



# BEECH HILL NEWS



Friday 20th October

## Light up our Lives

We are delighted to have received two banners to display as part of their tour around Calderdale. They showcase and celebrate the powerful Light Up Our Lives project undertaken by year 6 last year with Holy Trinity Primary School, verd de gris and Light Up Bahc.

The project focused on equality for all and linked to Black History which makes it particularly pertinent during October. Special thanks to Sharon from verd de gris and Bola from Light Up Bahc.



## Change of Details

If any of your contact details change such as telephone number or address, you must ensure that you contact the school office and update them with any changes.

It is extremely important that these details are kept up-to-date in case school need to contact you in an emergency.

You can email any changes to [admin@beechhillschool.co.uk](mailto:admin@beechhillschool.co.uk) or call the office on 01422 345004.



Thank you for your continued support!

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## Attendance




Period: 09/10/2023 to  
13/10/2023

It's great to see our overall attendance continuing to improve. Most classes have an attendance above the national average; a huge well done to all but a special mention must go to class USA 5 for achieving 100% attendance last week.

I would like to remind all parents that it is extremely important you plan your holidays/trips away during the school holidays. If leave of absence is taken during term time and the school are unaware of this, the absence will be unauthorised and could incur a financial penalty from the local authority.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding your child's attendance then please do not hesitate to contact me on 01422 345004.

Many Thanks  
Farhat Hussain  
Officer and Attendance Manager

	Poor attendance, I am very concerned.
	Below expectations, I am worried.
	Best chance of success, well done.

Group	% Attend
USA3	95.8
USA4	94.4
USA5	100.0
Wales	93.8
Northern Ireland	98.6
Switzerland	97.2
Nigeria	96.9
Canada	94.2
Jordan	89.7
Mexico	98.6
Morocco	92.9
South Africa	96.9
Australia	98.8
Denmark	91.6
Singapore	99.0
France	96.1
Tanzania	90.0
Egypt	95.6
Totals	95.4

## Is My Child Too Ill for School?

Please use this link to help with decision-making about whether or not to send your child to school if they are feeling unwell:

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

If you have any questions or concerns, please speak to Mrs Farhat (our attendance manager).

Thank you.



## Y2 Trip to Shibden Park

On Wednesday, the year 2 children visited Shibden Park.

Our topic in school is 'A Walk in the Park'. The purpose of this visit was for the children to enhance their map skills by following a simple map, use the four compass directions and to identify the different features of a park. The children thoroughly enjoyed walking around the park.

They showed exemplary behaviour and were fantastic ambassadors for Beech Hill.





## TTRS - Most Accurate

Year 2 - Eesa H (Canada)

Year 3 - Aaria K (Morocco)

Year 4 - Vanessa R (Australia)

Year 5 - Abdallah Al-Ali (Denmark)

Year 6 - Haashim Shahnawaz (Egypt)

**Class with the highest accuracy**

Canada (96.71%)

## House Points

The following children have received their **bronze** award for achieving 50 house points:

Amina A  
Musa I  
Aizah R  
Hassan K  
Kesara G  
Kaya G

Well done everyone.  
Keep up the hard work!



## Memory Lane Café

A group of year 6 children volunteered at Memory Lane Cafe at the Maurice Jagger Centre in Halifax on Monday afternoon.

They lit up the room with their genuine smiles, animated interaction and willingness to help. They received many compliments from the members and June and Chris (who run the cafe) were extremely impressed with how the children got involved - some of them even joined in with the dancing!

They are looking forward to welcoming us back again soon.





**FAKE  
FIREWORK,  
REAL DANGER**

#BonfireSafe

Scan the QR code for West Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service bonfire safety advice, or visit:  
[westyorkshire.gov.uk/bonfire-night-safety](http://westyorkshire.gov.uk/bonfire-night-safety)




**Celebrate Safely:  
Follow The Firework Code**

- Plan your firework display; making it safe and enjoyable, and make sure it finishes before 11 pm.
- Only buy fireworks that are CE-marked. Keep them, in a closed box, and use one at a time.
- Always read and follow the instructions on each firework. (Use a torch if you need to).
- Keep an arms-length distance with a taper and stand well back when lighting fireworks.
- Keep naked flames like cigarettes, away from fireworks.
- Never return to a firework once it has been lit.
- Do not put fireworks in your pocket, and never throw them.
- Fire any 'rocket' type fireworks well away from spectators.
- Never use paraffin or petrol on a bonfire.
- Make sure that any bonfires are out and the surroundings are made safe before leaving it unattended.

For more information scan the QR code on the front of this flyer or visit:  
[westyorkshire.gov.uk/bonfire-night-safety](http://westyorkshire.gov.uk/bonfire-night-safety)

## Dinner Menu w/c Monday 23rd October

2	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Hot Meal Option	Chicken Nuggets 5	Homemade Chicken Curry 3	Full English Breakfast  Sausage 5 or Quorn Sausage 5  Omelette 10, 12 Potato Puffs	Roast Chicken Dinner Yorkshire Puddings 5, 10, 12 Gravy	Pizza 5, 10
	Fishcakes 2, 5	Naan Bread 5		Homemade Cheese and Onion Pie 5, 10, 12	Ravioli 5
Vege Nuggets 5	Curly Fries 5 Beans Veg Sticks	Homemade Onion Bhajis Samosas 5 Savoury Rice	Beans Tomatoes	Roast Potatoes Broccoli Cauliflower	Chips Beans
Served Daily	Jacket Potatoes with various fillings Salad Bar Selection of Sandwiches/Subs/Wraps				
Dessert	American Pancakes 5, 10, 12	Treacle Sponge 5, 10, 12 Custard 10	Iced Cake 5, 10, 12	Choc Orange Sponge 5, 10, 12 Custard 10	Assorted Fresh Baking 5, 10, 12
	Chocolate Swirls 10	Crispy Buns 4, 5, 10	Jelly	Assorted Biscuits 5, 10, 12	Chocolate Ice Cream 10

If you require an allergy list please email [kitchen@beechhillschool.co.uk](mailto:kitchen@beechhillschool.co.uk)

## Social Media - Online Safety Tips

### Limit your screen time

Social media can be addictive and it is easy to keep checking newsfeeds or your notifications every 5 minutes which can affect your behaviour and stop you from doing other things. Remember to only use your phone at certain times of the day, turn notifications off at bedtime and go out and have as much fun as possible. This will keep you fit and healthy and make you appreciate that there is more to life than just what is on social media.

### Block Online Bullies

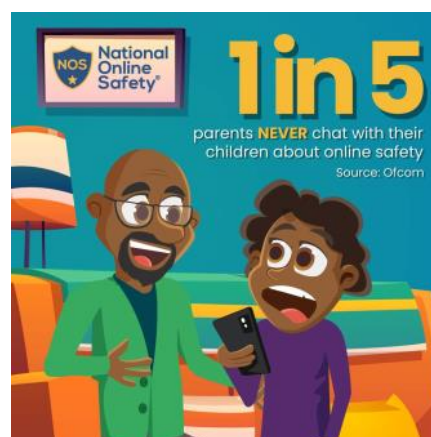
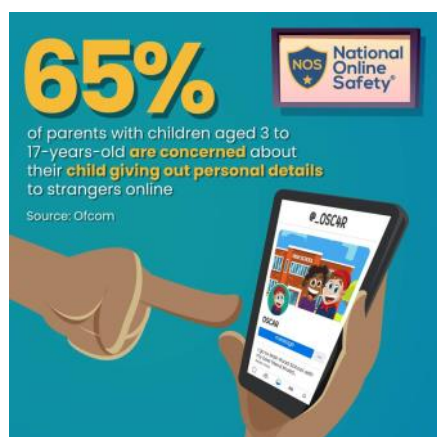
Sometimes people might say nasty things to you online or post offensive comments on your pictures or videos. If this happens, always tell a trusted who will help you block them from your profile and support you in taking further action.

### Report Inappropriate Content

If you see something on social media that you don't like, offends you or upsets you, you should always report it to a trusted adult. You should also report it to the social media app who will be able to remove the content if it is against their user policy and can block the person who posted it.

### Only use Apps that you are old enough to use

Before downloading any new social media app, always check the age-rating. If you need help, ask your parent or carer to make sure that the app is safe for you to use and never download anything which you are too young for as it may contain content that isn't safe for you to see.



# National Online Safety - Weekly Information

At National Online Safety, we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one of many games which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit [nationalcollege.com](http://nationalcollege.com) for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

## What Parents & Carers Need to Know about EA SPORTS FC 24

After two decades of holding the official FIFA licence, EA Sports' phenomenally successful football video game series has embarked on a solo run at goal. This season's iteration marks the debut appearance of a new name and branding, but don't let those fool you - EA Sports FC 24 is still a very similar proposition to last year's FIFA 23. Popular features such as Ultimate Team remain a big focus, meaning that potentially costly in-game spending is still among the line-up of risks that parents and carers should be aware of.

### WHAT ARE THE RISKS?



### RECURRING RELEASES

EA Sports FC 24 effectively picks up the FIFA template - meaning that after a year, we can expect EA Sports FC 25 to hit the shelves. Updates between versions of the FIFA franchise tended to be minor, but young fans of the game are almost certain to want the new edition in around 12 months' time, so they can keep playing with updated team kits, players and squad lists.

### OFFENSIVE VOICE CHAT

FIFA 23 introduced cross-platform play, and EA Sports FC 24 goes a step further with Clubs, Seasons and Ultimate Team cooperative modes across PlayStation 5, Xbox Series X and S, and PC. That's exciting news for youngsters who love to play with friends online - but connecting a much wider audience does potentially open lines of communication between children and far older online gamers.

### IN-GAME PURCHASES

In FIFA, Ultimate Team proved to be a profitable innovation for developers Electronic Arts (EA), and is now found in many of their other titles. Players spend in-game currency to recruit better footballers for their team, but this process can take a frustratingly long time - so young fans may be tempted to skip the grind by paying real-world cash to unlock that coveted star midfielder.

### ULTIMATE TEAM SCAMMERS

Since the mode was introduced, Ultimate Team has been a target of scammers who attempt to coax players into buying or selling outside the terms of service from EA and console manufacturers. This shady practice can lead to accounts being banned and in-game items being lost. In some cases, young gamers have also been hoodwinked into handing over their payment details to the fraudsters.

### POTENTIAL FOR ADDICTION

Just like real-life football, EA Sports FC 24 offers a thrilling, dynamic blend of tactical awareness and skill that fans find absolutely engaging. Among younger players in particular, this could lead to identifiers of a gaming disorder as they plead for "just one more game" before bedtime or spend practically all weekend playing more matches to earn additional Ultimate Team packs.

## Advice for Parents & Carers

### CONTROL SPENDING

If your child enjoys Ultimate Team mode, check that your payment details aren't linked to their account. Bundles of FC Points (the game's currency) start at just £1, so multiple payments can easily slip under the radar. You could consider setting your child an in-game allowance, perhaps through a prepaid card, which will help them to realise that online spending has a real-world effect.

### DEFEND AGAINST SCAMMERS

EA does contact players via email (although not to ask for usernames or passwords, so watch out for that scam tactic), but never through the game itself - so be wary of incoming messages and consider blocking and reporting suspected spam. Your child should avoid buying coins (the in-game currency) from external sites: it could end with them losing their money and being banned from the game.

### AVOID EXTRA TIME

Many parents of young football-oriented gamers worry about their child playing too much EA Sports FC. There's now also a companion mobile app, which can also often provide another indicator that a child is struggling to disengage from the game. You could initiate discussions around set hours of play - or take stronger action by utilising the parental controls on their console or phone.

### SHOW TOXIC CHAT THE RED CARD

Playing EA Sports FC 24 with friends is highly enjoyable, but if competitive types start to turn toxic online, it can ruin everyone's fun. You could occasionally listen in on the voice chat of your child's game for any warning signs that things may be about to boil over. This goes double when playing online with strangers: voice contact with unknown players can be turned off in the game's settings.

### CELEBRATE THE VARIETY

Ultimate Team may be the game's 'star player', but there's plenty more to do in EA Sports FC 24 - including modes which allow access to all of football's big names without needing to spend money on packs to unlock them. This new version of the game includes even more women's teams, marking another step forward in representation: an important subject to discuss and celebrate with children.

### Meet Our Expert

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