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Dear Parents and Carers,

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ACADEMY NEWSLETTER

Safeguarding Update

The Safeguarding Advisor for Education has asked that schools notify parents/carers of some phone calls that have been made to parents from an unknown male claiming to be from their child's school. Police are aware of this however it is important that we remind parents/carers that should school call and you are in any doubt of how genuine this call is, please hang up the phone and call school directly.

Non-Uniform Day: Bring a bottle/sweets

Pupils are welcome to attend school on Thursday 22nd July 2021 wearing non-uniform; we ask that Key Stage 1 pupils 'bring a bottle' and Key Stage 2 pupils bring packets of sweets to donate to the PTA Summer Fayre. Thank you.

PTA Summer Fayre

Our PTA are working with school to provide an alternate to our annual Summer Fayre. Whilst we are unable to host the Summer Fayre to parents and carers, we will be operating outdoors and children will be welcomed to visit their fayre in their allocated bubbles. We ask that any spending money given to pupils is kept safe in an envelope. Thank you.

School Photos

We have had our school photographs taken – individual and class photos – last week. These will be coming home with your child tonight to view and purchase if you wish.

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.

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.



Dates for your Diary

Confirmed term dates for summer term were sent out to parents/carers last week. Whilst we appreciate it is very sad that we are unable to welcome parents onto site for some of our summer events, we hope you understand that this is a decision taken in line with that of the Multi Academy Trust in order to keep all staff, pupils, parents/carers and wider families safe. Thank you for your understanding.

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	Lucia R & Emma M
F2 - Reception	McKenzie F & Kody L
Year 1	Thea L & Macy D-H
Year 2	Archie A & Seb R
Year 3	William J & Neve G
Year 3/4	Alfie A & Owen W
Year 4	Ave G & William B
Year 5	Amelia H & Finley C
Year 5/6	Kacey L & Finlay O'D
Year 6	Ryan M & Phoebe G

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)

Mr Grinling wrote the Nursery children a letter this week asking us to make him some delicious jam sandwiches for his lunch. We used our spreading and cutting skills to make them and we even made some for ourselves so we could enjoy a wonderful picnic together. Also, we have been investigating which objects float and sink in our water tray. Thank you and well done to all our Nursery children this week.

Mrs Davies, Mrs Gordon, Miss Pamment

Early Years – Foundation 2 (Reception)

This week F2 have been thinking about the seaside. We have been talking about our own experiences and thinking about how the seaside is different from Ossett. We have been reading "The Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch" and we have all been trying very hard with our writing. We have also enjoyed using money this week and practising using it in our role play area. We have all enjoyed our gymnastics lesson this week and we have been using the Ipads to create our own pictures.

Mrs Kimbley, Mrs Allen & Mrs Middleton

Key Stage 1 – Year 1

What a wonderful week we have had! The children have worked extremely hard this week with their facts about sharks, they have retained so many interesting facts. In PE the children have been developing their jumping and balancing skill, they are getting very confident at using the apparatus. In RE we have been thinking about how we are all unique but also the same and in geography the children have been looking at human and physical features of the seaside, they were amazing at this!

Have a lovely weekend!

Miss Haigh & Miss Hanley

Key Stage 1 – Year 2

In year 2 this week we have been learning about volume and capacity in maths, we have been measuring in ml and litres and comparing the volume of containers. We have had great fun with this and enjoyed using the water play outside to learn about our maths. In geography we have been finding out about the features of the seaside and thinking about what we could hear, see, taste and feel if we had a day out there. In RE we have been learning about religions showing care and empathy for different groups of people, we know it is important to have a caring world and we can all be part of that. In music we listened to Mozart and some Beat Box music listening for the pitch and tempo in each piece of music. Have a great weekend.

Miss Lockett & Mrs Thackrah

Lower Key Stage 2 – Year 3

We've had another fabulous week in year 3. In English, we have been writing a character description about Dido who is the main character in our new book 'Race to the Death' and in Maths we have been learning how to add and subtract fractions. In RE, we learned about the Jewish festival of Passover and how this links to the story of Moses. In PE, we practised our throwing and catching to be successful in rounders and we had a fabulous trip to the school pond where we caught tadpoles and a newt! In ICT, we have been planning our opinion poll question about how to improve something within our school. What a busy week we've had - Well done Year 3!

Mrs Schofield & Mrs Broadbent



Lower Key Stage 2 – Year 3 / 4

This week in year 3/4 has been fantastic! We have all been working on new skills in Maths. Year 4 have been learning to use decimals and divide 1-digit numbers by 10 and year 3 have been learning to compare and measure lengths. We have all overcome some challenging problem solving questions this week! In English we have been writing a character description of Dido, who is the main character in our class book. We had lots of fun thinking about the different clothes Roman people wore and describing Dido's toga. In history this week we were introduced to our new topic – the Romans! We investigated different types of sources and discussed the reliability of them. In RE we learnt all about Passover, we spent time learning about the seder plate and the different foods Jewish people eat over Passover. We also had the chance to look at a Kippah! Well done everyone in year 3/4 for a fantastic week!

Miss Marston & Mrs Bailey

Lower Key Stage 2 – Year 4

This week in Year 4 we have been working hard in all of our subjects. In music the children have been creating their own ostinato's and sharing these with each other to perform. In our history lesson we have created a timeline which shows all of the periods of time we have studied such as the Stone age, Egyptians and Romans, then we have compared the different time periods based on what we can see. In PE this week we have been playing rounders and in particular practising our batting stance and hitting skills, the children are really enjoying PE in the sunshine and are playing well as a team. Finally, we have begun our new maths topic of shape and are currently identifying the three main types of angles and thinking about rotations.

Mr Hellam

Upper Key Stage 2 – Year 5

This week, in year 5, we have worked hard to consolidate our learning of mental arithmetic strategies in maths. We have also looked at rounding decimals to the nearest hundredth and tenth. We have consolidated our knowledge of fractions and percentages and have worked on developing reasoning and problem solving skills. In English, we have completed writing our setting description and have read the next part of our exciting book 'Everest – The Remarkable Story of Edmund Hillary and Tenzing Norway'. In science, we have looked at forces, in particular – friction, and how we can measure forces using Newtons. In geography, we have used our field skills and six figure grid references to locate different landmarks on an ordinance survey map.

Mr Adlington & Miss Barnes

Upper Key Stage 2 – Year 5 / 6

This week in year 5/6 we have been busy in Geography carrying out fieldwork around the school environment and presented our findings in the form of a sketch map. We are excited to continue our geographical research and present our findings over the course of this half term. In science, we have been planning an investigation into air resistance and have worked hard to evaluate our scientific skills. We have worked incredibly hard to develop our problem solving skills during mathematics this week. Well done everyone!

Mrs Bateman (Nee Atkinson!) & Mrs Drury

Upper Key Stage 2 – Year 6

This week Year 6 have been really busy with visitors, we had a visit from a police officer who gave us a really interesting and informative talk around drug awareness, children going to Ossett Academy also had a visit from their future teachers to find out all about Ossett Academy. Both visitors commented on how amazing and polite the children were, well done year 6! We had a great geography lesson this week completing our fieldwork. We explored our playground and school looking at how well Towngate Primary Academy looks after the environment and completed sketch maps to show the different areas.

Mrs Wolstenholme & Mrs Johnson



