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Dear Parents and Carers,

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ACADEMY NEWSLETTER

On behalf of all staff in school we would like to say a huge, 'Welcome Back' to our pupils and families. Having the children return to school this week and hearing the laughter and learning from each busy classroom this week has been joyous.

We are thrilled to have our wonderful school back together again!

Parents' Evening

We will be holding parents' consultation evenings on Monday 22nd March and Wednesday 24th March, 2021. These will be held via Microsoft Teams, using the email addresses each pupil used during remote learning. Each time slot will be for 10 minutes. To book your appointment you will receive a Microsoft Forms where you will be asked to choose your preferred date and time. As always, staff will endeavour to arrange appointments to suit everybody and will operate these on a 'first come first served basis' We appreciate your understanding and look forward to meeting with you then.

World Book Day Potato Competition:

Miss Marston has had a very tricky job of choosing her winning costume with a twist potato competition for World Book Day! The winning entries are...



Finley (F2)
Mr and Mrs Potato Head



Scarlet (F1)
The Three Little Pigs



Ethan (Y3)
Where's Wally?



Ruby (Y6)
The Wicked Witch

Well done everybody for taking part!

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/inspire-partnership-multi-academy-trust-career-opportunities)

Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club started this week and some lovely activities have been planned by our Breakfast Club staff, Mrs Johnson and Miss Snowden. Due to parents' working patterns, we will now offer the club from 7.30am. Thank you to the parents / carers who have booked their children in and paid for sessions in advance to ensure we can sustain this provision. Please contact the school office to book your child's place on 01924 302865.

Extra-Curricular Clubs

Thank you for your prompt responses, we will inform you next week of the allocation of classes to the relevant club.



Early Years Foundation Stage

We are very proud of all the children in EYFS this week. It was lovely to see all the children return to school and settle so quickly back into school life.

Nursery have been learning about 2D shapes this week. We have been recognising shapes in our environment, learning their names and thinking about how we can describe them. We have also enjoyed watching our beans grow and change from our science work last week. Our story this week has been The Very Hungry Caterpillar and we have been thinking about rhyming words in our phonics lessons.

F2 have been revisiting our topic of space through our picture news and our role play area. We have also been thinking about what we would like to be when we grow up following our discussions about International Women's Day. F2 have enjoyed using our outdoor area and exploring some of the new resources we have purchased. We have been acting out the story of Jack and the Beanstalk and we have planted a bean so we can watch it grow. F2 have also been practising our adding skills in our number work. Well done everyone.

Mrs Kimbley, Miss Riley, Mrs Middleton, Mrs Gordon, Miss Pamment

Year 1

This week we have been learning about capacity in maths. We have been predicting and comparing how many cups of water would fill different containers.

In English we have learnt so many facts about elephants. Did you know a group of elephants is called a parade.

We loved our science this week exploring our sense of smell with smelly pots.

Mostly we are glad to be back together again. Well done everyone.

Miss Haigh & Mrs Hanley

Year 2

In Year 2 we have enjoyed getting back into the routine and structure. It was amazing to see all our friends again and not just on Teams. We have all worked so hard this week learning about statistics in maths, counting tallies in 2's, 5's and 10's.

In English we wrote a non-chronological report about elephants using a title, introduction and subheadings. We found out that an elephant will suck its trunk if it feels nervous. Well done everyone.

Miss Lockett & Mrs Thackrah

Year 3

We have had a fabulous first week back at school, especially being reunited with our friends. In Maths, we have been recapping our addition and subtraction skills whilst in English we have been revisiting conjunctions. We have been learning some fascinating facts about earthquakes in Geography and we had a great work out in our virtual dance lesson with Miss Abbie from Liquidance. This week we celebrated International Women's Day and we found out all about Marie Curie and Kamala Harris who are both very influential women. Well done Year 3 for a fantastic first week back - we are very proud of you!

Mrs Schofield & Miss Kilbride

Year 3 / 4

We have had a wonderful first week back, it has been fabulous seeing everyone and we are so proud of all of the children! They have all come into school with such a positive attitude and their work has been amazing. In English, we have looked at using conjunctions and we wrote some brilliant sentences about Pompeii. In maths, we have been focusing on our number fluency and revisiting key skills. Year three have been subtracting three-digit numbers and year four have been subtracting four-digit numbers. In geography, we learned about earthquakes, how they are measured and some fascinating facts. In PSHE, we learned about teamwork and we created brilliant structures made out of spaghetti and marshmallows! It was a lot of fun! Throughout the week, we have been celebrating International Women's Day and we learned about lots of influential ladies such as Kamala Harris, Florence Nightingale and Marie Curie.

Miss Marston & Mrs Bailey

Year 4

This week year 4 have been learning about Earthquakes in Geography. This follows our prior learning about volcanoes and the children have worked very hard to understand how the tectonic plates are involved in the making of volcanoes and earthquakes. We have also begun looking at measuring the damage an earthquake can cause by using the Mercalli scale to become investigative Geographers. In our Maths this week we have begun learning about fractions. We now know the difference between unit fractions and non-unit fractions which has helped us with our new learning which centres around tenths. Year 4 have worked incredibly hard this week and have given 100% effort in all their learning. They are all superstars!

Mr Hellam & Mrs Broadbent



Year 5

This week in year 5, we have enjoyed seeing our friends and returning to school. We have settled into our learning by looking at fractions in maths. We have focused on understanding what a fraction is and began to find equivalent fractions. In English, we have continued to study the book 'Where Once We Stood' which details the infamous moon landings. We have looked at how we might write our own non-chronological report and identified the relevant features we need to include. Our art lesson has also been inspired by the book as we have used watercolour paints to create an image in the style of Martin Impey. In science, we have continued our work on Earth and beyond by learning what influences how long a day is on each planet and how we can use the sun to help us understand the passage of time. We have had a great week playing with our friends and have really enjoyed seeing everyone back in school!

Mr Adlington & Miss Barnes

Year 5 / 6

This week in Class 5/6 it has been absolutely wonderful to see the children return to school in such high spirits. We began our week by focussing on International Women's Day - we explored stereotypes in the media and how we can challenge these. In guided reading, we have recapped our reading skills and enjoyed exploring our new library space! We are looking forward to furthering our learning next week. Well done everyone!

Miss Atkinson & Mrs Drury

Year 6

Year 6 have had a great first week all back together; we have loved seeing our friends again. I am really impressed with how well everyone has settled back into the routine and how hard everyone has worked this week! We have enjoyed continuing our space topic this week and looking at how we can tell the time using the sun, we had a great PE lesson this week working together in a team and having a relay race. We have spent time looking at the value Trust this week, we read a story about what can happen when you give someone a chance and put your trust them and had some great discussion around who we might trust and why. Year 6 produced some lovely poems about what trust means to them. Well done Year 6!

Mrs Wolstenholme & Mrs Johnson

Stars of the Week

Well done to our fantastic stars of the week who have been celebrated during our Celebration Assembly in school.

Class	Name
F1 - Nursery	Ivy & Freddie
F2 - Reception	Kody & Mia
Year 1	Lucas & Harrison
Year 2	Ethan S & Umaimah
Year 3	Cora-Bethan & William J
Year 3/4	Georgia R & Aaliyah
Year 4	Aeryn & Cameron
Year 5	Ben & Eliza
Year 5/6	Harvey & Olivia W
Year 6	Ryan & Violet



Future Events

Event	Date	Class
Red Nose Day	Friday 19 th March, 2021	All classes are welcome to come into school wearing non-uni-form 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 th March, 2021	
INSET Day	Monday 12 th April, 2021	School is closed to all pupils
Children return to school	Tuesday 13 th April, 2021	All children return to school.
Shelly's Hibernation Day	Friday 30 th 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!

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

Miss L Eke

Acting Headteacher
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