



**EBOR GARDENS**  
Primary Academy

# WEEKLY NEWS

Friday 20th September, 2024 - Issue 3



## A Message from Mrs Wathen and Mr Spink

Good afternoon everyone. It has been another busy and action-packed week here at Ebor Gardens. The children are getting “stuck in” to their learning and really enjoying the challenges that their new year groups and curriculum are bringing.

A big thank you to those parents who joined our Parent Information sessions this week. We want you all to be aware of learning and routines in school. Don’t forget, there is also a link to the Phase Newsletters on the newsletter email so that you can remind yourself what your child is learning each half-term.

Next week, we have our first football match at Victoria Primary. Across this year we will be taking part in quite a few different sporting adventures with our friends at Victoria. Finally, can we just remind you to ensure you don’t send any nuts or products containing nuts into school with your children for lunch or for snacks. We do have some members of our school community who are allergic to them.

Have a great weekend. See you on Monday!

<b>N - 91%</b>	<b>RBT - 83%</b>	<b>RDO - 99%</b>
<b>1AD - 92%</b>	<b>1MM - 88%</b>	<b>2HW - 100%</b>
<b>2RK - 95%</b>	<b>3JH - 98%</b>	<b>3NB - 92%</b>
<b>4CS - 100%</b>	<b>4RM - 92%</b>	<b>5NP/LW - 96%</b>
<b>5HW - 95%</b>	<b>6FA - 91%</b>	<b>6LB - 97%</b>

**Whole School attendance this week is 94%.  
We are aiming for 96%+**

- Biscuit Bears: 2HW & 4CS**
- Extra Play (97%+): RDO, 2HW, 3JH, 4CS, 6LB**
- Pizza Party (100%): 2HW, 4CS**



# Diary Dates

**Friday 27th September 2024** - Macmillan Afternoon Tea (2:30pm)

**Tuesday 22nd October 2024** - Autumn Discos

**Friday 25th October 2024** - School closes for half term

**Monday 4th November 2024** - School opens for Autumn 2

**Thursday 14th November 2024** - Nurses in school - Flu Vaccine

**Friday 15th November 2024** - Nurses in school - Flu Vaccine

**Friday 15th November 2024** - Children in Need

**Tuesday 19th November 2024** - Parent Consultations

**Wednesday 20th November 2024** - Parent Consultations

**Monday 9th December 2024** - Pantomime in school

**Wednesday 11th December 2024** - Christmas Fair

**Thursday 12th December 2024** - Christmas Dinner and Jumper day

**Friday 20th December 2024** - School closes for Christmas (1pm)

**Tuesday 7th January 2025** - School reopens for Spring term



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In partnership with Knowsley CLCs, all parent/carers are invited to an:

# Online Safety Information Session

This session is delivered virtually so can be watched from anywhere!  
We will share the link with you privately.

**Current trends** – what children are doing online and what apps/games are popular amongst children.

**Understanding the Risks** – a look at the risks associated with using technology, in particular when using social media, online gaming & live streaming.

**What can you do?** – suggestions on how you can support your child with their online lives and what parental controls are available to help you.

**Further Support** – signposting to services that are available to help you.

**WEDNESDAY  
2ND OCTOBER  
2024**

**4PM – 4.45PM**



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# What Parents & Educators Need to Know about FINAL FANTASY XIV

AGE RESTRICTION  
PEGI  
16

## WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

The video game Final Fantasy XIV launched in 2010, and, despite being critically panned, it saw an overhaul that has made it one of the biggest success stories in gaming. Its huge world, epic story and versatile combat system have continued to draw in new players, but there's a lot that trusted adults need to be aware of – not least the cost of paying monthly to play.

## ALWAYS ONLINE

Final Fantasy XIV is an MMORPG, which stands for Massively Multiplayer Online Role-Playing Game. Much like World of Warcraft, players create a character in a chosen class and level up by completing quests to gain power and items. The game requires a constant internet connection, whether you're playing on PC, Mac, PlayStation or Xbox, and there's no option to play offline.

## REGULAR EXPANSIONS

As with similar titles in the genre, players can purchase expansions to unlock additional content for the game. Those without the expansions will be locked out of certain new quests and activities, meaning that young people who play regularly will potentially have the next release earmarked on their calendar, ready to buy it as soon as possible.

## IN-GAME PURCHASES & SUBSCRIPTION FEE

Users need to pay £8.99 per month to play Final Fantasy XIV, but there is a free trial. If someone stops paying, they'll lose access to their character (although they'll be able to pick up the payments again and resume where they left off). If a player forgets to cancel their payments, however, those subscription fees will continue rolling on automatically.

FREE TRIAL

## Advice for Parents & Educators

## MANAGE PLAYTIME

Playtime limits are a great way to counter the addictive qualities of games like Final Fantasy XIV. They allow you to discuss why it's still important to enjoy things outside of gaming while still letting a child enjoy playing online with their friends when it makes sense to do so. It's all well and good to have fun with a game, so long as they're able to step away and reconnect with the real world.

## MAKE USE OF THE FREE TRIAL

The Final Fantasy XIV free trial is a generous one, with no limits on how long someone can play until their character hits level 70. That's easily dozens of hours for a child to go through the game, complete quests, and see if they enjoy it before purchasing expansions or subscribing to a membership. They may well move on to something else before you need to spend so much as a penny.

## PLAY TOGETHER

The free trial makes it extremely easy to jump into Final Fantasy XIV and play alongside a child, provided they're old enough. Not only does that help you ensure that settings are adjusted for their privacy and safety, but it may also end up becoming a bonding experience for you both and any other family members that want to try it out.

## REMEMBER, IT'S A PEGI 16

Despite its often-relaxing nature, Final Fantasy XIV carries a PEGI 16 rating for violence and drugs (although the latter is due to a character smoking a pipe on occasion). There's minimal blood, but characters can attack enemies (and other players) with weapons and spells. Take a look at some gameplay videos to see if the content is appropriate for a younger player.

## Meet Our Expert

Lloyd Coombes is the Editor-in-Chief of GGRecon, and has been working in the gaming and tech industry for five years. A longtime fan of online games, he's also a parent, and therefore understands the importance of online safety. Writing mainly about tech and fitness, his work has previously been published at sites including IGN, TechRadar and plenty more.



#WakeUpWednesday

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# Community Support

Join us in the Community Hub on  
Wednesdays at 2:30pm to access  
support from our dedicated team.



## SESSIONS THIS HALF TERM....

**2ND OCTOBER -**

**SEND (GENERAL)** WITH MISS GALLAGHER

**9TH OCTOBER -**

**HEALTHY EATING** WITH MR SPINK & MRS MOYLES

**16TH OCTOBER -**

**PUPIL VOICE** WITH MISS DOSANJH & MRS MOYLES

**23RD OCTOBER -**

**SEND (EHCPS)** WITH MISS GALLAGHER



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# Community Pantry

While we do our very best to support our community with our Community Pantry, we are still awaiting information from our charity partners regarding food supplies.

We will be in touch with more information as soon as possible. In the meantime there are foodbanks in Harehills (St. Cyprian's Church) and Gipton (Church of the Epiphany), should you need them.

Use the following link for more information  
<https://leedssouthandeast.foodbank.org.uk/get-help/foodbank-vouchers/>



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