

Gargrave C of E Primary School Thursday 7th November 2024



Issue 5



White Ribbons

Nora—Remembered lots about our new book and topic of Kenya
Maxwell—Good number work
Daisy-Mae—Great progress in phonics and practising lots at home
Eadie—Writing a sentence on her own
Elliot—Superb perseverance
Matilda—Excellent improvement
Sienna—Excellent effort all term and wonderful kindness
Emilia—Trying hard in all lessons
Jack—Excellent attitude to learning
Rosie—Being a great listener
Ethan—Great effort in maths
Lily—Being an enthusiastic reader
Archie—Remaining focused on his work
Romie—Always working hard in every subject
Alfie—Excellent and precise work in maths
Theo—Excellent contribution in all areas, especially in RE

Bag 2 School

As per the last newsletter, a reminder that clothes etc are being collected next Tuesday (12th November). Please send donations in by Monday at the latest (as they are often collected at 8.30am on collection day). Thank you.

Anti-bullying week

Next week it is anti-bullying week so the pupils will be learning about this in class. The theme is Choose Respect. Odd Socks Day is taking place on Tuesday 12th November, with adults and children being encouraged to wear odd socks to celebrate what makes us all unique. We want to help the pupils to learn about protected characteristics and celebrate diversity.

Revered Peter Thomas

We are sad to share that our lovely Peter Thomas died on 17th October 2024. He was a beloved husband, adored father, devoted minister of Grassington Congregational Church and friend to many. He was our friend. He led several whole school days and also staff training. We remember him fondly. In the new year we hope to celebrate his life with the planting of a tree with the pupils.

Curriculum and staffing

We are sending out curriculum plans and timetables via class e-mails by Friday. These will be sent from class teachers. We are delighted to welcome Mrs Home back to school and she is pleased with how settled the class have been with Mrs Bowers. Thank you for attending parents evening before half-term. If you have any questions, we are proud that all our staff are approachable. You may be able to write a note in planner, catch staff at the start or end of the day, or telephone school. Mrs Peel or Mrs Dawson are always on the yard in a morning before school. Please be mindful that staff might not be able to give you their time immediately due to teaching commitments, but a mutual time can be arranged.

Remembrance Day—11th November

Poppies and merchandise is available to buy in the playground each morning. The whole school will walk down to the Cenotaph for 11am on Monday 11th November for a short remembrance service led by Rev. Andrew Steer. You are welcome to meet us there.

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Menu

This is the main choice—there is a vegetarian option and jacket potato available every day.

Monday 11th November

Margarita Pizza
Super Seedy Flapjack

Tuesday 12th November

Chicken Curry
Very Berry Cobbler

Wednesday 13th November

Minced Beef & Yorkshire Pud
Crumbly Custard Biscuit

Thursday 14th November

Creamy Chicken Pasta
Tangy Lemon Drizzle Bun

Friday 15th November

Sausage Rolls
Syrup Pudding & Custard

Monday 18th November

Fish Fingers & Chips
Anzac Biscuit

Tuesday 19th November

Meatball Tomato Pasta
Apple Pie & Custard

Wednesday 20th November

Roast Chicken Dinner
Jelly & Fruit

Thursday 21st November

Veg Nachos with Rice
Iced Biscuit

Friday 22nd November

Beef Burrito & Curly Fries
Rice Pudding

Cross Country

On Thursday November 14th 2024 is the second cross-country event, this time at Highfield recreation Ground. I presume all the runners from the previous event at Keighley wish to take part— I shall give out numbers and vests. Anyone else from year 3-6 is welcome to join, I just need to know and I can share the booklet. It was great fun and busy! Last time I offered to drive, but this time I might need a lift as I have a poorly car! Many thanks, Mrs Peel.

Children in Need—15th November

In order to fundraise for this worthwhile cause, for £1.00, children can wear something spotty on Friday 15th November. This could be an item of clothing or a pair of socks/headband etc. Merchandise will be on sale in the playground next week.

Advent News

As part of our Advent learning this year, linked to our Christian value of compassion, pupils across school will be asked to participate in a reverse advent calendar. Similar to Harvest Festival, children will be encouraged to bring in one item for Skipton Food Bank anytime during Advent. We will collect them in the school hall then take them to the bank during the last week of term. If you feel able to contribute, please chose one of the following items:-

Biscuits	Jars of instant coffee
Jams/spreads	Tinned Potatoes
Porridge oats	Shower gel
Washing detergent	Clean, strong carrier bags

<https://www.skiptonfoodbank.org/home>

<https://www.familycorner.co.uk/what-reverse-advent-calendar-and-how-do-i-make-one>

We would like to enrich the children's learning about our global community by having speakers come in during the last week of term to discuss Advent/Christmas traditions in different countries from the U.K. Depending on numbers and confidence, we are looking for parents to either speak to each class individually, speak during a whole school worship time, or lead some craft/baking activities. If you feel able to contribute with ideas from your own family traditions, please get in touch with Mrs McLean (ash@gargrave.n-yorks.sch.uk). Thank you in advance.

Reading

Library visits are booked for this half-term for every class. We encourage all pupils to join the library and borrow books from there. The opening times are: -

Monday 3-5pm
Tuesday 10-12pm
Wednesday 2-4pm
Thursday Closed
Friday 2-4pm
Saturday 10am-12pm
Sunday Closed

Worship

This half-term the theme is compassion. We had the first class worship of the year yesterday by Ash class—there was record attendance. Thank you for coming and spending time looking through your child's books. The next one is Oak class on Wednesday 13th November followed by Apple class on Wednesday 20th November at 9am.

Flu Immunisation—29th November 2024

Vaccination UK is attending school for flu vaccinations. For your child to receive their Nasal flu vaccination in school, please complete a YES consent form using the link below. If your child cannot have the Nasal spray, the injectable flu vaccine is available, and you will be able to choose that method on the consent form. If you DO NOT wish for your child to have a flu vaccination, please complete a NO consent via the same link. Last year, a few missed this or did not want it, so please choose your preference—it does not get repeated. <https://yny.schoolvaccination.uk/flu/2024/northyorkshire>

Football – 8th November

Oak class will take part in this football skills festival. Pupils need to wear their PE kit for the day, and they might want an extra snack too for that day. This visit is covered under the rolling consent form completed and there is no charge to parents - costs are paid by school.

Swimming

This will continue until Christmas then the block of learning will be complete. Please pay outstanding amounts on The School Gateway.

After-school clubs

These will run for the next two weeks then finish until after Christmas when new clubs will be available. This does not include Young Voices and Kanga which are for the whole term.

Menu

Your child has brought home a printed menu for this term. Please speak with your child about their Preferences, circle your choices and return to school. This enables Mrs Halls to understand what is popular/unpopular on the menu and adjust accordingly.

Dates for Diaries

Date	Event	Info
8.11.24	Football @ Sandylands	Oak Class—travel via Bibby's coach
11.11.24	Anti-Bullying Week	Covered in assemblies/lessons
11.11.24	Whole School Walk to Cenotaph for 11am	Parents welcome to meet there
13.11.24	Oak Class Worship @ 9am	All Oak class parents welcome
14.11.24	Oak Class Visit to Library	
14.11.24	2nd Cross Country Event—Y3-Y6	Highfield Recreation Ground, Keighley
15.11.24	Children in Need	Wear something spotty
19.11.24	Open Morning in School (9-12)	Contact us for appointment
20.11.24	Apple Class Worship	All Apple class parents welcome
25.11.24	Apple Class Visit to Library	
27.11.24	Willow Class Worship	All Willow class parents welcome
29.11.24	Flu Immunisations	As per newsletter article
2.12.24	Ash Class Visit to Library	
4.12.24	Come Dine with Me—Willow Class	Details to follow
9.12.24	Willow Class Visit to Library	
12.12.24	Nativity in Church	1.15pm—all welcome
18.12.24	Final Swim	Y3/Y4 & Extras
19.12.24	KS2 Music Concert @ 2.15pm in school	All KS2 parents welcome
20.12.24	School Closes for Christmas	Re-Opens 7.1.25

Grounds


We have received reports that some pupils from Gargrave Primary School (and also from outside of school) are in the school grounds and those of Neville House after school/dusk. This is trespassing and should not be allowed. Both buildings have flat roofs and for their own safety children should keep out. Please speak to your child if they are out alone after school. This is an offence and 101 will be called.

Open Day—19th November

Please see our poster for our upcoming Open Day (morning actually!). If you have a child who is due to start school next year, please contact us to make an appointment.

As you know, Pre-School has closed and therefore we have lost the ability to forecast our future numbers. If you know of any children that live in our catchment area that may come to Gargrave School in the future, please ask them to contact us. This can be of any age, not just those starting school next September.

We sent some posters home before the holidays and then our printer broke, so Willow & Oak have been given them today. If you could put it through the letterbox of someone you know who has children, we would be very grateful. We will also put it up in The Co-Op but if you can suggest other places, please let us know. Thank you.




Gargrave CE (VC) Primary School

Tuesday 19th November
9am-12.00pm


For any families with children aged 11 and under

- A friendly community-orientated, small school with fantastic spacious grounds.
- Located within close proximity to Skipton.
- Wraparound on-site, school led childcare from 7.30am until 6pm daily.
- School transport for catchment area.
- Providing a high quality education across a broad curriculum.

Please contact us (details below) to book an appointment to see the school at work, meet staff and pupils and see for yourself what we can offer your child.



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How can I find age-appropriate games?

Do you need suggestions on age-appropriate games? You could use either of the following websites to search suitable games.

Remember, PEGI rates the gameplay so whilst it is important to review age ratings, you must also check if it has a communication feature as this might mean you decide a game is not suitable for your child.

- <https://www.askaboutgames.com/find-the-right-game>
- <https://www.familygamingdatabase.com/home>



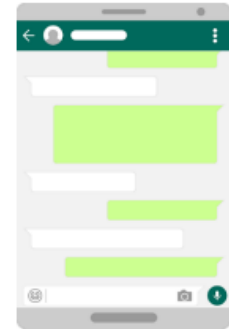
How to Remove Social Media Access After Granting It

Have you given your child access to social media but are now regretting that decision? Bark have published this article to help you take back control by removing social media:

<https://www.bark.us/blog/removing-social-media/>

WhatsApp

Users should be at least 13 years old to use WhatsApp. We frequently receive reports of children not using WhatsApp appropriately, such as sharing images to embarrass others, sending hurtful messages, spreading rumours, or excluding people from group chats to make them feel left out.



Since WhatsApp lacks parental controls, it is important to think about whether it is really the right platform for your child. For example, you should consider if your child has the critical thinking skills to recognise bullying. Furthermore, do they understand how to manage peer pressure and refrain from joining in on harmful behaviour?

If your child is using WhatsApp, it is crucial to have regular conversations with them. Talk about who they are chatting with, encourage them to think carefully about the messages they send and how they might be perceived by others. Finally, make sure to model good digital behaviour yourself, as children often learn by observing the adults around them.

What should I be aware of if my child is using WhatsApp?

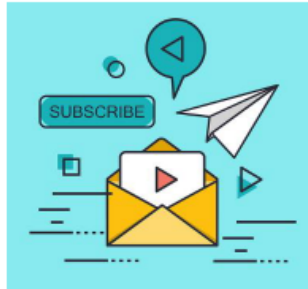
- **Group chats:** Everyone within a group, even if they are not one of your child's contacts, will be able to see all messages within that group. If your child is added to a group with someone that they have previously blocked, that person can still see their messages and send them messages within the group chat. If your child is using WhatsApp, check their group privacy settings to see who can add them to groups. Ensure your child understands that they can leave a chat at any time, and they know how to report users. Find out more here: <https://faq.whatsapp.com/424124173736394>
- **Inappropriate content:** users can be exposed to content that is not suitable for their age.
- **Location sharing:** talk to your child about when this would be appropriate to use and the potential danger of sharing their location.
- **Chat lock/secret code:** users can lock chats as well as apply a secret code setting so a chat does not appear in the main chat.
- **Blocking/Reporting:** Show your child how to block and report other users. Find out how here: <https://faq.whatsapp.com/1142481766359885/>

Further information

Internet Matters have produced a how to guide available here: <https://www.internetmatters.org/resources/whatsapp-safety-a-how-to-guide-for-parents/>

YouTube

YouTube is intended for users over the age of 13, however, younger children can still access YouTube with consent from a parent/legal guardian. When giving your child access to YouTube, there are different options you could choose depending on your child's age:



- **YouTube Kids** – this is a separate app that includes a smaller selection of videos based on the age category you select: Preschool (ages 4 and under), Younger (ages 5–8) or Older (ages 9–12).

- **Supervised accounts** – this is a parent-managed version of YouTube that allows you to control the content your child can access. You can select one of the following options:

- **Explore** - Generally for viewers aged 9+.
- **Explore more** - Generally for viewers aged 13+
- **Most of YouTube** - This setting includes almost everything on YouTube except for videos marked as 18+ and other videos that may not be appropriate for viewers using supervised experiences.

Google have created a guide to show the differences between YouTube Kids and a Supervised account to help in your decision:
<https://support.google.com/youtube/answer/10315420>

My child wants to be a YouTuber

Many children want to start their own YouTube channel, but it is important to be aware of the potential risks and ensure that your child understands what information they should keep private and what to do if they receive negative comments. YouTube have produced these safety tips for teens when posting content:

<https://support.google.com/youtube/answer/2802244>

You should be aware that there are different settings available when posting videos:

1. **Public:** anyone can view the video.
2. **Private:** video can only be viewed by users that you select.
3. **Unlisted:** only people who have the link to the video can view it.

What are the benefits and negatives of a YouTube channel?

Before allowing your child to start a YouTube channel, review the benefits and risks. This article discusses the pros and cons as well as provides recommendations to help minimise any risks:

<https://www.brightcanary.io/should-your-kid-become-a-youtuber-weighing-the-pros-and-cons/>

Further information

- <https://support.google.com/youtube/answer/2802272?hl=en-GB>
- <https://parentzone.org.uk/article/youtube>

Among Us

This game has been rated as PEGI 7, meaning it is not suitable for those under the age of 7. **However**, whilst the gameplay may be suitable, there are communication features available, where issues such as inappropriate language and bullying may arise.

Additionally, it is important to note that Among Us does have the option for in app purchases so please ensure that a password (that your child does not know) is required for all purchases.

Find out more about Among Us from Parent Zone:

<https://parentzone.org.uk/article/among-us>

The NSPCC discuss online games in more detail here:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/online-games/>

Screen time and your family

Vodafone discuss screentime and what you should consider when setting your own rules in this useful article:

<https://www.vodafone.co.uk/newscentre/smart-living/digital-parenting/screen-time-and-your-family-a-guide-to-what-works-and-what-doesnt/>

Band Runner Game

Band Runner is a fun interactive game created by CEOP to help 8-10 year olds learn how to stay safer online. Your child can play it here:

<https://www.ceopeducation.co.uk/parents/articles/band-runner/>



YORKSHIRE DALES
National Park Authority

Dear Colleague,

The Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority are asking residents, visitors, communities and organisations to suggest active travel routes they would like to see in the National Park.

Active travel refers to journeys that involve some form of physical activity. In the National Park this includes walking, "wheeling" (wheelchair or active mobility aid), cycling and horse riding.

Suggestions could range from infrastructure changes such as a crossing point on a busy road, a better link from a housing estate to a school, or the creation of a traffic-free right of way between towns and villages.

Further details about the active travel public consultation process can be found on our website and in our recent press release: -

<https://www.yorkshiredales.org.uk/public-asked-for-active-travel-wishlist/>

The interactive map and survey can be found here: -

<https://survey123.arcgis.com/share/3f589e75090c496193107e266ae27104>

Please note the **deadline for submissions is 22nd of November 2024**.

Please feel free to circulate this letter to anyone with an interest in the development of active travel routes into and around the National Park.

If you have any questions regarding the Active Travel Plan and public consultation process, feel free to contact me.

Yours Sincerely,
Rob Ashford

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Sunday 24th November 2024 @ 11.00am

Sign up for The Great Skipton Santa Fun Run

Run, walk or wheelchair for charity, starting and finishing on Skipton High Street

A 5km course around Skipton, through Aireville Park and Skipton Woods

A 3km wheelchair friendly route through Aireville Park

Individuals aged 6yrs and over and of any ability can take part

Entry fees

£22 for adults (£25 on the day)

£10 for children up to the age of 16

Includes a Santa T-shirt, hat and commemorative medal

Raise money for your own charities or support the event through sponsorship

£250 incentive for the first 10 organisations to enter a team of 25 or more

Free parking before 10.30am

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Register now: www.skiptonsantafunrun.com

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