



A message from Mrs Robinson

Dear Families,

The snow machine is back and we hope you'll enjoy the festive cheer at school over the next month. Make sure you check the calendar so you don't miss any special Christmas events. We are also celebrating the unique diversity of our school community on *Wednesday 13th December* on our **Heritage Day**. At Haxby Road Primary Academy, we want to encourage our children to develop their own identity, as individuals and also as part of our school community.

This week, we have felt the chills of winter and experienced icy conditions. Please can we remind all of our families to ensure your child comes with a warm coat to school to ensure they stay warm whilst playing outside. If any of our families need support with clothing please just speak to Sam Smart. We are always here to help and have lots of spare coats in school.

Have a lovely weekend

Mrs Robinson

End of the Day Plea

When collecting your child, we kindly ask you to wait until the class teacher has dismissed all children before approaching them.

This is to ensure staff are able to have 100% concentration and safeguard your children.

**CHILDREN IN NEED
THANK YOU FOR
YOUR SUPPORT
WE RAISED
£55**



EVENTS



Thursday 7th December: Christmas Jumper Day

Friday 8th December: School Closed for Training Day

Wednesday 13th December: Christmas Grotto and Heritage Day Non Uniform

Tiny Steps and Nursery Christmas Performance: 12th & 14th December 9.30am

Reception Nativity: 19th December 9.30am

Key Stage 1 (Y1 & Y2) Christmas Concert: 18th December 2.00pm

KS2 Carol service at St Thomas' Church: Wednesday 20th December 2.00pm

Christmas Lunch Thursday 21st December

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Sun 3rd December - St Wulstan's Advent Fair. Come along between 12 and 2pm for delicious food and Christmas present ideas.

Fridays - 9.30am - Tiny Tots at St Thomas' Church

School Attendance

Our School Target is 97% National Figure 96%

This week our whole school attendance was: 92.83%%

Jubbergate: 94.23%

Ousegate: 96.31%

Fishergate: 91.67%

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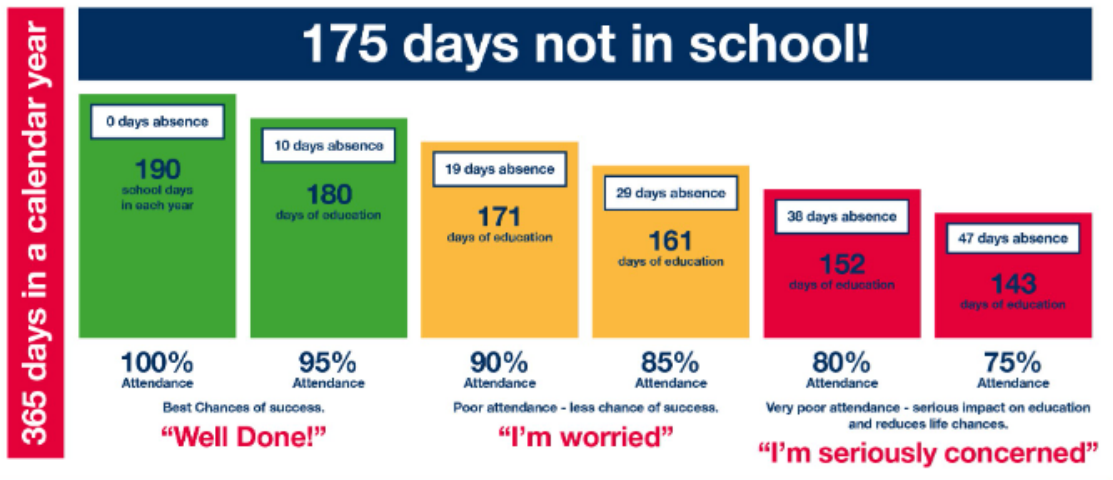
Gate: 96.30%

Gillygate: 94.23%

Fossgate: 93.31%

Micklegate: 90.00%

Stonegate: 87.06%



The winning class is Whip-Ma-Whop-Ma Gate

Well Done!

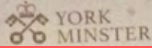
HAXBY ROAD PRIMARY ACADEMY

Haxby Road Primary Academy is a fun, inclusive and vibrant school where pupils, staff, governors, parents and the school community work extremely hard and have high expectations of one another.

Our tree decorations all represent symbols of kindness as this is one of our school values. The symbols of kindness you will see are hearts, feathers, shepherd's staffs, endless knots and lotus flowers. We believe that kindness is so important and is at the heart of all we do at Haxby Road. We hope to spread kindness with our Christmas tree this festive period.



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YORKMINSTER.ORG



Experience the popular York Minster Christmas Tree Festival, set inside the medieval Minster, with 60 trees on display in the cathedral's stunning Nave, Chapter House and Lady Chapel.

Explore the trees, which will be decorated to individual themes by local businesses, schools and charities, vote for your favourite in our 'best dressed tree' competition, and add your own Christmas message to a tag on the festival's prayer trees.

The festival will open on Saturday 2 December at 10am and will run during general admission times until Friday 5 January. Entry is free with general admission.



National Online Safety

7 questions to help you start a conversation with your child about online safety

#WakeUpWednesday



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Which apps/games are you using at the moment?

THIS WILL GIVE YOU A GOOD OVERVIEW OF THE TYPES OF THINGS YOUR CHILDREN ARE DOING ON THEIR DEVICES, ALONG WITH THEIR INTERESTS. REMEMBER THAT THEY MIGHT NOT TELL YOU EVERYTHING THEY ARE USING, SO IT IS A GOOD IDEA TO ASK THEM TO SHOW YOU THEIR DEVICE, BECAUSE NEW APPS AND GAMES ARE RELEASED REGULARLY. IT IS IMPORTANT TO HAVE THIS CONVERSATION OFTEN TO ENSURE YOU ARE UP TO DATE WITH WHAT THEY ARE DOING.

Which websites do you enjoy using and why?

AS IN THE TIP ABOVE, ASKING THIS QUESTION WILL ALLOW YOU TO FIND OUT WHAT YOUR CHILD IS DOING ONLINE, AND ENCOURAGE POSITIVE CONVERSATIONS ABOUT THEIR ONLINE ACTIVITY. ASK THEM HOW THEY USE THE WEBSITES, AND TAKE AN INTEREST IN HOW THEY CAN USE THEM IN A POSITIVE WAY. ALSO ASKING THEM TO SHOW YOU IF POSSIBLE.



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PLAY AGAIN?
YES NO



How does this game/app work? Can I play?

SHOW A GENUINE INTEREST IN WHAT THEY ARE DOING. WHILST YOU ARE PLAYING A GAME OR USING AN APP WITH THEM, IT MIGHT HIGHLIGHT SOMETHING THAT THEY DON'T NECESSARILY THINK IS A DANGER TO THEM. IF THEY ACT LIKE THEY DON'T WANT TO SHARE THEIR ACTIVITIES WITH YOU, QUESTION WHY.

Do you have any online friends?

CHILDREN CAN FORM POSITIVE RELATIONSHIPS WITH PEOPLE ONLINE, AND THIS HAS BECOME MORE COMMON THANKS TO ONLINE MULTI-PLAYER OPTIONS, BUT THEY MAY NOT FULLY UNDERSTAND THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN A FRIEND AND A STRANGER. YOU COULD MAKE THE QUESTION MORE SPECIFIC TO YOUR CHILD. FOR EXAMPLE: "HAVE YOU MET ANYONE ONLINE THAT YOU LIKE TO PLAY GAMES WITH?" THEY MAY NOT WANT TO SHARE THIS INFORMATION WITH YOU, SO ENSURE YOU TEACH THEM ABOUT HEALTHY RELATIONSHIPS.



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Do you know where to go for help?

ALTHOUGH YOU MAY BE THE ADULT THEY TRUST THE MOST, SOME CHILDREN STRUGGLE TO TALK ABOUT WHAT HAPPENS ONLINE DUE TO CONFUSION OR EMBARRASSMENT. BECAUSE OF THIS THEY MAY STRUGGLE TO APPROACH THE NORMAL PEOPLE WHO WOULD HELP, SUCH AS YOURSELF OR A TEACHER. HAVE A CHAT TO YOUR CHILD ABOUT EXACTLY WHERE THEY CAN GO FOR HELP, AND HOW THEY CAN REPORT ANY ACTIVITY THAT THEY BELIEVE IS INAPPROPRIATE ONLINE.

Do you know what your personal information is?

YOUR CHILD MAY ALREADY KNOW WHAT THEIR PERSONAL INFORMATION IS BUT THEY MIGHT NOT THINK ABOUT HOW IT CAN BE SHARED. HAVE A CONVERSATION ABOUT WHAT PERSONAL INFORMATION IS AND HOW THIS CAN AFFECT THEM IF IT IS SHARED BEYOND THE INTENDED RECIPIENT. IT IS IMPORTANT THAT YOUR CHILD UNDERSTANDS THE DANGERS OF SHARING CONTACT DETAILS OR PHOTOS, AS INFORMATION SUCH AS THIS CAN SPREAD QUICKLY ONLINE.



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Do you know your limits?

CHILDREN MAY NOT UNDERSTAND THE NEGATIVE IMPACTS OF DEVICE OR GAME ADDICTION. TALK TO THEM OPENLY ABOUT HEALTHY HABITS AND ASK WHETHER OR NOT THEM SPENDING TIME ONLINE OR PLAYING A GAME IS AFFECTING THEIR SLEEP, PERFORMANCE AT SCHOOL OR IF THEY ARE GENERALLY LOSING INTEREST IN OTHER ACTIVITIES. YOU MAY LEAD ON TO ENCOURAGING ALTERNATIVE ACTIVITIES AND DISCUSSING THE INTRODUCTION OF TIME LIMITS WHEN AT HOME.