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Dear Parents and Carers,

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ACADEMY NEWSLETTER

Now we have reached the end of another half term here at Towngate Primary, we feel it's important to celebrate the hard work of the children after their first full half term without a bubble closure of national lockdown. Well done everyone for your resilience and commitment to your learning. We hope you enjoy a well-earned holiday with your families.

Mrs Bateman to be!

We are so excited to congratulate Miss Atkinson and her husband-to-be who (after rearranging their wedding twice previously) are due to become Mr and Mrs Bateman on 26th May, 2021. The children and staff team put together a special video message for Miss Atkinson and her day was full of lovely surprises. Miss Atkinson, you deserve every happiness and we wish you lots of luck as you officially become Mrs Bateman! We hope you have a wonderful day celebrating!

After School Club:

Thank you for booking your child's place with Miss Moore for the club after the holidays. Please note that once you have booked your place this must be paid for even if your child does not attend. Could you please ensure payments are made at least 2 weeks in advance, if you would like to use childcare vouchers, please contact Miss Moore in the School Office, we are registered with a number of providers already. Please be aware that the 5% block booking discount only applies to After School Club and **not** Breakfast Club.

Free School Meals

Can we request that all parents/carers complete the Free School Meals form sent via email; even if you are unsure or feel as if your circumstances do not meet the criteria, it is better to complete and submit the form as this will benefit for your child in school. Thank you.

Early Years Open Days

We were delighted to open our doors for our – socially distant – Early Years open evenings this week. This was a lovely way to welcome new parents through our doors and show what our school and curriculum has to offer here at Towngate. We will be planning further open days for parents/carers to enjoy and would appreciate parents spreading the word and celebrating our school.



Welcome back

We are pleased to welcome Mrs Johnson and Mrs Davies back to school following their maternity leave. Mrs Johnson will recommence her role as Learning Mentor in school and Mrs Davies will be joining our Early Years team as Nursery Teacher.

Covid Cases, Wakefield

Due to the rise of positive Covid 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.

Return to school

Just a reminder that school reopens to all pupils on **Monday 7th June, 2021**. We look forward to seeing you all then.



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	
F2 - Reception	Jacob C & Oscar N
Year 1	Lexie C & Ava S
Year 2	Maisie A & Alesha M
Year 3	Amelia G & Ethan V
Year 3/4	Layson S & Maya G
Year 4	Georgia H & Ava G
Year 5	Tom H & Scarlet B
Year 5/6	Ellis D & Keiran M
Year 6	Lucie N & Aston E-F

Event	Date	Class
Spring Bank Holiday	Friday 21 st May, 2021	All classes
School reopens	Monday 7 th June, 2021	School opens to all pupils

Dates for your Diary

Well done everybody for another lovely week; we hope you have a fantastic weekend.

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 Stage F1 (Nursery) and F2 (Reception)

I cannot believe that we are at the end of our half term. It has been a very busy term and all the children in Early Years have worked hard and they have enjoyed learning about dinosaurs and finding out about things from the past.

F1 have continued to practice their phonics skill this week, using their Fred talk to hear and say the sounds in words. They have been singing during their music lessons and keeping the beat using the beat sticks. F1 have also continued to practice their counting skills in our number work. F2 have been using their imagination in their writing this week to create their own dinosaur story. We have also been solving different Maths problems focusing on doubling, finding half and sharing. F2 worked well in their dance lesson this week practicing their mirroring skills and they have enjoyed learning about different ways babies are welcomed into different religions. Well done everyone, you have worked very hard. We all hope you enjoy your holiday.

Mrs Kimbley, Mrs Middleton, Miss Pamment & Mrs Gordon

Year 1

This week we have been mixing primary colours together to explore what colours they made. We have been learning about the similarities and differences between Queen Elizabeth I and Queen Victoria. In English we retold the story The Man on The Moon, I have been so impressed by the amazing writing you all have done Year 1! You have worked so hard and you deserve a long rest! Well done everyone!

Miss Haigh & Mrs Hanley

Year 2

This week in Year 2 we have been visiting Bob on the moon and writing about our crazy adventures. In PE we used our fast feet to practise different running skills using the ladder runs. In maths we have been learning about position and movement and using key vocabulary to describe this. In music we have been learning about pulse and rhythm with a little bit of our own composition.

Well done Year 2 you have worked very hard this week.

Miss Lockett & Mrs Thackrah

Year 3

Well who would believe it is half term again! We've had a super week in Year 3 this week. In Science, we have been learning how to look after our teeth and we did an 'egg-speriment' to see what happens when we don't look after them. We will check them today and see what has happened after 1 week then check them again after the holidays! In English, we have been writing a recount from 3 different perspectives and in Maths we have been practicing our equivalent fractions. In PE, we played a mini hockey game using all the skills we have learned this half term and in DT we have been finishing our sunglasses case ready for the sunshine?! Oh well at least we'll be ready for the Summer! Well done Year 3 and have a fantastic holiday!

Mrs Schofield & Mrs Broadbent

Year 3 / 4

It has been a fabulous half term in year 3/4 and we are so proud of all of the children's fantastic learning. Well done everyone you are all superstars! In English this week, we wrote a fantastic recount based on our class book 'Voices in the Park.' The children's writing was absolutely brilliant and they worked so hard! In maths both Year 3 and 4 added fractions with Year 4 adding three fractions at a time! We also subtracted fractions, Year 3 solved some challenging reasoning questions and Year 4 subtracted fractions from whole numbers. We really enjoyed our geography lesson this week - we compared two cities (Venice and Rabat) and we created some super inferences using our geographic knowledge. We hope that you have a wonderful break and we look forward to seeing you in our second summer term!

Miss Marston & Mrs Bailey

Year 4

This week year four have completed our DT cycle which involved us planning, designing and finally creating our very own glasses case using some material. The children had to remember the stitches they learned throughout our DT sessions, these included a running stitch, back stitch and a basting stitch. In ICT the children finalised their presentations about a Mediterranean country and some children were able to share these to the class. Some presentations had transition effects, pictures, information and even hyperlinks to other relevant information. Finally, in Music this week the children were able to use the djembe drums in our school music room. The children practiced writing some rhythms from hear and then played them carefully in a call and response way back with their drums. The children have enjoyed a super last week before half term. Enjoy your break everyone!

Mr Hellam



Year 5

This week, in year 5, we have revisited some previous learning looking at rounding numbers to the nearest 10; 100; 1,000; 10,000 and 100,000. We have also completed addition and subtraction calculations using formal written methods to consolidate our knowledge of these processes. In English, we have interrogated the poem 'The Highwayman' by Alfred Noyes and discussed how the use of imagery contributes to the atmosphere of the poem. We have also used this poem as basis for a short story which details the love story between The Highwayman and Bess the landlord's daughter. In PE, we have continued developing our game skills by looking at using simple batting strategies in striking and fielding games such as cricket. Finally, in science, we have examined the similarities and differences between mammal and human reproduction.

Mr Adlington & Miss Barnes

Year 5 / 6

This week in Class 5/6 the children have been studying the poem 'The Highwayman' by Alfred Knowles. We have unpicked the literary devices used within the poem and how these devices contribute towards the meaning of the text. To consolidate our learning, we have enjoyed performing verses of the poem alongside monologues from the character's point of view. In picture news, we looked at the power that songs have to change our behaviours. The children carefully considered the impact which music has on their own lives and had the opportunity to write their own song or poem about something they felt was important in the current climate. Thank you for a super half term everyone and another thank you for making me feel so special today! Have a super holiday!

Miss Atkinson & Mrs Drury

Year 6

In Year 6 this week have been very lucky to be able to look at some Maya artefacts sent to us by the museum we loved looking at them and trying to figure out what they were and what they would have been used for. We looked at some beautiful masks and saw a Maya Calendar. Our PE this week also linked to the Maya; we tried to play the great Maya ball game, we had to pass the ball and get it through a hoop without it touching the ground, but we weren't allowed to use our hands! We had another fantastic drumming session this week with more and more children becoming confident enough to take solo parts. Well done Year 6!

Mrs Wolstenholme & Mrs Johnson





24th-30th May

Is there a place for sensory toys in the classroom?

