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Dear Parents/Carers,

This week in our assembly we revisited the importance of keeping ourselves safe and speaking up – with a little help from our good friend Pantosaurus. (NSPCC)

We reminded ourselves about the PANTS rules and the importance of speaking up if we are not happy in any way. Please ask your children about PANTOSAURUS and the PANTS rules. We have encouraged our children to 'Speak out' if they are worried about anything we have discussed, and to make it easier, we have suggested they say to their trusted adult/person, 'Please can I speak to you about something private?' This will open up the dialogue and ensure children can share their concerns and worries.



Please watch the short video and discuss this with your child.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-lL07JOGU5o>

Congratulations and a special mention to the following children; you have been chosen for having a great understanding of how to keep yourselves safe. Well done to you all!

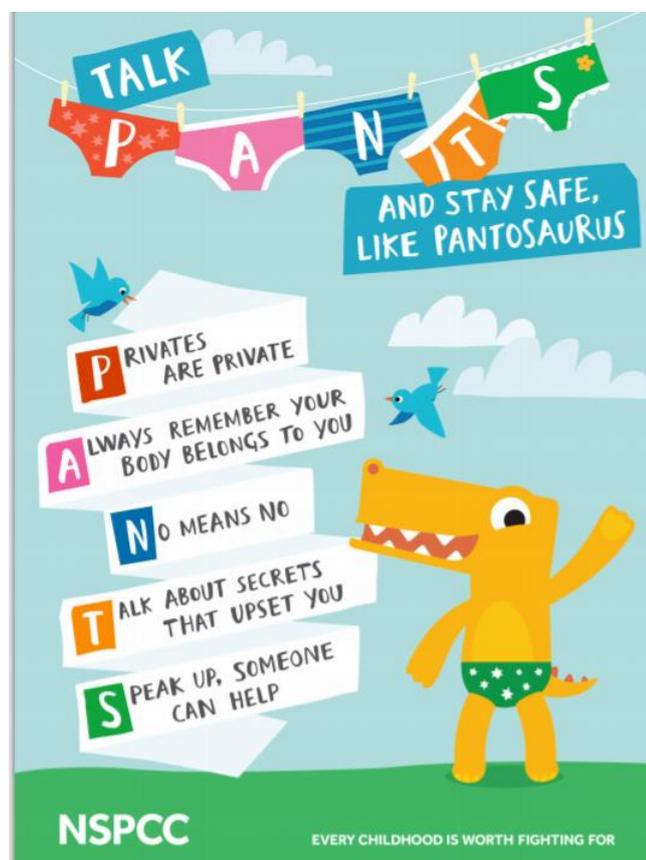
### #Safety Champions!



Class 1 - Alice S; Class 1/2 - Toby R and Class 2 - Emily A.

Class 3 - Freddie H; Class 3/4 - Halle C and Class 4 - Tommy B.

Class 5 - Henry C; Class - 5/6 - Isabel B and Class 6 – Ella B.



### Thank you very much to everyone who has donated

Thank you for all your kind donations of non-perishable food such as: tinned goods, pasta, rice, long life milk, cereal, crisps and biscuits for the Blackburn Hall Food Bank. We have had a fantastic response to this so far and will be dropping off our first load next Wednesday. Thank you for helping out members of our local community during this challenging time. We will continue to collect items outside the school office until Friday 11th December. Thank you!

# Experiencing grief and loss?

We offer free help and  
support, however you need it



0808 196 3833  
(8am-8pm 7 days a week)



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## Grief and Loss Service

The Grief and Loss Service is for anyone who is experiencing loss of any kind, and the grief and emotional distress that loss may cause. It's a service which is available to everyone living in West Yorkshire and Harrogate.

The service is a free telephone counselling support service that operates 8am-8pm, 7 days a week, and includes text and live online chat facilities, as well as translation options. Call the service on 0808 196 3833, or use text or online live chat at [griefandlosswyh.co.uk](http://griefandlosswyh.co.uk).

The support service is staffed by experienced counsellors who offer information, advice and emotional support, as well as signposting into local based services for longer term/specific counselling or other support.

It is that time again! The joys of Christmas are upon us!

We recognise this may well be a rather 'different' Christmas, but in true RPS style, we are thinking about the things we can do to make this time of year special for our children.

We have a few things planned to spread some Christmas joy!

### **Christmas Dinner and Jumper Day**

For children in Reception, Year 1, Year 2 and Class 3, this will be on Tuesday 15th December.

For children in Class 3/4, Class 4, Year 5 and Year 6, this will be on Wednesday 16th December.

Children will be invited to wear a Christmas jumper, t-shirt or dress for their Christmas dinner day.



We are asking for a £1 donation which will help fund gifts for our local care homes and care centres, as well as further enrichment activities for our children in school.

### **Christmas Performances**



Rehearsals for our Christmas performances are underway. They will be available to view on our secure YouTube channel before the end of term. There will be no cost to view this as we thought it would be lovely to share with our families. If you have previously declined permission for children to be on our YouTube channel but you would now like them to take part, please email [admin@rothwell-pri.leeds.sch.uk](mailto:admin@rothwell-pri.leeds.sch.uk) and we can update your permissions. Any children without permission will not be filmed during the Christmas performance.

### **Christmas Wrap**

On Wednesday, your children should have brought home a letter and envelope for the 'Christmas Wrapping Room'. This will be a slimmed down version of the usual event, but will allow children to purchase 2 presents for adults if they wish to do so. If for any reason you have not received this letter and wish to take part, the letter can be found on our school website (Menu – Parents/Carers – Letters). This is optional, for those who wish to access it. As always, thank you to our incredible PTA for making it possible in such a short period of time and thank you to the school staff for their support with this fun event. The deadline for the envelope to be returned to school is Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> December.

PANTO time! Oh yes it is! While our annual pantomime trip may be cancelled (cue boos!), that doesn't mean that our children are going to miss out. With thanks to our amazing PTA, the show will go on! All children in school will be able to watch a virtual pantomime as part of our festive celebrations. If we can't go to the Panto, then the Panto can come to us! Thank you once again to our PTA who have paid for the event.



Have a great weekend.  
Keep smiling!  
Many thanks.

Leila Rothenburg  
Headteacher

## COVID Update

Thank you so much for helping to keep our school community safe by wearing a face covering when entering the school site (and ideally on the narrow pathways outside of school).



COVID information continued:

- PLEASE DO NOT send your child to school if they have any of the three main COVID symptoms.

A high temperature – this means they feel hot to touch on their chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature).

A new continuous cough.

A loss or change to their sense of taste or smell.

- If they have a positive result – please email us immediately with the subject named as POSITIVE TEST and a copy of the confirmation, so we can review any action that may need taking to keep people safe. [admin@rothwell-pri.leeds.sch.uk](mailto:admin@rothwell-pri.leeds.sch.uk)
- If your child has to isolate, they must stay at home. If they have siblings that need dropping off and you have no-one who can support you with this, please contact the school office and we will work with you to find a solution.
- Please email the results, even if it is a household member, before bringing your child back to school.
- If you are outside, within 1 metre of another parent for 1 minute (with or without a mask) you would be classed as a close contact if they were to have the virus. People are contagious from 2 days before they even have any symptoms. This would mean you would have to isolate for 14 days if Test and Trace had to track close contacts. Please try to maintain 2m+.
- If your child shows any of the 3 symptoms, we have to contact you to ask you to isolate as a household and anyone with symptoms must then access a test. This is the same for children across the country. As a parent myself, I understand the difficulties and additional stress this may cause, but we have to do everything we can to keep our school community as safe as possible.
- Please follow the 1 way system at all times please.
- Please try to ensure only 1 family member enters the school site to drop off or collect children, in order to reduce unnecessary risks.