



Elements Primary School



Friday 14th February 2020

Dear Parents,

Now we have reached half term we are officially half way through the year! Time has certainly flown!

Included in this newsletter are just a few ideas of things to do this half term which don't need to cost anything other than getting there. Hopefully there will be something in there that you and your child might enjoy.

Can I please encourage everyone to pay their club and WOW week payments as promptly as possible. We rely on this income to staff our clubs and pay a contribution to our trips. Without it some of these things will become impossible to run. I also appreciate some payments may be challenging for some. If this is the case please do speak to us and we will help where we can.

Thank you all once again for your support during this half term. We hope you have a super break.

Miss S Horsbrough

Executive Principal

World Book Day 2020

This year for World Book Day we are all following the theme of 'Where's Wally'. We are therefore inviting the children and staff to all come on Thursday 5th March dressed as either Wally or Wilma if they would like to.

This is an easily sourced outfit. It can obviously be purchased but alternatively it can be easily made from a pair of blue jeans and a white t-shirt with red stripes drawn on!

We are looking forward to a fun filled day.

Any questions please contact school.



Upcoming EVENTS

Attendance

Stars **97.2%**

Diamonds **92.9%**

Shine **94.0%**

Dazzle **93.8%**

Whole school **94.7%**

Our Target

97%

Friday 14th February - **School closes for half term**

Monday 24th February - **School opens for new half term**

Thursday 5th March - **World Book Day**



REMINDER FOR PAYMENTS

Please ensure all payments from Touchdown, French and Wow weeks are paid up to date. We have a number of payments outstanding. Places and clubs with a debt attached will not be held open.



If you are having any difficulty in paying these amounts please contact school. We will always aim to help in these situations.

**TOUCHDOWN
IF YOU REQUIRE
A PLACE FOR
TOUCH DOWN
AFTER SCHOOL
CLUB PLEASE
NOTE BOOKING
GOES LIVE ON
17TH FEBRUARY
AT 6PM.**

Our Stars of the Week!!!



Ideas for a fun and FREE half term!

Step into history at the **Leeds Museum** Dig up some fossils or take a walk with the Egyptians in one of many of the museum's interactive galleries. Keep the childrens' weekends and holidays full of fun with one of the many clubs and activities the museum has to offer. Join Rory, the Leeds City Museum tiger for regular craft activities at the Museum every Saturday between 11am and 12.15pm. There are also free craft activities for children under five during Tiny Tigers sessions at 10am - 11.45am on Fridays.

Prepare for battle at the **Royal Armouries** Learn about swords and armour from around the world and make sure you catch one of the displays of jousting, falconry and horsemanship, all at the Royal Armouries Museum. Uncover the secrets of the past, while listening to one of the many daily character talks at this magical museum. Some of your favourite superheroes from comic books and the big screen will be assembling at the museum this February half term for live stunt shows and craft activities.

Get close to nature at the **Rodley Nature Reserve** Open at the weekends and Wednesdays, there's so much to see in the wetlands of the Rodley Nature Reserve. Get a map of the reserve, a quiz trail guide with birds to spot, and some binoculars to borrow to make the most out of your visit. Build your own nest box on Sunday 16th February and take it home with you. There are a limited number of nest boxes so book early to avoid disappointment.

Get lost in the books in **Leeds Central Library** Discover the joys of reading early with the unbelievable selection of children's books at Leeds Central Library. Keep an eye on their packed events calendar which includes football sticker swaps, story and rhyme sessions and even Lego building workshops. On Saturday 7th March there's a Children's Writing Workshop with James Nicol suitable for ages 7-11 and a Magical Creatures workshop with Liz Flanagan (suitable for ages 6+). FREE events but please book with Leeds Central Library - book early as there are only a few tickets left! Get tickets for these and other events at [libraries around Leeds at ticketsource.co.uk](http://ticketsource.co.uk)

Let your creativity soar at **The Tetley** one of Leeds' most popular art galleries, there's plenty of fun for the whole family at The Tetley. For toddlers under five, pop along to Tiny Tetley, where they do everything from big drawings to finger painting to keep them occupied. For older children, their family art workshops include book-making, robot designs, printing and more -let their creativity soar! This February half-term, join their free do-it-yourself craft sessions in the Learning Studio for the whole family to enjoy! Inspired by their latest exhibitions, experiment with origami, build your own model boat or create your very own superhero and mask! These free sessions are suitable for all ages and levels of abilities. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Drop-in anytime between 11am-3pm.

Explore the ruins of **Kirkstall Abbey**. Delve into medieval history with a visit to the iconic Kirkstall Abbey in Leeds. Explore secret passages, see where the monks used to pray and try to picture what the halls looked like over 400 years ago. Free parking and free entry to the Abbey Visitor Centre with cafe, toilets and baby change facilities. Each Tuesday there's the Muddy Monkeys under-5s art and craft sessions 10-11am. On the 20th February there's a chance to make a bird feeder at the bird craft session 2pm-3pm.

Discover Leeds on the **Leeds Owl Trail** Search for the 25 hidden owls that make up the Leeds famous Owl Trail. Download the map or pick one up from the Art Gallery, then keep your eyes peeled to see if you can spot all of them. Hint – look up! If you want to show your children more of the city, this is the perfect way to do it, and it's completely free.

Spend the day at **Yeadon Tarn** There a huge number of free things to do with children at Yeadon Tarn. There's the enormous lake full of wildlife is just the beginning, a packed adventure playground, BMX track and even French boules to try out after feeding the ducks.

Stroll around **Roundhay Park**. Take the children for a wander around the lake or the gorge and see what animals you can spot, before finding a sunny spot for a family picnic or a game of hide and seek. With tennis courts, adventure playgrounds and even a skate park, you won't run out of things to do. Check opening times, availability and activities before planning your day out.

Visit **Temple Newsam**. Explore the beautiful grounds of the house. Visit the park beyond the farm or walk around the externals of the house to the fabulous gardens.

Nick Jr. Toy Brick Character Trail Visit. **White Rose** this February Half Term to enjoy a collection of 16 Nick Jr. characters brought to life from more than 500,000 toy bricks and interactive fun!

Characters include favourites from *PAW Patrol*, *Abby Cadabby*, *Blaze and the Monster Machines*, and *Shimmer and Shine*, and families are encouraged to discover the larger-than-life models throughout the centre with a trail map. Once all characters have been found, participants will receive an exclusive sticker book to take away.

FREE trail maps can be collected from the Customer Service Centre.

We are sharing this information notice just for awareness purposes. Please do not be overly concerned. Please do follow the advice as this is useful for the prevention of any virus or illness.



HM Government



CORONAVIRUS: PUBLIC INFORMATION

The Government and NHS are well prepared to deal with this virus.

You can help too.

Germs can live on some surfaces for hours.

To protect yourself and others:

- Always carry tissues with you and use them to catch your cough or sneeze.
- Bin the tissue, and to kill the germs, wash your hands with soap and water, or use a sanitiser gel.
- If you have arrived back from China within 14 days follow the specific advice for returning travellers.

This is the best way to slow the spread of almost any germs, including Coronavirus.

Find out more at [gov.uk/coronavirus](https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus)