

Newsletter for Primary Schools

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Hello Friends,

Happy New Year and welcome to our January Newsletter ☺

Everything I share in this Newsletter is free, available to all schools and supports a policing purpose as well as being chosen for ease of use and relevance to the curriculum or wider safeguarding issues.

Hold the Ctrl key and then left click to access hyperlinks in this Newsletter.



PANTS – To Protect Children from Abuse

Did you know the familiar (and now PSHE Association Quality Marked) NSPCC Pants Resources have now been developed to include SEN and the higher age group of 9-11 year olds? The resources include lesson plans and activity sheets, slides and posters.

[PANTS guides and resources | NSPCC](#)

[PANTS resources for schools and teachers | NSPCC Learning](#)



New Presentation from West Yorkshire Police

‘The Police’

We have a new presentation suitable for Early Years/ Reception/Year1, which can be delivered free by your PCSO. It can form part of topic work on ‘People Who Help Us’, ‘The Emergency Services’, The Rule of Law or just be a standalone to introduce your PCSO to the class. Not sure who your PCSO is?

Contact Sarah.whitehead@westyorkshire.police.uk and I'll put you in touch.

All our presentations now have PSHE objectives listed on the end slide and come with an activity sheet to use as a follow up or a resource for display.



The Police



PDF Police Station Sign for role play area or display.

Online Grooming Campaign - Posters

Thank-you to everyone who gave feedback on the draft posters which were created to encourage parents to talk to their children about their online activity with the aim of making these conversations as common as when asking about who they are playing outside with.

Press release here – [Parents Urged to 'Start the Conversation' as Part of New Campaign | West Yorkshire Police](#)

Webpage here – [Whether they're going out, or going online – start the conversation | West Yorkshire Police](#)

There are 5 posters in the final set and one double sided leaflet.

These can be ordered **free of charge** and delivered to any school in West Yorkshire. Just let me know how many of which design and an address for delivery.



Posters



Leaflet - front



Leaflet - back

Deadline for poster/leaflet orders – Friday 2nd Feb '24

The Police Race Action Plan:

Police Race Action Plan: Improving Policing for Black People

We have launched our local Police Race Action Plan. The plan sets out changes within policing that will improve outcomes for Black people who work with or interact with the police.

We know there is much work to do to build the trust and confidence of our Black communities, who historically have been over-policed and under-protected.

The plan will help Black people feel represented, not over-policed, involved, and protected by West Yorkshire Police.

We know that parents that are of Black heritage tend to have conversations with their children about the police, from as young as eight years old. As part of this conversation, we want Black children, and their parents to know that we take responsibility for the policies and processes which have disadvantaged Black people in the past, and that we are making changes to create a police service which is anti-racist and trusted by Black people.

We have created a leaflet for parents which will help explain what the plan is and may be used to help facilitate a conversation with their children about the police. If you would like to order any **free printed copies** of the leaflets, please email dei@westyorkshire.police.uk with your requirements and a delivery address.



Parent's double sided leaflet



A4 Poster



Young person's A5 leaflet but may also be of interest to parents



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Policing and Crime Youth Survey 2023/24

We would like to hear the views of your class!

The Mayor for West Yorkshire, Tracy Brabin and her Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime, Alison Lowe are responsible for overseeing policing on behalf of the public in West Yorkshire. In order to do this, they need to hear from all communities, including the experiences of young people across the county.

They would like to invite the children in your class to fill in a short, easy survey to share their views using the link below;

<https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/YOUTHCONSULTATION/>

The feedback they receive helps them to inform the Police and Crime Plan and work with the Chief Constable to ensure that West Yorkshire is a Safe, Just and Inclusive place to live for everyone.

If children would prefer to give us their views on policing, crime and community safety in an alternative way, for example by submitting a multi-media response such as art, creative writing or music, please share them via email: consultation.pc@westyorks-ca.gov.uk

We can't wait to hear from you!

Survey open until January 12th 2024

Vaping

We have had a number of concerns raised in relation to children of all ages, including primary age, vaping in school.

The link below leads to an interactive information page which can help inform children on the risks associated with vaping.

[The Dangers of Vaping \(nih.gov\)](https://www.nih.gov/ov)

It currently *isn't* an offence for a child to vape, only sell a vape to someone under 18 years. The government have recently published results of their [consultation on youth vaping](#), but change will obviously take time.

There is currently no nationally recognised offer of support to help children who are addicted to nicotine in vapes.





PCSO's (Police Community Support Officers) are part of Neighbourhood Policing Teams.

They are highly visible and accessible in their communities. All their public facing duties are carried out in full uniform. They engage with local people and partners to identify and tackle issues that matter to them. They problem solve, take part in preventative work and identify and safeguard the most vulnerable people in communities. They also work with young people in schools 😊

Did you know that in West Yorkshire we have an allocated PCSO for every single primary school?

If you don't know who your PCSO is email Sarah Whitehead, Education Liaison Officer sarah.whitehead@westyorkshire.police.uk;



🎆 Bonfire Night Engagements 🎆

Our officers have delivering presentations on both 'Bonfire Safety' and 'Bonfire and Halloween Anti-Social Behaviour'.

The Bonfire week is the busiest time of the year for us, with one call coming through to our contact centre every 3 seconds of the day and night for one full week.

We want to make sure your children know the law and understand the risks so they can keep safe.

All presentations now include the PSHE objectives which have been covered and include a follow up activity sheet to reinforce learning. Please ask your PCSO.



PCSO's Hooson and Clapperton at Beckfoot Heaton Primary School, Haworth Road, Bradford.



PCSO Allan Holmes and PCSO Sian Riley delivering Bonfire Night Safety talks to Year 2 children at Moortown Primary School, Leeds.

Moortown was just one of a number of schools in the Leeds area which received a visit and safety talk from PCSO's Holmes and Riley.

If you would like to see a photo here of when the police visited your school, just send me a photo and a few lines about the event and it will be included!

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