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PRIMARY ACADEMY

January Newsletter 2025



We hope you all enjoyed the festive season. We are delighted to say the children have come back to school enthusiastically, which is lovely to see. We have started our new year with some new routines and expectations which are outlined below. These have been shared with the children in assembly on Tuesday and are already having a positive impact.

SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT

As a school we are always looking for ways to improve and make our school a safe and happy place for children to work, learn and grow together. With this in mind we have launched three new initiatives with the children

1. LUNCHTIME CHARTER

Which clearly states our expectations. This will be applied consistently by all our staff.

- Playworkers are all trusted adults and ensure our playtimes are safer and happy times for all.
- We respect everyone, everywhere and all the time. Disrespectful behaviour will be reported to Mrs Bedford, Mrs Mould or Mr David.
- We ask before going inside the building.
- We know that all unacceptable behaviour will be dealt with using our Behaviour Chart and restorative conversations.
- We know that small disagreements can be sorted out using the Debugging Chart or by talking to our Peer Mentors.
- We know that if games become too hands on or involve taking children to the ground there will be a warning, if this continues the game will be stopped.
- When the whistle blows **everyone** stops and raises their hand ready to listen to the instructions. We **walk** into our class lines
- We use our indoor voices in the hall.

2. DEBUGGING

We are aware that there are some behaviours that children can find upsetting or difficult. This strategy will empower children to deal with aspects such as name calling, face pulling, whispering etc. All staff are supporting them to adopt this during lunch and playtimes.

3. GOLDEN RULES

At RWPA we follow three simple golden rules



- Be safe
- Be respectful
- Be ready to learn

WATER LEAKS

We are now in the process of having our second water leak addressed. The work is currently taking place near the bike sheds so please be extra careful.

COMPLAINTS POLICY AND RAISING CONCERNS

We hope that this document is something you will not need during your time with us. We do encourage you to share your concerns with us as in the first instance so we can work together. Here is some guidance to support this process. However for your information our updated Complaints Policy can be found on our school website. Click here for a link ([Complaints Policy](#)).

I HAVE A CONCERN/COMPLAINT, WHO DO I CONTACT AND HOW

Your child's class teacher is always the best person to contact as they spend the most time with your child in school.

The easiest way to contact teachers is via the admin email address (admin.rws@ebor.academy) with *FAO (class teacher name)* in the subject line.

In your email it would be helpful if you can give some context to your concern/complaint so that the teacher can ask other members of staff for their input.

The teacher will contact you to discuss this further. Please be aware that staff will be teaching during the day and may not have access to their emails until the end of the working day. A written response may be sent via Parenthub.

There is a copy of the Complaints Policy on the website. You can also visit the admin team who can provide you with a printed version.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

You have told us that early notice of school events is appreciated so we are working hard to make this a reality. Here are some of the dates for this academic year. More will be added as they are confirmed.

DATE	ACTIVITY
Wednesday 22nd January	Year 6 to Huntington pantomime
Friday 7th February	Valentine's Disco
Tuesday 11th February	Safer Internet day
Friday 14th February	School closes for half term
HALF TERM	
Monday 24th February	Children return to school
Monday 3rd March	Parents book look KS1 and KS2 3.30-4.30
Thursday 6th March	World book day- details to follow Trees open doors session 3.15-4.15
10th - 13th March	Parent Evenings
Friday 4th April	School closes for Easter Holidays
EASTER HOLIDAYS (including Monday)	

Tuesday 22nd April	Children to return to school
Monday 5th May	Bank holiday
Monday 12th May to Thursday 15th May	Key Stage 2 SATs
Friday 23rd May	School breaks up for half term
HALF TERM	
Monday 2nd June	Children return to school
Friday 13th June	Sports day and Summer Fair
Friday 20th June	Back up Sports Day
Friday 27th June	Staff training day
2nd - 4th July	Year 6 Residential to Bewerley Park
Wednesday 16th July	Year 6 Graduation
Tuesday 22nd July	School breaks up at noon
SUMMER HOLIDAYS	

Best wishes
Donna Bedford
Headteacher

Domestic Abuse

FREE Domestic Abuse Interactive workshop

18 February 10-12pm

1 in 4 women and 1 in 6 men experience Domestic Abuse in their lifetime. This means you **almost certainly** know someone affected by this.

Interested in finding out what Domestic Abuse is, how it impacts your community and how you can help? Come along to our short interactive workshop.

**Scan the QR
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your free place.**



Support for those affected by
Domestic Abuse: **03000 110 110**

In an emergency report to
North Yorkshire Police: **999**

