



**Friday 21 January 2022**

***Ethos Statement "I am determined to go the extra mile"***

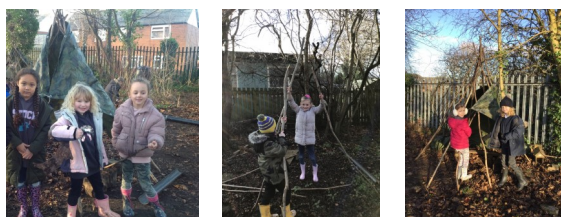
## Spring 1 Diary Dates

Please find below a list of events that will be taking place during this term;

**25.01.2022 KS1 Music Workshop in School**  
**29.01.2022 Church Pantomime—Mother Goose**  
**03.02.2022 Year 4—Gangsta Granny**  
**15.02.2022 Year 2—Armley Mills Trip**  
**15.02.2022 Defibrillator Bun Sale**  
**18.02.2022 Defibrillator Bun Sale**  
**18.02.2022 Break up for Half Term**  
**28.02.2022 Return to School**

## Year 3

Year 3 had a great time learning how to be explorers as part of our science lesson. We went outside to the nature garden and built dens for shelter, watched how to make fire for warmth and tasted some flat pack survivor food to keep us nourished!



**ParentPay**—Please make sure you have checked your ParentPay Account for any trips your child may be going on.

## ATTENDANCE

If your child is going to be absent from school then please text this number **07891274260**. Please note that this phone will not be answered for phone calls. This is last week's attendance report for the week ending **21 January 2022**:

Rec A 92.1%	Rec B 93.2%
1a 93.3%	1b 95.9%
2a 99.1%	2b 84.3%
3a 88.5%	3b 96.9%
4a 89.5%	4b 91.7%
5a 86.5%	5b 86.3%



**Total School: 90.5%**

Year 6 Remote Learning

## Year 5

In Year 5 today, we shocked children with a surprise curriculum day all about bridges! Children had a great day researching all types of bridges, and even had a go making a few of their favourites



## Parking Issues Around School

We have been contacted by residents who live near to school who are disgruntled about irresponsible and unsafe parking in the area, especially at drop off and pick up times. This includes parking on double yellow lines, on the zigzags by the zebra crossing, double parking, blocking access for residents to enter their property and mounting pavements excessively

On inspection over the last week and with photographic evidence we are inclined to agree with the residents that the parking does pose a risk to residents, pupils and members of the public.

We have contacted our Neighbourhood Policing Team and our local councillors for advice and assistance in addressing this very serious matter.

We must ask all of our families to park responsibly. We understand the weather is not always fantastic so, however, in order to keep us all safe you may need to park a little further up the road.

If you have any concerns please let us know via email: office@parkspringprimary.co.uk





### **!!! Parent Warning About In Appropriate Viewing !!!**

It has been brought to our attention that there has been some discussion amongst pupils about a popular character called Jeffy and we would like to make you aware that as a school we discourage all conversations around the content of this and we are taking this seriously as it is definitely not age appropriate for primary aged children.

#### **What and who is Jeffy?**

Jeffy the puppet is a popular character from the SuperMarioLogan universe of YouTube channels. The channels and videos have been around for over 10 years and are nothing new. The video content features popular plush toys from the Super Mario universe along with other plush toys, dolls and puppets acting out a variety of stories. These stories are often rude, offensive and bizarre in nature. The humour is very similar to what you would see in the popular TV adult cartoon show Family Guy or the movie Ted. The content in the videos feature a lot of toilet humour, use very explicit and offensive language which is often sexual in nature. The humour is often racist in content and uses a lot of racial stereotypes for some of its other characters. Some of the videos feature rude songs that are often repeated by children and young people.

The Channel is aimed at adults and it states on its homepage that the content is for a mature audience. In 2018 the people behind the channel added age restrictions to its videos to try to prevent children from watching them.

Jeffy who was introduced to the channel around 2016 is portrayed as a character with learning difficulties who often acts very inappropriately using offensive and sexually explicit language. He is easily recognisable as he always wears a blue helmet, a nappy outside his pants and normally has a pencil shoved up his nose. Despite being targeted towards adults Jeffy has been a very popular character with children and young people for a long while now. You can even buy Jeffy dolls and t-shirts on Amazon and many other retail stores and despite the adult content in the videos the t-shirts sizes start from age 5 and up.

Over the years, stories about Jeffy and the negative influence he can have on children have popped up in national and local newspapers across the world and despite this his popularity has grown. His video channel on YouTube has over 6 million followers from around the world. Jeffy's most popular video has over 40 million views.

Jeffy is not going to go away anytime soon in fact Jeffy the movie is currently being made which will only lead to a further increase in popularity.

#### **What can we do?**

YouTube features millions of different videos and a lot of the content is not suitable for children. YouTube is also very difficult to moderate and as a result a lot of content that isn't suitable for children often does not get flagged. You also need to be aware that content that has age restrictions on it are often copied and uploaded by other users without the age restrictions in place.

Parents and carers need to realise that not all content on YouTube is suitable for children and parental controls need to be put in place to prevent children from watching inappropriate content. However the best parental controls in the world can't stop everything. Ideally, primary age children should be supervised at all times when using YouTube to prevent them from watching inappropriate content such as Jeffy.

If you need support in putting in place controls and checks in place please contact us in school either by telephone or by email. We also have excellent guidance on our website from the National Online Safety team.

### **Connect Café**

If you are in touch with anyone seeking social connection, we've got plenty on next week.

[Café Connect](#) All are welcome to Connect Cafe at The Oak.

A free, weekly Community Cafe.

This welcoming space aims to bring local people together for a free coffee and light bite, and a good chat.

This week toasted sandwiches and teacakes are on the menu!

We'd people you to join us: Mondays from 11:30am - 1pm at The Oak Church, 54 Bradford Road, LS28 6EF.

We have a welcoming space, refreshments provided, and it's a great opportunity to meet up with friends, and meet new people in the local area.

Covid-19 precautions are in place to make our space safe, no booking required.

[Coffee and Chaos! -](#) A free fun and friendly playgroup for preschool aged children with toys and activities for all ages.

Hot drinks and homemade cakes provided for the parents/carers and a healthy snack for the children.

We aim to bring together parents/carers and tots from the local area to help build community in West Leeds.

All are welcome but please email [Hello@theoakchurch.co.uk](mailto:Hello@theoakchurch.co.uk) for booking information.

## **Burns Night 25 January—Celebration of Robert Burns**

Born in 1759 to a farming family in the town of Alloway, Robert Burns aka Rabbie Burns has grown to become one of the country's most iconic literary figures and Scotland's most revered national poet.

He wrote his first poem aged 15, and by his mid-twenties had gained a reputation for his pioneering views on politics, religion and class-inequalities.

