes completed. Fabulous reading!

## Early Year Open Events-

Please come and join us! Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> October and Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November. 3.30-4.30

Contact: 01302 874536 for more information

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"The staff are lovely and I have full confidence in leaving my child there in a morning. Thank you all."

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## Secondary school admissions for Doncaster are officially open!

If you have a young person due to start secondary school next September in 2024, you can now apply for a secondary school place for them in Doncaster.

Simply visit the link below and click on the portal link under 'Secondary Year of Entry – September 2024 (Year 7)' to get started.

<http://www.doncaster.gov.uk/secondaryadmissions>

The national closing date for secondary admissions is **31 October 2023** – so don't forget to make sure you've completed your application and have a receipt before then! In the meantime, you can always check in with your local secondary school to see when their next open day is and pop in for a visit before making your application.

**Primary Admissions**-applications are now open for reception. Even if you attend our nursery, you need to apply through Doncaster Council. Link below



[https://www.doncaster.gov.uk/services/schools/primary-admissions?fbclid=IwAR1CNhzME246sARUt5CVOErHA7jEcMHfauHa3XLGCwuH5uWcoEgMugFbSyQ\\_aem\\_AUqAiS3\\_T-abkFFe\\_YTCB2VYn4NTN2-YbuRSFzStIA4v2jLDsXINl18UlcMYcQkq-LE](https://www.doncaster.gov.uk/services/schools/primary-admissions?fbclid=IwAR1CNhzME246sARUt5CVOErHA7jEcMHfauHa3XLGCwuH5uWcoEgMugFbSyQ_aem_AUqAiS3_T-abkFFe_YTCB2VYn4NTN2-YbuRSFzStIA4v2jLDsXINl18UlcMYcQkq-LE)

## Coffee Mornings

Come join our SENDCOs, CAMHS and our pastoral team.




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 **Coffee Mornings**

We would like to invite all parents / carers to our drop-in coffee mornings starting in October.


This will be a great chance to meet the pastoral team, SENCo and our CAMHS 'with me in mind' advisors to discuss any worries you may have about your child's or your mental health and well-being or any advice and support needed around family / home life.

Here is a list of the dates available:

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> October  
Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November  
Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2023  
Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> May  
Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July

Please feel free to drop in for a cuppa + chat!  
9am till 10am

We look forward to meeting you!  
Mrs Day, Mrs Davey, Mrs Cartwright &  
Mrs Davies



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### **Guidance from the NHS- Is my child too ill for school?**

*It can be tricky deciding whether or not to keep your child off school, nursery or playgroup when they're unwell.*

*There are government guidelines for schools and nurseries about managing specific infectious diseases at GOV.UK. These say when children should be kept off school and when they shouldn't.*

*If you do keep your child at home, it's important to phone the school or nursery on the first day. Let them know that your child won't be in and give them the reason.*

*If your child is well enough to go to school but has an infection that could be passed on, such as a cold sore or head lice, let their teacher know*

### **Smilers**

Smilers child care has limited places left this term, if you're interested please phone the school office and ask to speak to our Smilers manager, Paula, for more information.







Best wishes,

Miss Austwick  
Principal

### Diary Dates

Attached are diary dates for the term. Obviously there may be circumstances where these have to change but we will do our best to give you plenty of notice.

Monday 09.10	World Mental Health Day
Tuesday 10.10	Take-10 Reading Event
Friday 6.10	School not open
Tuesday 17.10	Parent's evening – With me in mind CAMHS drop ins available
Wednesday 18.10	Year 6 at Eden Camp  EYFS bedtime story reading event Children can come in PJs and bring their favourite book and teddy. Parents invited to join at 9:00 and 2:30 for a drink, snack and a story.  Individual & sibling photos
Thursday 19.10	5F class assembly  Individual & sibling photos
Friday 20.10	Wear it pink (or blue) day 50p donation

