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Dear Parents and Carers,

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ACADEMY NEWSLETTER

World Mental Health Day

On Friday 8th October it is World Mental Health Day. At Towngate, we believe it is essential that we mark this day and celebrate the fantastic work of YoungMinds in supporting young people with their mental health and wellbeing. We have lots of exciting activities planned in school and welcome children to attend for the day wearing yellow to mark YoungMinds #HelloYello campaign. Pupils are encouraged to bring a monetary donation which will be given to YoungMinds to support their hard work and commitment.

Harvest Festival

Our Harvest Festival will be taking place on Wednesday 20th October 2021. To mark the event, our fantastic School Council will be preparing their annual assembly to share the key messages of Harvest with all children. We will be commencing our work with the Ossett Food bank and would appreciate any donations of non-perishable foods being brought into school by Friday 15th October 2021. These kind donations will then be delivered to Ossett Food Bank to make a difference to those living within our area and further enhance our children's understanding of showing one of our core values, compassion. Unfortunately, due to the current circumstances, parents will not be able to attend the assembly.

Playground Markings

We are excited to announce that our Key Stage Two playground markings are due for refurbishment in the upcoming weeks. Keep your eyes peeled for lots of exciting photographs on our academy Twitter feed!

PE Days

We do expect that the children arrive in school in their correct PE kits on their relevant PE day, a reminder of the class PE days:

Class	PE Day
F2 Reception	Monday
Class 1	Tuesday
Class 2	Tuesday
Class 3	Thursday
Class 4A	Monday
Class 4B	Monday
Class 5	Thursday
Class 5/6	Wednesday
Class 6	Wednesday

Please can you ensure that your child has the kit detailed below:



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)

Uniform Shop

We have collected lots of pre-loved school uniform and this will be available to buy for a small donation towards school funds for the children on **Tuesday 5th October 2021** outside the nursery main door. Any further donations you may have, please bring them to the office.

Parking at School

Please could we remind parents to be mindful of where they park their cars at drop off and collection so as not to cause an obstruction to any of the residential or industrial premises surround the school.

PTA Halloween Disco

Our PTA will be hosting a Halloween Disco this year on **Thursday 14th October 2021**, a letter has been sent home with your child with details.

Key Dates

World Mental Health Day	Friday 8 th October 2021
Harvest Festival	Wednesday 20 th October 2021 (Food donations by Friday 15 th October 2021)
Halloween Disco for Years 1 – 6	Thursday 14 th October 2021
School Closes for Half Term	Friday 22 nd October 2021



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	Ellie B & Hudson L
F2 – Reception	India M & Jackson T
Year 1	Oscar N & Andrea Z
Year 2	Sarah S & Leland C
Year 3	Benji C & Umaimah M
Year 4a	Niamh W & Maya G
Year 4b	Daniel H & Georgia R
Year 5	Millie B & Nancy B
Year 5/6	Benjamin M & Skyla H
Year 6	Poppy B & Amelia H

Attendance:

This week's whole school attendance is 95.82%. Our attendance target 97%,

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 Mrs L Poole

Headteacher & Deputy Headteacher
Towngate Primary Academy



What's been going on in school this week?

Early Years – Foundation 1 (Nursery)

We had another amazing week doing our supermarket shopping, the children have taken on the roll as customers and shopkeepers. We have been practicing counting objects and looking at numbers and listening to lots of sounds around the environment. The children enjoyed the exploring the cornflour and were amazed of how it was hard but dipped! Next week we are going to be learning all about people who help us, have a great weekend everyone!

Miss Haigh & Mrs Gordon

Early Years – Foundation 2 (Reception)

This week F2 have been thinking about our families and how they are all different. We have been sequencing the story of Goldilocks and the Three Bears and using our observational skills to draw a bear in our art area. We have also been thinking about finding pairs of objects and sorting objects into groups. We have been talking about what is the same about each object in the group. F2 also enjoyed our autumn walk to collect lots of different leaves and seeds to sort in our outdoor area.

Mrs Kimbley, Mrs Allen & Mrs Middleton

Key Stage 1 – Year 1

This week in Year 1, we have been comparing numbers and using the vocabulary greater than, less than and equal to. In Science, we have been looking at the different parts of a bird and observing feathers through a magnifying glass to look for any patterns. In English, we have been writing a description about Sunny from Meerkat Mail.

Miss Lockett & Miss Kilbride

Key Stage 1 – Year 2

Another wonderful week here in Year 2. The children have written some amazing character descriptions based on Tuffy the cat from our class story, including a range of adventurous adjectives and sentence types. In our Science lesson we have been looking at the different animal groups and their different body parts. We brought Shelly into our classroom and looked at the different features he has as a reptile, did you know Shelly has a beak? We have continued our animal topic into our computing lessons and have started research different animals. Well done Year 2!

Mrs Davies & Mrs Thackrah

Lower Key Stage 2 – Year 3

In Year 3 this week, we have continued our history learning about the Stone Age and have begun to look at both primary and secondary sources of information. The children interpreted the meaning of the sources and made sensible decisions based on what they had seen. In Science the children were learning about the bones in the human body and their names. We also discussed vertebrates and invertebrates and thought of some examples. On Friday we had a talk with the school nurse all about our teeth and we discussed keeping them strong and healthy. In PE we have continued to practise our batting skills and have further developed our dancing, stretching and ability to move to music with Liquidance.

Mr Hellam & Mrs Hanley

Lower Key Stage 2 – Year 4A

Year 4a have had a fantastic week, we loved having our Rock Steady assembly, playing all the different instruments and singing together! 4a had a super computing lesson this week; they programmed their own working quiz on scratch! Mrs Wolstenholme was very impressed. In Science we learnt the names of some of our key bones like tibia, ulna and humerus and found out if we measure across our arms it is the same as our height! We are really enjoying our forest school and are really excited to build our dens next week!

Mrs Wolstenholme & Miss Pamment



Lower Key Stage 2 – Year 4B

We have had a super week this week. In Maths we have been learning 1,10,100 and 1000 more or less and we have started rounding to 1000. In English, we have been using our retrieval skills in comprehension and we have found the features of a setting description ready for our writing next week. In PSHE, we looked at the amount of exercise we are doing on a daily basis and how we could increase it. We had a visit from Rock Steady in assembly the other day which was fantastic! In Science, we have been learning the names and the functions of our bones and skeleton. Well done for another busy week 4b!

Mrs Schofield & Mrs Bailey

Upper Key Stage 2 – Year 5

This week, in year 5, we have started a new unit of learning in maths - addition and subtraction. We have recapped prior learning of column methods and practised manipulating numbers with more than 4 digits. Our reasoning and problem-solving tasks have been contextual word problems where we have included units of measure such as mm and cm. In English, we have analysed an online blog written from a character's perspective - Auggie from Wonder - and have started to plan and draft write our own version. We have looked carefully at the writing process - particularly editing and drafting. In PE, we have learned the overhead shot in tennis to attack an opponent and score points. In art, we have started our 'art week' work by researching the life of Thomas Edison and have focussed on charcoal as our chosen media. We have completed small scale sketches in charcoal in preparation for our final piece.

Mr Adlington & Mrs Adamson

Upper Key Stage 2 – Year 5/6

This week in Class 5/6 the children have been extremely busy developing their writing skills to write a blog from the perspective of August Pullman, a young boy with Treacher Collins Syndrome, who is due to start a new school. The children have carefully considered his experiences and his perspective during their writing. In Geography this week, we have explored how slums are formed and drawn comparisons between two of the world's major slums - Dharavi and Rocinha. During our PSHE lesson, we explored our goals and aspirations for the year, with opportunities to reflect on the successes of last year. Well done everyone!

Mrs Bateman & Mrs Johnson

Upper Key Stage 2 – Year 6

In Year 6 this week we have worked hard in English identifying the features and writing a non-chronological report. We have based our reports on our class text, Wonder, and have been tasked with writing a blog post from the perspective of our main character, Auggie. We have considered the language we will use to ensure our writing is appropriate for audience and purpose. In Geography we are further developing our skills as Geographers: thinking about slums across the world and the push and pull factors that draw people to live in these settlements. Well done Year 6: you continue to do us proud. Thank you for your hard work and commitment to learning!

Mrs Poole, Mrs Drury & Mrs Harvey





4th-10th October

What would encourage you to use public transport?

