

NEWSLETTER

DATE: 21st December 2023

UP COMING DATES

8th January 2024 – Welcome back to school – remember to be in the line for 8:45am!

[Keep Children Safe Online: Information, Advice, Support - Internet Matters](#)

Christmas is such a wonderful time of year, excitable children and time to relax with family and friends. And of course, there are new toys to play with.

With a huge increase in sales of devices (around 13 million people receive smartphones for Christmas each year) it is important to ensure that you and your children are safe when playing with new kit. To help, we've set out a few top tips to help keep your household safe online over the holidays.

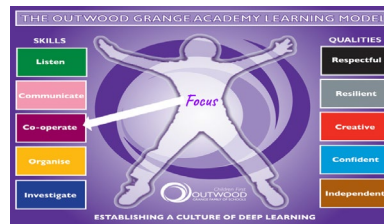
[Top tips for staying safe online at Christmas - UK Safer Internet Centre](#)

Fundraising

The School Parliament were delighted to announce that our school took part in the Wakefield Hospice Schools Reindeer Run 2023 on 13th December 2023. Children in Years 1 – 6 put on their antlers and ran with Santa.



Learner model



Our learner model shows the skills, attitudes and qualities that the children need to be successful learners. Our focus on confidence saw children reaching outside of their comfort zones to take on new learning without fear.

Meet Santa

Santa made a number of special visits to school last week. It was great to see so many pupils and families in attendance!

Wonderful musicians

We were so pleased with our fabulous guitarists, who were so brave to put on a performance for the whole school this month.



Top Table Children



One of our highlights every week (and not just for Christmas!) is when we get to reward a group of “always” children, who are “always” showing great behaviour and effort. The only problem is, we need a bigger table!

Parking

We were joined on the 15th and 22nd November by members of the Wakefield Road Safety Team. Members of the School Parliament worked closely with them to understand what they can do, and what we can all do, to make the roads safer.



The number of road traffic accidents that occur on roads in the vicinity of schools.⁴



1 IN 3

of all child pedestrians that are killed or seriously injured (KSI) are aged 10–11 years old.



12 TO 15 YEAR-OLD BOYS

are nine times more likely to be in an accident when riding a bike than a girl of the same age.



A QUARTER of road traffic casualties are 13 to 15 year-olds.



ALMOST HALF

of all accidents that happen on the road occur between 15:00 and 18:00.

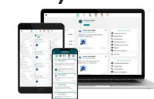


EVERY MONTH

1,200 children are injured in traffic related collisions that happen within 500m of a school.

Communication

We are setting up a new form of school communication through an app called Xpressions. This will be our main method of communication from January 2024.



Xpressions

For this to work, we require an email address which you will use when registering with the app. We would therefore appreciate it (if you have not already done so) if you could ensure that we have an up-to-date email address for you.