

# Towngate Primary Academy

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Dear Parents and Carers,

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## ACADEMY NEWSLETTER

It has been a fantastic week back following half term, with lots of wonderful learning happening both in and out of school. Our Twitter feed is growing with lots of fantastic photographs and examples of work – well done everyone for a super start to the half term!

### Return to school:

Following Monday's Government announcement, we are pleased that school will reopen to **all pupils** from Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March, 2021. As we open our doors to all pupils once again, we will work hard to ensure a smooth transition for all children back to in-school learning after what has been a significant period of time out of school. In order to maintain the safety of all, we will return to the procedures in place when school was previously open. Please see below for a reminder of our staggered start and end times of the school day and designated entrances. We ask you adhere to these timings to ensure the school can operate in a safe and calm manner.

**Please note:** If you have children in different classes, please opt for arriving and collecting at the **latest** time at collection and pickup, this will alleviate parents having to wait for extended periods of time on the school grounds.

Class	Start time	Finish time	Site Entrance / Exit
Nursery	<b>Morning Session:</b> Doors open at 8.35am; Nursery will start at 8.40am; Doors close at 8.45am. <b>Afternoon Session:</b> 12.30 – 3.30pm.	Pupils are to be collected from their classroom at 11.50am  Afternoon finish: 3.30pm	Whitley Spring Road
Reception	Doors open at 8.50am. Reception will start at 8.55am. Doors close at 9.00am.	Pupils are to be collected from their classroom at 3.20pm.	Whitley Spring Road
Year 1	Doors open at 8.40am. Year 1 will start at 8.45am. Doors close at 8.50am.	Pupils are to be collected from their classroom at 3.10pm.	Whitley Spring Road
Year 2	Doors open at 8.50am. Year 2 will start at 8.55am. Doors close at 9.00am.	Pupils are to be collected from their classroom at 3.20pm.	Whitley Spring Road
Year 3	Doors open at 8.40am. Year 3 will start at 8.45am. Doors close at 8.50am.	Pupils are to be collected from their classroom at 3.10pm.	Whitley Spring Road
Year 3/4	Doors open at 8.50am. Year 3/4 will start at 8.55am. Doors close at 9.00am.	Pupils are to be collected from their classroom at 3.20pm.	Whitley Spring Road
Year 4	Doors open at 8.50am. Year 4 will start at 8.55am. Doors close at 9.00am.	Pupils are to be collected from their classroom at 3.20pm.	Tumbling Close
Year 5	Doors open at 8.40am. Year 5 will start at 8.45am. Doors close at 8.50am.	Pupils are to be collected from their classroom at 3.10pm.	Tumbling Close
Year 5/6	Doors open at 8.50am. Year 5/6 will start at 8.55am. Doors close at 9.00am.	Pupils are to be collected from their classroom at 3.20pm.	Tumbling Close
Year 6	Doors open at 8.40am. Year 6 will start at 8.45am. Doors close at 8.50am.	Pupils are to be collected from their classroom at 3.10pm.	Tumbling Close



We will continue to ask that parents/carers entering the site continue to wear a face covering and commit to entering and leaving site promptly at drop off and collection. Children will work in their classrooms and will be grouped in bubbles to allow for us to safely manage movement in the school. Next week, remote learning will be operating as normal prior to whole school reopening on the 8<sup>th</sup> March.

We are excited to see all children back in school and ready to work together to continue our fantastic learning!

### Amended timings for remote learning

As with last week's arrangements, there will be an extended register on Monday for all children working remotely as per the timings attached.

From Tuesday – Friday, the times for live registration will remain the same as they have done throughout lockdown. Again, this is so children can have longer with their peers before beginning their learning – playing games, catching up and participating in different activities. There will be **no obligation** for the children to stay on the live registration for the full half an hour session as we appreciate how busy working from home can be for parents/carers as well as the children. **We ask that all children attend their class register which will take place at the beginning of the live registration session.**

Class	Registration		Learning Clinic
Year 6	Mon: 9.00 – 9.30	Tues – Fri: 9.00 – 9.10	13.15 – 13.30
Year 5/6	Mon: 10.30 – 11.00	Tues – Fri: 9.15 – 9.25	13.35 – 13.50
Year 5	Mon: 10.00 – 10.30	Tues – Fri: 9.30 – 9.40	13.55 – 14.10
Year 4	Mon: 10.00 – 10.30	Tues – Fri: 9.45 – 9.55	14.15 – 14.30
Year 3/4	Mon: 9.30 – 10.00	Tues – Fri: 10.00 – 10.10	14.35 – 14.50
Year 3	Mon: 9.00 – 9.30	Tues – Fri: 10.15 – 10.25	14.55 – 15.10
Year 2	Mon: 9.30 – 10.00	Tues – Fri: 10.30 – 10.40	15.15 – 15.30
Year 1	Mon: 10.00 – 10.30	Tues – Fri: 10.45 – 10.55	15.35 – 15.50
F2 Reception	Mon – Fri: 11.00 – 11.10		15.55 – 16.10
F1 Nursery	Mon – Fri: 11.15 – 11.25		16.15 – 16.30

### World Book Day:

Ready Steady... Read! - Some information has been sent out this week in regards to our virtual Ready Steady Read sponsored event: this is a further opportunity to raise the profile of reading and support children in developing a love of a variety of literature. We look forward to seeing what fantastic reading the children are doing over our week-long celebration for World Book Day.

Potato Challenge - For World Book Day (4<sup>th</sup> March) we are going to hold costume competition... with a twist! We will be holding our first 'best dressed potato challenge' – can you dress a potato up as your favourite book character? Send your potato pics in via Seesaw and we will share some in our weekly assembly and via Twitter.

Towngate Book Walk - Children will be encouraged to recreate their favourite book cover and display that in their front window at home (a little like the trail of wonderful rainbows people displayed in support of the NHS). This way, when people make their way outdoors for their daily exercise will be able to 'spot the story' – we wonder how many you will find on your own travels! Don't forget to send us pictures of your wonderful book cover displays for us to tweet and share – there will be prizes for the best ones!

Children both in and out of school are invited to participate in the World Book Day tradition of dressing up! We look forward to seeing some wonderful costume ideas for children working remotely and in school.

### Upcoming events

Event	Date	Class
All children return to school	Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> March, 2021	<b>All children return to school.</b>
International Women's Day	Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> March, 2021	All classes will learn about International Women's Day and some key figures of study as part of our PSHE learning this week.
Red Nose Day	Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> March, 2021	All classes are welcome to come into school wearing non-uniform for a donation to Comic Relief. This year, the theme is 'the power of humour' so we will be holding inter class competitions for the best jokes and ways to make other's laugh!
Break up for Easter Holidays	Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> March, 2021	
INSET Day	Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> April, 2021	<b>School is closed to all pupils</b>
Children return to school	Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> April, 2021	<b>All children return to school.</b>
Shelly's Hibernation Day	Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> April, 2021	Children are invited to come into school in their pyjamas for a hibernation day for a small donation. During this day we will complete lots of lovely activities and any donations will go towards our Towngate tortoise, Shelly!



### Kick Start Vacancies

The Inspire Partnership Multi Academy Trust has secured funding from the Government 'Kick Start' scheme and are now looking to recruit a number of positions within our academies across Wakefield. Please see the link for the vacancies within the Multi-Academy Trust: [Inspire Partnership Multi-Academy Trust | Career Opportunities \(ipmat.co.uk\)](https://www.ipmat.co.uk)

### Breakfast Club

We will be aiming to open our Breakfast Club as of March 8th dependent on pupil uptake for this provision. Miss Moore will send an expression of interest form out and further information of how to secure your booking will be provided in due course. We will be asking that parents/carers commit to paying for each session they have booked before each session to ensure that we can run this provision with adequate levels of staff and are not in a position where places are booked and not taken up. Thank you for your understanding.

### Celebration Assembly

Celebration assembly has again been pre-recorded and saved onto both Teams and SeeSaw for the children to watch at home. Thank you to the parents/carers who have shared a 'Special Mention' for their children; for a special mention for next week, please complete the Microsoft Forms which was previously sent out by Miss Moore in the school office. We will be downloading the entries on Wednesday ready for the pre-recording on Thursday.

Next week will be our final Celebration Assembly being uploaded, as when all children return to school we will continue to do our live virtual assembly for all classes in school to participate in.

### Stars of the Week

Class	Name
F1 - Nursery	Jackson T
F2 - Reception	Oliver H
Year 1	Nathan G
Year 2	Maisie A
Year 3	Flynn H
Year 3/4	Ben M
Year 4	Molly T
Year 5	Oktawian G
Year 5/6	Jayden J
Year 6	Archie D

We hope you have a wonderful weekend and thank you for your ongoing support.

Miss L Eke

Acting Headteacher  
Towngate Primary Academy

