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Headteacher's news:

It has been a long (but shorter) week in school if that makes any sense!? Probably because we have been very busy trying to fit 5 days of learning into 4 days but also because the staff have been working additional hours in preparation for today. School has been closed for our first 'staff' training day of the academic year - and I have deliberately called it this because almost **all staff** (there are 45 of us - excluding our Pinnacle colleagues) are engaging in some part of the training.

A number of weeks ago I applied for a DfE funded programme to support the school with remote learning (first brought to your attention in Issue 6 of RPP) and today we have been learning how Office 365 Teams will support us if a school closure or a bubble closure occurs again. There will be some further training needed for the children - to take place in school IT lessons - and some guidance sent out to parents / carers too; watch this space. The rest of the training day has focused on safeguarding including: a *child protection refresher* and *online safety training*. It has been a productive day.

Take care and stay safe.

Weekly blog postings:

I have always felt that the weekly updates on the Nursery and Reception website pages have been a strength of the school. Since half term this has become a strength across the rest of the school too. Each week, all teachers now create a blog posting with an overview of the learning that has taken place throughout the week. The link below will take you straight to your child's class page. Please have a look and discuss the class highlights with your child.



Year 1 Pear Tree children
experience the unpleasant smells
from the Crimean War Hospital
before Florence Nightingale's
arrival.

More pictures of Pear Tree and Lime Tree Class can be viewed on the class website pages.

Please click on the link below to find out what your child has been doing in class this week.

Nursery Reception Y1 Pear Y1/2 Lime Y2 Cherry

<u>Y3 Willow</u> <u>Y3/4 Cedar</u> <u>Y4 Beech</u>

Y5 Oak Y5/6 Ash Y6 Maple

In Assembly we have had a focus on anti-bullying in line with Anti-Bullying Week 2020.

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LSAC need you! Leeds Sailing Activity Centre based at Yeadon Tarn are under threat of permanent closure by

Leeds City Council. Visit the news section of the website for further information and to see how you can help.



Whole school COVID-19 Risk Assessment: Leeds City Council have updated the RA for schools. Having consulted with staff and with our Chair of Governors, the latest version is now uploaded to the COVID-19 section of the website.

I strongly encourage parents to wear facemasks on the school grounds where social distancing can not be maintained. There are some 'pinch points' on our one-way system so please be mindful of each other and give each other space; this is especially pertinent at the end of the school day.

Free dictionaries for Y4: This week we gave out free dictionaries donated by the

Aireborough Rotary Club. Thank you!

Y4 Beech holding their new gifts aloft.



Photographs: For the children who were not in school on Thurs 5 November, the photographer will be returning next week - on Wed 25 November - to complete individual photographs for the school.