



# BEECH HILL NEWS



Friday 15th September

**Scouts**  
51st Pellon Scout Group

**MOROCCO EARTHQUAKE APPEAL**

The Prophet (ﷺ) said,  
"Charity does not decrease wealth"  
(Muslim)

51st Pellon Scouts & their local partner organisations are supporting the Moroccan Scout Association in the immediate aftermath of the devastating earthquake to hit Marrakesh & surrounding areas. Many remote mountainous communities have been torn apart, with many people buried under the rubble. Please donate generously to support the emergency aid effort.



## Morocco Earthquake Appeal

You will have seen the news this week showing the devastating impact that the earthquake in Morocco has had on many people's lives.

Today, we are having a non-uniform day and all proceeds raised will be donated to the Moroccan Scout Association to help support those affected.

Children were asked to bring a minimum donation of £1 into school, however, for larger donations you may transfer this into the school bank account. Please donate generously and help us in supporting this worthy cause.

Thank you for your continued support!

**Account Name:** Beech Hill Junior & Infant School

**Sort Code:** 30-93-76

**Account Number:** 50749260

**Reference:** Morocco

## Dropping Off and Picking Up

Please note that Mount Pleasant Avenue is a pedestrian and Cycle Zone only at the following times:

**Monday - Friday**  
**8:20-9:05am**  
**12:45-3:25pm**

Please help keep our school community safe by respecting these signs and finding an alternative place to park.



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# WORLD'S BIGGEST COFFEE MORNING

MACMILLAN  
CANCER SUPPORT

## MacMillan Coffee Morning

On Friday 6th October, we will be hosting a coffee morning in support of MacMillan Cancer Support.

Parents will be able to book a place via Parent Pay from Friday 22nd September for £1.

All the money raised will go directly to MacMillan Cancer Support.

There is a Just Giving Page that has been set up should families wish to donate additional support <https://coffeefundraising.macmillan.org.uk/fundraising/cm23065208>

Thank you for your continued support!

## Parent Meetings

Over the next two weeks, we would like to invite parents in to school for our annual year group meetings.

It will be lovely to welcome you all in and discuss the expectations of the year group. We will also go through the trips and other key events that will be happening throughout the year.

You do not need to sign up online, just make your way into school on the chosen date/time. If you are attending a morning session, you will enter through the doors from the playground (a member of staff will be there to welcome you). If you are attending the afternoon session, please come to the school office to sign in.

Here are the dates for the different year groups:

**Mon 18th September**  
**Years 2/3**

8:40-9:00am  
2:45-3:10pm

**Wed 20th September**  
**Years 4/5**

8:40-9:00am  
2:45-3:10pm

**Thu 21st September**  
**Year 1**

8:40-9:00am  
2:45-3:10pm

**Tue 26th September**  
**Year 6**

8:40-9:00am

## Friday 20th October 2023

You may have noticed in our 'Dates for the Diary' section in last week's newsletter that we had advertised that school would be closing to all pupils at 1.10pm on this day (due to staff training).

This training has now been postponed so school will remain OPEN AS NORMAL for Friday afternoon clubs on 20th October.

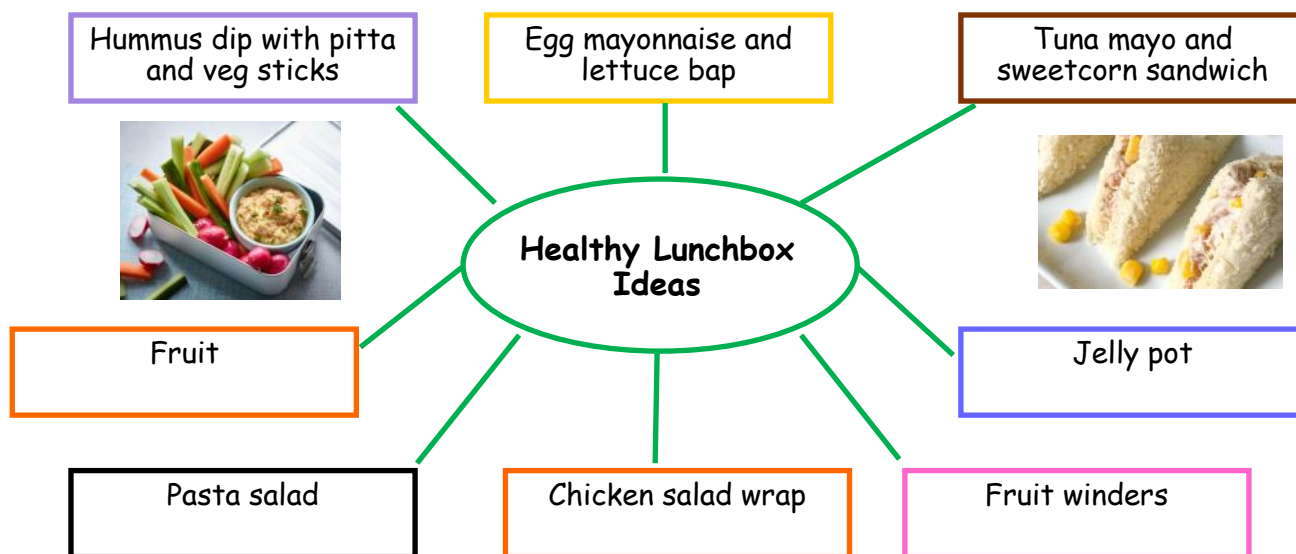
When a new date has been arranged, this will be communicated to parents.

Many thanks for your continued support.

## Healthy Lunchbox Ideas

Following on from our post last week about being a nut-free school, we thought it would be useful to share some healthy lunchbox ideas with you!

It is important that your child has a healthy, balanced diet - please do not send things like chocolate, sweets, crisps or fizzy drinks into school.



Quote of the Week

"Honesty is the best policy."

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## Dinner Menu w/c Monday 18th September

| 3               | Monday   | Tuesday   | Wednesday                                     | Thursday   | Friday                             |
|-----------------|--|---|---|--|------------------------------------|
| Hot Meal Option | Southern Fried Chicken Strips<br>1, 5  | Homemade Creamy Chicken Pasta 5, 10<br>Garlic Bread 5, 10, 14 | Battered Fish<br>2, 5                         | Homemade Spicy Kebabs 12<br>Chicken Tikka Wraps<br>5, 12 | Pizza<br>5, 10                     |
|                 | Tomato Pasta<br>5, 10  | Homemade Onion Bhajis<br>Samosas 5<br>Savoury Rice            | Homemade Cheese and Onion Quiche<br>5, 10, 12 | Vegetable Burgers<br>5                                   | Ravioli<br>5                       |
| Vegetables      | Ziggy Fries<br>Beans<br>Veg Sticks   | Potato Puffs<br>Broccoli<br>Carrots                           | Chips<br>Mushy Peas<br>Sweetcorn              | Herbies 5<br>Mixed Veg<br>Peas                           | Wedges<br>Beans<br>Sweetcorn       |
| Served Daily    | Jacket Potatoes with various fillings<br>Salad Bar<br>Selection of Sandwiches/Subs/Wraps<br>Allergies for the daily items available on request |   |   |  |                                    |
| Dessert         | Sweet Waffles<br>4, 5, 10, 12  | Chocolate Sponge 5, 10, 12<br>Custard 10                      | Parkin<br>5, 10, 12                           | Spotted Dick 5, 10, 12<br>Custard 10                     | Assorted Fresh Baking<br>5, 10, 12 |
|                 | Strawberry Swirls<br>10  | Angel Delight 10  | Jelly   | Assorted Biscuits<br>5, 10, 12                           | Strawberry Ice Cream<br>10         |

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

# 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. Please visit [www.nationalonlinesafety.com](http://www.nationalonlinesafety.com) for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

## What Parents & Carers Need to Know about — SHARING PHOTOS ONLINE

School is often a time chock-full of milestones for your child, and you may well be eager to share their accomplishments with the world. In today's digital age, sharing images of such precious moments on social media is commonplace, and – while that's a lovely thing to do – it does come with some risks attached. Our guide can help parents and carers to consider the potential dangers and make informed choices about safely sharing photos of their children online.

### WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

#### INVASIONS OF PRIVACY

Even with the right settings in place, absolutely nothing online is 100% private. Anyone who can view your photos could take screenshots and potentially share them elsewhere. Privacy settings are still important, though, so it's always wise to ensure your social media accounts have them set up; just bear in mind that you can't completely control what happens to anything once it's gone online.

#### REVEALING PERSONAL DETAILS

Small details in photos can often reveal personal information. Backgrounds can give clues to where you live, for example, while school logos on uniforms, sports kits, or bags could help someone identify which school your child attends. With interactive maps and reverse image searches commonplace online, information like this could easily be misused by an individual with malicious intentions.

#### MISUSE OF IMAGES

Once something's been shared online, it's almost impossible to get it deleted. Photos can show up in search engine results and be downloaded, manipulated, and shared without consent. There's the potential for someone's images to be used for advertising purposes (which in many cases, isn't illegal) or even more inappropriate reasons, such as cyber-bullying or serious forms of exploitation.

#### ONLINE GROOMING

Pictures that convey details about your child's interests, activities, or daily routines could arm an online predator with the kind of information they can deploy to gain a child's trust. They might use this knowledge to pretend to be the same age as the child or to have a shared hobby. Essentially, the more a predator knows about a young person, the easier it is for them to invent some 'common ground'.

#### PRESSURE TO PLEASE

When their parents or carers share notable moments and accomplishments in a child's life on social media, some children may begin to feel an expectation to always meet certain standards, to achieve things, or to behave in ways that are "worth sharing". Knowing that other people (even friends and family) can see these posts on social media might also add to the pressure they're feeling internally.

#### IMPACT ON DIGITAL FOOTPRINT

Every photo of a child posted online contributes to their digital footprint. Young people's lives have never been so closely and publicly documented as they are now, and this permanent online presence could affect a child's future opportunities or the choices they make as they grow up – in addition to influencing how they see themselves and, consequently, their emotional wellbeing.

### Advice for Parents & Carers

#### REVIEW SETTINGS REGULARLY

Make sure your social media's secure in terms of who can view your content or see your location (only family and trusted friends, for example). Privacy settings aren't totally foolproof, but they do make it tougher for strangers to access your pics. Reviewing your settings regularly is also a good starting point for conversations with your child about managing their own social accounts when they're older.

#### CONSIDER OTHER CHILDREN

When taking a group photo, make sure you get parents' or carers' permission to share it on social media. There may be an important safeguarding reason for them not wanting their child's photo posted publicly online, or it might simply not tally with their personal beliefs or cultural background. A quick conversation in advance, just to make sure, is usually hugely appreciated.

#### CHECK YOUR PHOTOS

Photos of your child shouldn't provide any clues to where they live or go to school: even a house number, street name, or car number plate could be a giveaway. Cover up or blur out school logos, too. If you really want to share a particular pic, you could post a watermarked or low-res version, which can help to discourage misuse as those images are less appealing to download or reproduce.

#### THINK AHEAD

Try to consider the longer-term implications of what you post. Would you be happy with that photo being online in 10 years' time? Would your child still be OK with the image when they're older? Once your child is mature enough, you could ask for their consent before posting: it respects their privacy, fosters trust and understanding, and helps them to start thinking about their own online life.

#### Meet Our Expert

Gabriella Russo is a safeguarding consultant with more than 30 years' experience working with children, families, and adults in education, local authority, and mental health settings, both in the UK and internationally. She has developed online safety training for local authorities and foster care agencies across Britain and is the online safety expert for FosterWki.



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**Halifax Fire Station Open Day**

West Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Service

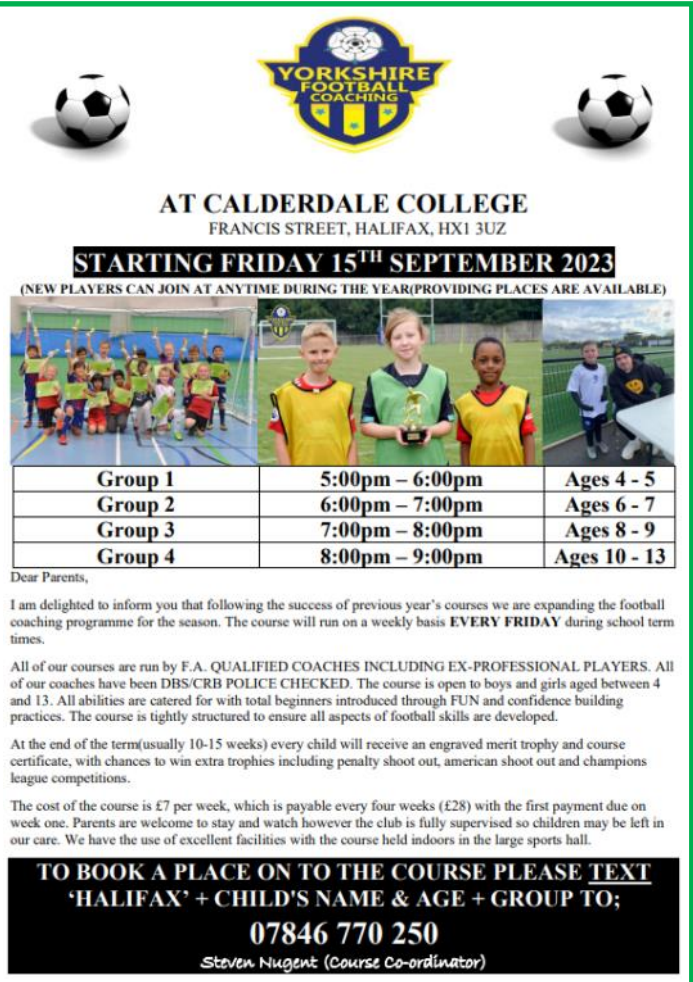
Adults £2  
Children Free

Saturday 16th September, 11am - 3pm  
Halifax Fire Station, Skircoat Moor Rd, Halifax HX1 3JF

Entertainment for all the family...

- Food & Drink Stalls
- Small Rides
- Face Painting
- Demonstrations by WYFRS
- Special guest from Halifax Panthers

All proceeds to...  
**The Fire Fighters Charity**



**YORKSHIRE FOOTBALL COACHING**

AT CALDERDALE COLLEGE  
FRANCIS STREET, HALIFAX, HX1 3UZ

**STARTING FRIDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2023**  
(NEW PLAYERS CAN JOIN AT ANYTIME DURING THE YEAR (PROVIDING PLACES ARE AVAILABLE))

|         |                 |              |
|---------|-----------------|--------------|
| Group 1 | 5:00pm – 6:00pm | Ages 4 - 5   |
| Group 2 | 6:00pm – 7:00pm | Ages 6 - 7   |
| Group 3 | 7:00pm – 8:00pm | Ages 8 - 9   |
| Group 4 | 8:00pm – 9:00pm | Ages 10 - 13 |

Dear Parents,

I am delighted to inform you that following the success of previous year's courses we are expanding the football coaching programme for the season. The course will run on a weekly basis EVERY FRIDAY during school term times.

All of our courses are run by F.A. QUALIFIED COACHES INCLUDING EX-PROFESSIONAL PLAYERS. All of our coaches have been DBS/CRB POLICE CHECKED. The course is open to boys and girls aged between 4 and 13. All abilities are catered for with total beginners introduced through FUN and confidence building practices. The course is tightly structured to ensure all aspects of football skills are developed.

At the end of the term (usually 10-15 weeks) every child will receive an engraved merit trophy and course certificate, with chances to win extra trophies including penalty shoot out, american shoot out and champions league competitions.

The cost of the course is £7 per week, which is payable every four weeks (£28) with the first payment due on week one. Parents are welcome to stay and watch however the club is fully supervised so children may be left in our care. We have the use of excellent facilities with the course held indoors in the large sports hall.

**TO BOOK A PLACE ON TO THE COURSE PLEASE TEXT 'HALIFAX' + CHILD'S NAME & AGE + GROUP TO:**  
**07846 770 250**  
Steven Nugent (Course Co-ordinator)



**NHS Yorkshire Smokefree service**

Get **FREE** help and support to **STOP SMOKING ...for good**

VIDEO CALL  
ONLINE  
FACE TO FACE  
GROUP SESSION  
ON THE PHONE

Yorkshire Smokefree provides NHS advice and support – including medication – for anyone who wants to stop smoking. So when you're ready to quit, we're ready to help.

*"I have mobility problems, so having my support by phone has been great for me."*

*"I do so much more since I quit. Thank you to Yorkshire Smokefree for helping me – it's over 3 months since I had a cigarette!"*

*"I couldn't have quit without the support. The staff have a positive attitude, not lecturing. They're very understanding."*

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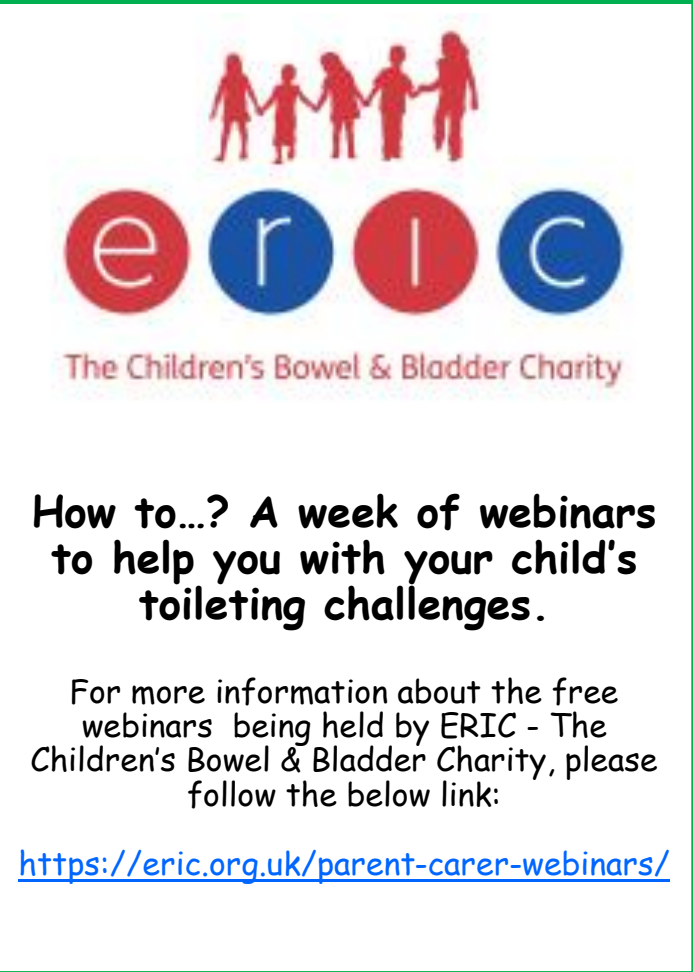
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With all of us in mind.



**ERIC**  
The Children's Bowel & Bladder Charity

**How to...? A week of webinars to help you with your child's toileting challenges.**

For more information about the free webinars being held by ERIC - The Children's Bowel & Bladder Charity, please follow the below link:

<https://eric.org.uk/parent-carer-webinars/>