

Towngate Primary Academy

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Dear Parents and Carers,

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ACADEMY NEWSLETTER

A message from Mrs Berry

As we embark on the final three days in school this week, we reflect on what a turbulent year it has been for parents/carers, pupils and staff. It goes without saying that we thank each and every one of you for your cooperation with school, even at the hardest of times. This year has been full of ups and downs for everyone, and now that we reach the end of the year, it is truly time to celebrate our children for showing such resilience, hard work and care for one another this year. The children are a credit to you as parents/carers and to us as a school.

I would also like to extend my thanks to the team of dedicated staff working behind the scenes here at Towngate. As a leadership team, we feel very fortunate to work closely with each and every one of you – thank you for your ongoing support and care for the children in which we serve. Thank you to the team on our Local Governing Board for your commitment to school – your understanding, compassion and strategic support for school has been unparalleled this year. Thank you to our parents/carers for showing kindness, compassion and gratitude to the team of staff here.

We hope that next year will allow school to return to the 'normal' we are all familiar with and look forward to welcoming families – both existing and new – back to Towngate on Wednesday 8th September. We can't wait to see you all soon!

Next Year

Attached to the newsletter and on our Academy website you will find term dates for next year. After a year of COVID restrictions and amendments to school organisation, the following arrangements we hope to be in place as of September. Our intention is to keep children and staff within key stages where possible.

Please note, the arrangements are subject to change and school will continue to follow the Trust risk assessments and update parents accordingly.

<p>Start and End times</p>	<p>There are no staggered starts and end times to the school day as of September. Doors will open at 8.50am with registers closing at 9.00am.</p> <p>We ask that children in Early Years and Key Stage 1 are walked directly to their classrooms by their parent/carer, ready to be greeted by their classroom staff.</p> <p>Children in Year 3, 4a and 4b are asked to line up on the bottom playground by the gates on Whitley Spring. The classroom staff will greet the children on the playground.</p> <p>Children in Year 5, 5/6 and 6 are asked to line up on the top playground, where class teachers will greet the children.</p>
<p>PE Kits</p>	<p>Children will still be invited into school wearing their PE kits on their designated PE day. All children must wear the correct uni-form / PE kit.</p>
<p>School Dinners</p>	<p>It is our intention that school dinners will be provided from the dinner hall again from September. Further information will follow from our meal provider in regards to meal options.</p>



Attendance and Behaviour

As you are aware, Miss Pyrah is sadly leaving the academy today to embark on her new role. Miss Pyrah has worked closely with many of our children and families during her time at Towngate and we are certain you will join us in wishing her well in her new job. As of September, we have appointed a new Attendance and Behaviour Officer, Miss Chapman, who will be working hard to establish strong relationships with the children and families in school alongside Mrs Johnson. We welcome Miss Chapman to the Towngate community!

Holiday activities: Miss Sharpe

I would just like to say that I have loved working with every single one of you amazing children since I started and I cannot wait to see all of your lovely faces back here in September! The creativity and enthusiasm you have shown with everything in school has been astonishing. Now, I have a super exciting task for you during the school holidays which is attached at the end of this newsletter. I have found over 150 possible things you could do in your time over the summer. I would like to see your activities during the holidays, so if you could please mention us in any posts your parents/carers make on Twitter using our twitter handle, @IPMATtowngate; I will keep my eye out for these while I try to complete some of them myself!

Have a lovely holiday and - most importantly - stay safe!

Miss Sharpe

Home Visits

In accordance with our academy and trust attendance and safeguarding policies, it is our duty of care to ensure that we see all children who are absent from school after a period of time. The purpose of home visits is to allow school staff to visit the homes of children and their families to see the children, offer any support – including that for remote learning should a bubble be closed – and say hello to the children. These visits are conducted by our pastoral team of staff in school, including Mrs Johnson who is our Learning Mentor.

Uniform expectations

Clothing & Shoes	PE kit
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• A navy blue jumper or cardigan• A white polo / formal white shirt• Grey or black trousers, shorts, skirt or a pinafore dress• Blue and white check summer dress• Black, grey or white socks• Grey, black or white tights• Plain black shoes	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Trainers• Black / navy shorts• A plain white t-shirt• Plain navy jogging bottoms (outdoor only)• Plain navy jumper / zip up jumper (outdoor only)

COVID19 cases, Wakefield

We wish to share a reminder of what parents need to do in the following instances:

- If any child has ANY symptoms of illness, please keep them at home and arrange for a PCR test (**not a lateral flow test**).
- If any family members are exhibiting symptoms please keep children at home unless test results confirm a negative result.
- Children who have been sent home should isolate at home and should not play with other children. If a bubble is closed, remote learning will resume. There will be a Teams register and input from the teacher. Work will be uploaded onto Seesaw.
- If we find that a child is ill in nursery/school we will send all members of the family home.
- If your child receives a negative test, email TGA-enquiries@ipmat.co.uk with details so that the child can return to school.

Reporting COVID19 Cases

Please make sure you let us know immediately if your child has tested positive as we need to act quickly to inform Public Health England as well as inform parents and staff of any necessary closures and isolation requirements.

Please email TGA-enquiries@ipmat.co.uk.

Free School Meals

A FSM form will be sent out for parents and carers today to complete: we encourage parents to complete and return this form as many different circumstances are considered when allocating Free School Meals.



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 for their children.



Stars of the Week

Well done to our fantastic stars of the week who have been celebrated during our Celebration Assembly in school. Your hard work and determination this week has been noticed by your teachers – we are very proud of you!

Class	Name
F1 - Nursery	Jackson T & Fabian Y
F2 – Reception	Taylor S & Jacob C
Year 1	Imogen H & Nathan G
Year 2	Benji C & Evalyn T
Year 3	Niamh W & Nieve R
Year 3/4	Jack G & Jacob P
Year 4	Lydia E & Abigail H
Year 5	Lewis G & Emmie W
Year 5/6	Kieran M & Alex N
Year 6	The Whole of Year 6!!

Attendance:

This week's whole school attendance is 90.93%

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)

It has been another busy week here in Nursery! We have continued our Pirates topic and read the book 'Ten Little Pirates', which has supported our counting both forwards and backwards to 10. We have demonstrated tremendous amounts of teamwork whilst building our own pirate ships outside, which the children have used to hide their treasure! Next week we can't wait to have a Pirate Day full of pirate activities and to watch our children moving to Reception have their own graduation. Well done to all our wonderful children here in Nursery for continuing to be absolute super stars!

Mrs Davies & Mrs Gordon

Early Years – Foundation 2 (Reception)

We have had a very busy week in F2 this week. We have worked hard writing our own pirate stories and solving Maths problems in our focused work. We have also worked as a team this week, building pirate ships outside. F2 have also worked together to complete our 300 piece pirate jigsaw. We all thoroughly enjoyed our sports day activities today, well done everyone!

Mrs Kimbley, Mrs Allen & Mrs Middleton

Key Stage 1 – Year 1

In maths this week Year 1 have revisited some prior learning, we have been practicing number bonds, doubles and halves. In English the children have been reporters and made their own news report about Dougal finding the lost treasure. In DT we evaluated our structures we had made last week and the children thought how they could improve this further if they were to do it again. Our sports day was amazing all the children took part in a egg and spoon race, a sack race and a running race, it was lots of fun! Have a great weekend everyone!

Miss Haigh & Miss Hanley

Key Stage 1 – Year 2

In Year 2 this week we have been revising addition and subtraction methods and then using these to solve one and two step word problems. We have also been revising how to add on 10 to a given number and subtract 10 from a given number thinking about the ones staying the same and the tens changing. In English we have finished reading our book of the term Dougal's Deep Sea Diary and we loved how he sent a postcard from Atlantis to his cousin Bob on the Moon (another one of our books from the book led curriculum). We have enjoyed using the text to answer comprehension questions, find features of a text and then use the text to inspire us to write amazing pieces of extended writing. In Geography we used google maps to explore Scarborough and used compass directions to travel from one venue to another, visiting the pier, the sea life centre and the open-air theatre. Today we held our KS 1 sports day. Thank you to Mrs Thackrah who has posted some amazing photos on twitter of Year 2 having great fun with this event. We cheered Year 1 on in their races and Year 1 cheered Year 2 on in ours. It was a fabulous time outside to share. Have a lovely weekend everyone.

Miss Lockett & Mrs Thackrah

Lower Key Stage 2 – Year 3

This week year 3 have been very busy with their learning. We have completed a demonstration of the digestive system for our science lesson, in which the children used tights, biscuits, orange juice, a plastic bag and a bowl to simulate how food changes in the stomach and how it moves through the intestines. Also we managed to do some observational drawings in the wonderful sunshine where the children tried hard to draw sketch something natural. We have watched a video from our new teachers where they answered lots of questions we really wanted to know. We then completed some work set by them to help them get to know us for next year. During sports day, all of the children worked super hard and participated well in the different races on offer. We had some very speedy sprinters and lots of children who hopped well in the sack race! Well done everyone for participating so well and having fun.

Mr Hellam, Mrs Schofield & Miss Kilbride

Lower Key Stage 2 – Year 3 / 4

This has been a super week in year 3/4 and we are all so proud of your fantastic learning! In maths, year three have been learning about perpendicular and parallel lines whilst year four were learning to compare and order angles. We had a fantastic outdoor lesson where we learned about the properties of shape, too! In English, we wrote a fabulous narrative about Dido searching for her horse and she encountered a dilemma - we were so proud of the super word choices used in our stories! We completed



an excellent investigation looking at how toothpaste protects our teeth. We did this by placing an egg in vinegar. covering half of the egg in toothpaste and we were shocked to find out the results after just 24 hours! Today, we have had our super Sports Day and everyone tried their best! It has been a pleasure working with such wonderful children - thank you for being so fabulous year 3/4!

Miss Marston, Mrs Bailey & Mrs Watson

Lower Key Stage 2 – Year 4

Well done Year 4, for working hard at home this week due to our isolation. You worked super hard and we had lots of super work sent through on Seesaw. It was wonderful to see your happy smiling faces as you returned back to school today. We had a fantastic sports day this morning with lots of amazing races - Year 4 are very competitive! This afternoon, we had our 'Towngate's Got Talent' competition with some fabulous singing acts including one via Teams, from one of our friends who is still isolating. Our overall winner was PJ - Well done PJ!

Mrs Schofield, Mr Hellam & Miss Kilbride

Upper Key Stage 2 – Year 5

In Year 5 this week, the children have been working incredibly hard in English to create a newspaper report based on the first summit of Everest in 1953 by Tenzing Norgay and Edmund Hillary. In Maths, we have been busy learning to use protractors and using these to measure angles in triangles, circles and on straight lines. This week, we have finished creating our bee hotels which we have worked hard to design and evaluate throughout the term. Finally, the children have enjoyed competing in sports day challenges this afternoon and their transition sessions this morning! Well done for a fantastic year everyone, we couldn't be prouder of you!

Mr Adlington & Miss Barnes

Upper Key Stage 2 – Year 5 /6

This week in Y5/6 the children explored the concept of managing a budget in PSHE and explored what they could spend at different supermarkets whilst keeping to a budget. We were very excited to enjoy our ice cream and movie treat from the PTA, which was well received in the warm weather! Year 6 have been busy on their Bikeability training this week, whilst Year 5 explored the impact of water resistance in Science. Mrs Bateman, Mrs Drury and Mrs Harvey would like to thank the children for their hard work and positivity this year, thank you for making it so much fun!

Mrs Bateman & Mrs Drury

Upper Key Stage 2 – Year 6

This week Year 6 have had a very busy week working hard on something top secret and all will be revealed in good time....Watch this space!

Mrs Wolstenholme & Mrs Johnson



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2021-2022 School Calendar

September 2021						
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August 2022						
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Bank Holidays



School Holidays



INSET Days



Closure Day for Building Work



Nursery Closure Dates for Home Visits



100+ INDOOR ACTIVITIES

CRAFTS

MAKE PAPER AIRPLANES
SALT PAINTING
MAKE SUNCATCHERS
MAKE SALT DOUGH
MAKE SPONGE STAMPS
MAKE A CEREAL BOX AQUARIUM
MAKE SCRATCH ART
MAKE YOUR OWN BOOKMARKS
PAINT PET ROCKS
MAKE RECYCLED CRAYONS
MAKE PAPER BOATS
FINGER PAINT
MAKE FRIENDSHIP BRACELETS
MAKE A BIRD FEEDER
MAKE PAPER BAG PUPPETS
MAKE HANDPRINT ART
MAKE A SCRAPBOOK
DECORATE T-SHIRTS
MAKE A THANKFUL JAR
PAINT LEAVES
MAKE A TIME CAPSULE
MAKE BUTTON ART
PAINT WITH WATERCOLORS
COLOR IN A COLORING BOOK
MAKE PAPER CRAFTS
BUILD A CARDBOARD CASTLE
MAKE TISSUE BOX MONSTERS
MAKE A TOILET PAPER ROLL BUTTERFLY
STAMP WITH CELERY
MAKE CHALK ICE
MAKE PUFFY SIDEWALK PAINT
DRAW A SELF PORTRAIT
USE RUBBER STAMPS
DO SCRAPE PAINTING
PAINT A RECYCLED JAR
MAKE SUPERHERO COSTUMES

ACTIVITIES

MAKE PLAYDOUGH
MAKE SLIME
MAKE PLAY MUD
MAKE RAINBOW RICE
MAKE FAKE SNOW
MAKE A SENSORY BIN
MAKE A SENSORY BAG
BUILD A FORT
HAVE A PILLOW FIGHT
WRITE A STORY
MAKE ICE CREAM IN A BAG
MAKE GUMMY BEARS
MAKE FRUIT ROLL-UPS
HAVE A MOVIE DAY
PUT ON A FASHION SHOW
BAKE CUPCAKES OR MUFFINS
DO YOGA
BUILD AN OBSTACLE COURSE
MAKE DINNER TOGETHER
PLAY WITH MAGNETIC TILES
BUILD SOMETHING WITH LEGO
USE DOT MARKERS
BUILD A STACK OF CARDS
PUT ON A PUPPET SHOW
MAKE A TREASURE HUNT
INDOOR BOWLING
LEARN TO DRAW
PUT ON A PLAY
MAKE INDOOR HOPSCOTCH
DO A FAMILY CHORE TOGETHER
HAVE A DANCE PARTY
HAVE A TEA PARTY
PLAY WITH WATER IN A BIN
SET UP A PLAY STORE
MAKE A SOCK TOSS GAME
MAKE PERLER BEAD ART
WRITE IN A JOURNAL

GAMES

PLAY WOULD YOU RATHER
PLAY I SPY
PLAY SIMON SAYS
PLAY BOARD GAMES
PLAY HIDE AND SEEK
INDOOR SCAVENGER HUNT
PLAY BINGO
PLAY CARD GAMES
DO A PUZZLE
PLAY CHARADES
BUILD YOUR OWN GAME
PLAY FREEZE DANCE
PLAY HOT POTATO
PLAY MARBLES
KEEP THE BALLOON UP
PLAY DOMINOES
PLAY HANGMAN
PLAY TIC-TAC-TOE

EDUCATIONAL

READ BOOKS
DO A SCIENCE PROJECT
LEARN ORIGAMI
LEARN ABOUT A NEW ANIMAL
LEARN A NEW CARD GAME
LEARN TO SEW
LEARN TO KNIT
DO BRAIN TEASERS
LEARN A NEW LANGUAGE
LEARN ABOUT A COUNTRY

50
things to do
before you're
11¾

How many have you done?

We've been working closely with kids just like you to put together this list of the best things to do before you're 11¾. (Although lots of them are still great fun even when you're 81¾.) You'll find fun things to do for every kind of outside place, from mountains to sea, forests to fields. So what are you waiting for? Get out there and see how many you can do!

1. Get to know a tree
2. Roll down a really big hill
3. Camp outdoors
4. Build a den
5. Skim a stone
6. Go welly wandering
7. Fly a kite
8. Spot a fish
9. Eat a picnic in the wild
10. Play conkers
11. Explore on wheels
12. Have fun with sticks
13. Make a mud creation
14. Dam a stream
15. Go on a wintry adventure
16. Wear a wild crown
17. Set up a snail race
18. Create some wild art
19. Play pooh sticks
20. Go paddling
21. Forage for wild food
22. Find some funky fungi
23. Get up for the sunrise
24. Go barefoot
25. Join nature's band
26. Hunt for fossils and bones
27. Go stargazing
28. Climb a huge hill
29. Explore a cave
30. Go on a scavenger hunt
31. Make friends with a bug
32. Float in a boat
33. Go cloud watching
34. Discover wild animal clues
35. Discover what's in a pond
36. Make a home for wildlife
37. Explore the wonders of a rock pool
38. Bring up a butterfly
39. Catch a crab
40. Go on a nature walk at night
41. Help a plant grow
42. Go swimming in the sea
43. Help a wild animal
44. Watch a bird
45. Find your way with a map
46. Clamber over rocks
47. Cook on a camp fire
48. Keep a nature diary
49. Watch the sunset
50. Take a friend on a nature adventure

