



EBOR GARDENS
Primary Academy

Weekly News

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A MESSAGE FROM MRS WATHEN AND MR SPINK

Good afternoon everyone.

As ever, a busy and productive week here at Ebor Gardens. Firstly though, thank you for such a good turn-out to our first parents consultations last week. The teachers love to share how well your children are doing at this point in the year and it's a great opportunity for communication between school and home. Thank you also for the wonderful comments on the parents questionnaire.

Our football team headed to Middleton to take part in a football tournament and had a successful (if not a little wet) morning of sport with Miss Pedder and Mr Scales. The football team will be playing again next week in one of our regular fixture matches with local schools. There will be many of these to come over the next few weeks so keep an eye out for letters home if your child is involved in the team.

This week we have included some posters with information about some of the Christmas themed events up-coming as we head swiftly toward the festive period. (That's come around fast!) Have a splendid weekend everyone.

Mrs Wathen & Mr Spink

N - 88%	RBT - 95%	RDO - 90%
1AD - 91%	1MM - 89%	2HW - 96%
2RK - 94%	3JH - 88%	3NB - 100%
4NP/RM - 95%	4RA - 88%	5CS - 99%
5HW - 96%	6DD - 95%	6LB - 92%

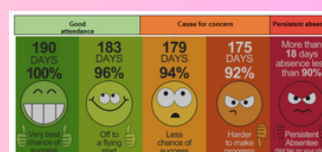
Whole School attendance this week is 93%.

We are aiming for 96% or above.

Biscuit Bears: 2HW & 3NB

Extra Play (97%+): 3NB & 5CS

Pizza Party (100%): 3NB



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DIARY DATES 2025

Wednesday 3rd December 2025 – Winter Fair

Friday 5th December 2025 – **School closed for INSET**

Monday 8th December 2025 – Pantomime in school

Wednesday 10th December 2025 – Y3 Theatre trip

Wednesday 10th December 2025 – Christmas Dinner Day

Wednesday 10th December 2025 – Christmas Jumper Day

Monday 15th December 2025 – EYFS Christmas Performance (pm)

Tuesday 16th December 2025 – KS1 Christmas Performance (pm)

Wednesday 17th December 2025 – LKS2 Christmas Performance (pm)

Thursday 18th December 2025 – UKS2 Christmas Performance (pm)

Friday 19th December 2025 – School closes for Christmas (1pm)



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Please be sure to park very safely and sensibly around school at Breakfast Club, morning drop-off and afternoon pick-up. On some occasions, the main gate has been blocked by parents/carers cars. Parents/carers and visitors must not park in front of the main gate so that cars (including emergency service vehicles) can get in and out at all times.



PICKING-UP YOUR CHILD EARLY

IF YOU NEED TO PICK YOUR CHILD UP BEFORE THE END OF THE DAY (FOR AN APPOINTMENT ETC), PLEASE LET THE SCHOOL OFFICE KNOW IN THE MORNING SO THAT THEY ARE EXPECTING YOU - THANK YOU.



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What Parents & Carers Need to Know about AGE-INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

"Inappropriate" means different things to different people. What's acceptable for one age group, for example, may be unsuitable for a slightly younger audience. Online, young people can chance upon inappropriate content in various ways – from pop-up ads to TikTok videos. The increasingly young age at which children become active in the digital world heightens the risk of them innocently running into something that they find upsetting or frightening. Trusted adults need to be able to help children be aware of what to do if they're exposed to age-inappropriate content.

WHERE IS IT FOUND?

SOCIAL MEDIA

Age-inappropriate content is easily accessible through many social media platforms. TikTok, for instance, is hugely popular with young people but is arguably best known for clips featuring sexualised dancing or profanity. Some social media users also express hate speech or promote eating disorders and self-harm, which could cause lasting damage to a child's emotional and mental health.

GAMING

Gaming is an enjoyable source of entertainment, but many popular titles can expose children to inappropriate material such as violence, horror, gambling or sexually explicit content. Playing games unsuitable for their age risks normalising to children what they are seeing. Some games also include in-game chat, where other (usually older) online players often use language that you probably wouldn't want your child to hear or repeat.

STREAMING

The range of video streaming services available online means that users can find almost anything they want to watch on demand. Children are therefore at risk of viewing TV shows and movies which contain nudity, drug and alcohol abuse, explicit language and extreme violence. Unfortunately, these streaming platforms can't always determine that it's not an adult who's watching.

ADVERTS

Online adverts frequently include age-inappropriate content; usually gambling and nudity or partial nudity, although adverts for alcohol or e-cigarettes are also common. Some search engines also feature adverts that are responsive to your search history: so if you've recently looked up a new horror movie, shopped for lingerie or ordered alcohol online, then the ads appearing on screen could reflect this the next time your child borrows your device.

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Advice for Parents & Carers

TALK IT THROUGH

Embarrassment or fear of getting into trouble can make it difficult for children to talk openly about age-inappropriate content they've watched. Remind your child they can always come to you if they're troubled by something they've seen online, without worrying about consequences. Before offering advice, discuss what they saw, how they felt and how they came to find the content in question.

CONNECT, DON'T CORRECT

If your child's been particularly distressed by exposure to content that wasn't suitable for their age, it's important to offer guidance to prevent them from repeating the same mistake – but it's equally vital to help them deal with the emotions that the situation has raised. You could tell them about any similar experiences you might have had at their age, and how you dealt with it.

BLOCK, REPORT, CONTROL

After discussing the problem, you and your child can take action together. This could include blocking any inappropriate sites and reporting any content which violates a platform's rules. To further safeguard your child online, set up parental controls on internet-enabled devices that they use. This will significantly reduce the chances of your child being exposed to age-inappropriate content in future.

GET SPECIALIST HELP

Age-inappropriate content can potentially have a negative impact on a child's mental health, which is sometimes displayed through changes in their behaviour. If the problem becomes more severe, you might consider reaching out to a mental health professional or an expert in this field who can provide you and your child with the proper support.

STAY CALM

Even though it is obviously difficult to stay rational in a situation where your child has been put at risk, it's essential to think before you react. Your child may well have hesitated to open up to you about watching inappropriate content for fear of the consequences, so being calm and supportive will reinforce the notion that it would be easy to talk to you about similar issues in the future.

Meet Our Expert

Coryley Jorgensen is a Registered Counsellor with The Health Professions Council of South Africa, and she runs a private practice offering counselling to children, teenagers and families. Her main focus is creating awareness and educating the community on the mental health pressures of today's world, as well as resources and techniques to understand and cope better.



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Wednesday 10
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Ebor Christmas Day

fun for the
children at Ebor



Christmas Dinner Day



Christmas Jumper Day Donation of 50p



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