



This half term's forest principle: empathy



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Spring Term  
Week 20

## Our adventures at Steeton Primary School this week...

- Our first week of this half term has been a busy one. On Monday, we talked about this half term's forest principle in assembly - empathy. Empathy is defined as, 'The ability to understand and share the feelings of another.' This emotion is so important and so tricky! Children have been asked this week to acknowledge their feelings and to talk to someone about them, which helps to develop empathy. We also have lots of stories and books in school about feelings; when you read about other people's feelings then you can learn how it makes them feel.
- Teachers have been to visit Waterstones in Bradford on the hunt for new books for their classrooms. It's really important that as readers we keep up to date with new releases and have the opportunity to learn about new authors. Teachers are really excited to share their purchases with the children over the coming weeks.
- We held 'halfway through the year meetings' for parents of children in Reception this week. It was lovely to see everyone - Mrs Foulds and Mrs Varley outlined the 17 (yes 17!) areas of assessment for children and how parents can support at home.
- Mrs Foulds is very proud of the netball team this week again - they beat St. Joseph's school 5-0 in their match this week. A wonderful result - well done!

REMINDER

Smart watches are not appropriate for school.

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These will be celebrated directly through class teachers this week - sorry for the inconvenience!



### Diary Dates...

- 27/02/24- Ash Forest School
- 28/02/24- Year 3 Bolton Abbey Trip
- 28/02/24- Y5/6 South Craven netball
- 29/02/24- Year 4 Bolton Abbey Trip
- 05/03/24- Girls' football league
- 06/03/24- Year 1 Bolton Abbey Trip

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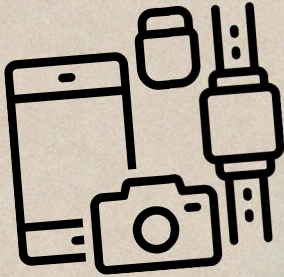
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## Online Safety

This week, we were without the internet for a couple of days. It made us realise how dependent we are on technology and allowed us to pause and reflect on how important it is to keep our children safe online.

In today's digital age, our children are growing up surrounded by technology. It is an intrinsic part of their everyday life. But they are not necessarily mature enough to handle everything that is out there online.

At school, online safety is taught and practised. We have school security filters and also those set for us by Bradford - children are pretty safe online at school. However, we do also know that children are super-smart when it comes to technology and we all have to be on our toes to continue to protect them.

At home, your child may be safe in their room, or even on the sofa next to you...but do you REALLY know what they are doing on their device? Don't be afraid to check!

**What is Social Media?**  
Online spaces where people can interact. Examples include Facebook, Instagram, TikTok, Snapchat, and Twitter. However, your child can interact using Roblox etc too.

Age Check: Most of these platforms are for ages 13 and up. It's there to keep our kids safe, so let's stick to it.

Make sure your child only accept ANY requests from people you know in real life. Never a friend-of-a-friend or a stranger.

Remember that **WHATEVER** you put online is there **FOREVER** - posts, photos, comments. If your child would not say it or do it in real life, they should not be doing it online.

	Snapchat	13 years old
	Instagram	13 years old
	TikTok	13 years old
	YouTube	13 years old
	Facebook	13 years old
	WhatsApp	16 years old

### BE THE BOSS

Your child is probably way smarter than you when it comes to tech, but you are in charge!

It is important to:

- Limit screen time - it will be hard at first but it does get easier - stick at it!
- Check their devices regularly, including photographs and messages
- Give tough love - block ALL social media platforms
- Chat openly about the positives and the risks of being active online
- Help your child develop good habits - teach them how to block, encourage them to report ANYTHING that feels wrong
- Be a good role model for them; they learn from you

A couple of sites that have lots of help:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>

<https://www.internetmatters.org/resources/esafety-leaflets-resources/>



# YOUR SCHOOL LOTTERY



Exciting news - we have setup a school lottery! This is an exciting way to support school in our fundraising efforts whilst having the chance to win prizes.

'Your School Lottery' creates and runs lotteries for schools across the UK. The lotteries raise money through local communities to improve educational facilities and the school environment for thousands of pupils.

If you would like to buy tickets to support the children at school, please follow the link below. The first draw is Saturday 2nd March. Tickets are £1 each and can be purchased as a single or in bulk.



<https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/steeton-primary-school>



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