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Dear Parents and Carers,

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ACADEMY NEWSLETTER

We hope you all had a fantastic half term holiday and enjoyed spending lots of time in the sunshine! This week has been fantastic back into school where the children have – once again – continued their hard work. We look forward to continuing working together for the rest of this half term.

Sun Safety

Please can we ask that parents/carers ensure their children are wearing sun cream prior to arriving in school and have a water bottle with them each day. Although we have limited equipment / items being brought into the academy this year, we would encourage children to wear hats now the hot weather is upon us.

Luggage for Life

This week Year 6 have commenced the "Luggage for Life" programme. This will help them to develop risk and resilience tools. This programme focuses on building skills surrounding emotional health and wellbeing. It provides transition support for children finishing primary school and entering high school. The course aims to connect children, young people and families to activities in their community.

Free School Meals

Should any parents/carers working or financial circumstances have changed, your child may be eligible for free school meals. Please complete the free school meals form sent out previously from the office and return to school for this to be submitted. Thank you.



PTA News

Thank you to our PTA who have funded our new stage on the playground. So far, the children have been relishing the sunshine and have enjoyed playing and performing on our new stage. We're certain you will agree this is a fantastic asset to our school playground.

Reception and Nursery Places

We still have Early Years places available for families looking for a school place for a September start, please spread the word with friends and family members who are looking for a school place.



Reception New Starter Parent Meetings

Parents new to Reception in September 2021 will be invited to a socially distanced new parents meeting. There are three dates allocated to welcome parents into the school hall. We ask that parents wishing to attend contact the school office 01924 302865 to book onto one of the following sessions: Tuesday 6th July, Wednesday 7th July and Thursday 8th July.

Covid Cases, Wakefield

Due to a continued raise in positive COVID19 cases in the area, if your child has a temperature, new persistent cough or sore throat, we ask that you follow Government guidance by isolating and arranging a PCR Covid test. This will help us to maintain the safety of other pupils, families and staff.



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	Bradley W & Henry P
F2 - Reception	Joshua R & Elwood L
Year 1	Ruby J & Darcey L
Year 2	Adam R & Isabelle A
Year 3	Ethan V & Krystal B
Year 3/4	Billie L & Eva H
Year 4	Oliver C & Matthew C
Year 5	Jessica H & Emmie W
Year 5/6	Jayden J & Freya S
Year 6	Phoebe P & Aiden K

Dates for your Diary

Confirmed term dates for summer term will be sent out next week.

We hope you have a wonderful weekend and look forward to another week spent learning alongside each and every one of our pupils.

Mrs A Berry and Miss L Eke

Headteacher & Deputy Headteacher
Towngate Primary Academy



What's been going on in school this week?

Early Years – Foundation 1 (Nursery)

F1 have had a fantastic first week back and everyone has come in every day ready to learn. We have started our new topic, 'The Seaside'. We have been thinking all about journeys to the seaside, things we would see and we have specifically focused on lighthouses, as we are reading 'The Lighthouse Keeper'. I would love to say a huge thank you to all the children in F1 for making my first week back so wonderful.

Mrs Davies, Mrs Gordon, Miss Pamment

Early Years – Foundation 2 (Reception)

F2 have had a super start to their new term this week. We have been focusing on the theme of journeys and we have enjoyed reading our class story *The Train ride*, by June Crebbin. This week we have been thinking about the differences between the town and the countryside. We have also enjoyed learning about sculpture and Barbara Hepworth. We have looked carefully at some of her work, and we have drawn pictures and used construction bricks to make our own sculptures. F2 have also been thinking about 2D and 3D shapes. We have been practicing using the vocabulary to help us describe a shape for our friends to guess.

Mrs Kimbley, Mrs Allen & Mrs Middleton

Key Stage 1 – Year 1

It has been lovely to be back together after our break and the children were all refreshed to start their last term in Year 1. This week we have started a new story called *Dougal's Deep-Sea Diary* the children have written a descriptive piece of writing using adjectives and new sentence starters. In maths we have been partitioning numbers up to 100 and some children did beyond 100! In Science we have been learning about a plant's life cycle and the long word 'Germination'. I have seen lots of wonderful photos of your sunflowers on Seesaw and can't believe how big they have become. Enjoy your weekend.

Miss Haigh & Miss Hanley

Key Stage 1 – Year 2

This week in year 2 the children have been working so hard in all their lessons. We have thoroughly enjoyed pond-dipping, clearing the pond weed and finding pond creatures like newts and tadpoles. We all had a turn and had to think about how to keep ourselves safe near the water's edge. In Maths we have been measuring in grams and making buns to help us learn through real life Maths. We have also been using a thermometer to measure the temperature outside and in the classroom, practising reading the scales. In English we have been revisiting writing expanded noun phrases and have been describing what we can see under the ocean. On Friday we always celebrate each other's achievements by reading our notes from the class positive recognition jar and we are so pleased lots of children have been recognized this week for all their hard work and good manners. Mrs Thackrah and I have been really pleased with how, over the last few weeks the children are learning to make new friends in the class and showing lots of caring for each other. Have a lovely weekend Year 2 and remember to stay safe in the sun.

Miss Lockett & Mrs Thackrah

Lower Key Stage 2 – Year 3

We've had a super busy first week back in year 3. In English we have been finding the features of a character description ready for our writing next week and in Maths we have been comparing and ordering fractions. In History, we were introduced to *The Romans*, which is our new topic and in Science we checked on the progress of our eggs that have been sitting in orange juice and coca cola for 3 weeks to show us what could happen if we don't brush our teeth - it was not pleasant! Today, we had a real live author 'Dapo Adeola' beamed into our classroom to tell us all about his book 'Hey You!' - he was inspiring! Well done for a great week year 3!

Mrs Schofield & Mrs Broadbent



Lower Key Stage 2 – Year 3 / 4

It has been wonderful to see everyone back and refreshed after the holidays. It has been a super week in Year 3/4 and the children have worked really hard – we are so proud of you all! Our fabulous, new topic is The Romans and we can't wait to find out more about them! In English, we have been writing a Roman character description and the children have been using descriptive language. In maths, Year 3 have been converting mm to cm and Year 4 have been looking at decimals. We had a super P.E session where we played catching games in preparation for rounders next week. In art, we started looking at Roman mosaics in preparation for designing and creating our own mosaics. A fantastic first week back – well done everyone!

Miss Marston & Mrs Bailey

Lower Key Stage 2 – Year 4

In year 4 this week the children have enjoyed an exciting return to school. This week we have begun to learn about our new History topic of The Romans and we have begun our learning by looking at the different tribes that occupied England before the Romans invaded. In our art sessions we have begun to learn about mosaics which ties nicely into our new Romans focus. The children used different pictures of mosaics and annotated them whilst thinking about the different artistic features of the mosaics. such as colour and shape. We are hoping to build up our knowledge and eventually create some of our own mosaic artwork using clay. Furthermore, in music this week the children have begun a unit of work all about the African drums. We have revised some rhythms we already know and we have even written down some tricky rhythms in proper musical notation by listening closely. The children have worked very hard and we are looking forward to some more fun activities in the coming weeks.

Mr Hellam

Upper Key Stage 2 – Year 5

This week, in year 5, we have all enjoyed being back in school and have worked very hard! In maths, we have begun to look at representing fractions as decimals beginning with tenths and moving on to hundredths and thousandths. We have had lots of practise converting fractions to decimals and have used reasoning and problem-solving skills to explain our thought processes. In English, we have started our new book which is called 'Everest: The Remarkable Story of Edmund Hillary and Tenzing Norgay' and details the epic expedition they undertook to climb the world's tallest mountain! We have identified what makes a good setting description in a first-person narrative and have planned our own writing, ready to draft write. In science, we have looked at forces – friction in particular – and measured the force it takes to move an object on different surfaces (in Newtons). This has developed our ability to work scientifically and record our results accurately. In PE, we have started striking and fielding games by observing the rules of rounders and begun to develop our ability to hit the ball into spaces in order to avoid fielders. We have all had a great week and have loved seeing our friends again – we are looking forward to next week already!

Mr Adlington & Miss Barnes

Upper Key Stage 2 – Year 5 / 6

This week in class 5/6 the children have been exploring area and perimeter in maths and the relationship between the two. The children have worked hard to develop their mathematical vocabulary and calculation in this area. In science, we carried out an investigation into friction using Newton meters to measure friction caused by different materials. As part of our new geography topic, we studied maps of Ossett, both past and present, using 6-figure grid references to locate different places of interest.

Mrs Bateman (Nee Atkinson!) & Mrs Drury

Upper Key Stage 2 – Year 6

In Year 6 we have been very busy in our first week back, we have started a fantastic workshop 'Luggage for Life' with a visitor and looking at our self-esteem and have been really excited to start our scrapbook ready to complete over the next 7 weeks before we finish school. We have started our new PE topic – rounders; we practised how to bowl correctly and enjoyed having a go at a game! In our new topic in Geography we have been looking at maps and have used 6 figure grid references to locate different features. We were even able to compare to old maps and see what has changed in our local area. Our library slot was this week and we have loved spending time in there and reading some fantastic new books.

Mrs Wolstenholme & Mrs Johnson





14th-20th June

Should sports stars be expected to give interviews?

