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Dear Parents and Carers

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ACADEMY NEWSLETTER

We've had a great week in school this week!

Ossett Cenotaph

On Monday 15th November the whole school will walk up and visit the Cenotaph in Ossett to pay our respects to the fallen. This will be done in each key stage and we are really sorry but we ask that parents do not attend to keep numbers to a minimum. The School Council have already been into Ossett Town Centre and displayed the amazing poppies that we have made for the town's Remembrance services. Please check out our Twitter and Facebook pages for more photos and information.



Children in Need

A reminder about next Friday the 19th November is Children in Need day, children are welcome to come to school in non-uniform and/or any Pudsey related clothing or accessories. We would ask that children bring in a donation for this very worthy cause.

PTA Upcoming Events

The PTA are holding a cinema afternoon for the children on Wednesday 8th December, the children will watch a Christmas film in their classroom with a special treats hamper. The PTA Christmas Fayre will be held on Monday 6th December with a non-uniform day being held on Friday 3rd December, please could Early Years and Key Stage 1 bring in chocolate for the chocolate tombola stall and Key Stage 2 bring in plastic bottles for the bottle hoopla stall. Weather permitting, this will be held outside in the lower Key Stage 2 playground. Unfortunately, as with the Summer Fayre, we cannot invite parents into school to share in the Christmas Fayre, it will be open to the children throughout the day and each class will get an opportunity to visit and have a go on the various stalls.

Scholastic Book Fair

We will be holding our annual Scholastic Book Fair commencing Monday 29th November. There will be books for the children to see within school, but unfortunately, we won't be able to allow parents in to look with their child. Order forms and brochures will be sent out to parents and then payments can be made online or using a QR code that will be provided. Further details will follow under separate cover.

Extra- Curricular Activities – Netball & Football

Just a reminder that the last sessions for the Netball Club will be Wednesday 18th November and the Football Club is Thursday 19th November for the Winter, restarting after February half term.

Outdoor Clothing

Please can you ensure that your child comes to school with an appropriate coat and outdoor shoes suitable for the inclement weather. We do still spend time outdoors as much as we can.

Social Media

Remember to check out our Facebook page and Twitter account for updates on our school day and an insight into the activities your children are taking part in.



Glasses for Malawi - Africa



Please can we thank you for the overwhelming response from all of you in relation to our appeal for glasses. We will ensure that these are delivered to this very worth charity and keep you posted with any updates we receive. Once again, thank you very much.

Rock Steady Music School

Would your child like to play in their very own rock band? Rocksteady in-school band lessons are the perfect opportunity for your child to learn new skills, develop friendships and have the time of their life. Watch this short video to see what learning in a band could do for your child's well-being: <https://www.rocksteadymusicschool.com/watch-video/>. If you are interested in signing your child up for this fun opportunity – head over to our website to sign them up! Thank you.

Wakefield Music Services

We do have spaces in our music lessons available from Year 3 upwards, children can learn how to play the Cello, Drums or Guitar. Contact Miss Moore in the office if you're interested.



Key Dates

Whole School Visit to Ossett Cenotaph	Monday 15 th November 2021
F2 Reception: Height, Weight & Hearing Check	Friday 19 th November 2021
Children in Need	Friday 19 th November 2021
Flu Vaccinations	Monday 29 th November 2021
Scholastic Book Fair Starts	Monday 29 th November 2021
PTA Christmas Fayre Non-Uniform Day	Friday 3 rd December 2021
PTA Christmas Fayre	Monday 6 th December 2021
PTA Christmas Film Afternoon Treat	Wednesday 8 th December 2021
Wakefield Hospice Reindeer Run in a Christmas Jumper	Friday 10 th December 2021
Lower Key Stage 2 Christmas Show	Tuesday 14 th December 2021
Early Years Foundation Stage Concert	Wednesday 15 th December 2021
Early Years Foundation Stage Party	Wednesday 15 th December 2021
Lower Key Stage 2 Party	Wednesday 15 th December 2021
Upper Key Stage 2 Concert	Wednesday 15 th December 2021
Key Stage 1 Concert	Thursday 16 th December 2021
Key Stage 1 Party	Thursday 16 th December 2021
Upper Key Stage 2 Party	Thursday 16 th December 2021
Christmas Church Service	Friday 17 th December 2021
School Closes for Christmas Holidays	Friday 17 th December 2021
School Reopens for Spring Term 1	Tuesday 4 th January 2022

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	Ivy S & Seth W
F2 – Reception	Bethany B & Scarlet L
Year 1	Mia T & Oliver H
Year 2	Ruby J & Thea L
Year 3	Will G & Archie A
Year 4a	Libby B & Keira M
Year 4b	Daniel H & Nieve R
Year 5	Leo P & Isaac L
Year 5/6	Abigail H & Scarlett B
Year 6	Elwood F & Lois L

Attendance:

This week's whole school attendance is 95.06%. Our attendance target 97%,

We hope you have a wonderful weekend and look

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)

The children have had a great time exploring light in our glow in the dark den, they were fascinated by the space night light as the rockets flew by. In assembly the children showed their learning of space to their friends in F2 they remembered lots of key facts about them. In maths we have been looking at 3D shapes and learning their names. We hope you have a great weekend!

Miss Haigh & Mrs Gordon

Early Years – Foundation 2 (Reception)

F2 have enjoyed reading our new story, Peace at Last this week. We have been recalling the sounds Mr Bear can hear in the story and we have been writing our own sentences during our focused work. We have also been talking about 2D and 3D shapes and describing their properties in our maths work. F2 have enjoyed using the torches as part of our topic work and exploring our shadows. We have also enjoyed using our new outdoor resources and practising our balancing skills.

Mrs Kimbley, Mrs Allen & Mrs Middleton

Key Stage 1 – Year 1

This week in Year 1 we have been learning about Remembrance Day. We know it can be called Poppy Day or Armistice Day. We had a 2 minutes silence on the 11th November at 11am. We have also done some amazing writing to explain what Poppy Day is. In maths we have been learning number bonds to 10 and trying to recall them quickly. We played Hit The Button to help us remember. Well done Year 1, you have all worked so hard and we are very proud of you. Have a lovely weekend.

Miss Lockett & Miss Kilbride

Key Stage 1 – Year 2

This week in Year 2, we have been learning all about Remembrance and using both the dictionaries and thesauruses to develop our vocabulary. We used this ambitious vocabulary to create our own Remembrance poems and we read these aloud to the rest of the class. We have begun our History topic learning all about how Transport has developed throughout the years and we really have some exciting things coming up! This week, we have been exploring the local habitats we have around our school and we spent some time around the pond. Well done Year 2!

Mrs Davies & Mrs Thackrah

Lower Key Stage 2 – Year 3

This week in Year 3 the children have worked incredibly hard in all of their subjects. We have enjoyed our French lessons where we have been practicing our greetings. The children worked together to have a conversation in French and translate this to English. We had to think about the phonics associated with the French words and consider this during our writing. In our Geography lessons we have looked at different settlements focusing on villages, towns and cities. The children discussed the characteristics of each and organised these accordingly. In our Science lesson we used Venn diagrams to classify rocks based upon their properties such as jagged edges, rough faces and smooth sides. The children have continued to practice their formal method for subtraction in math's and have now really grown in confidence with this key skill. Another super week in year 3! Well done everyone.

Mr Hellam & Mrs Hanley

Lower Key Stage 2 – Year 4A

This week we have been working extremely hard on our Geography work learning about how erosion shapes the landscape and lots of new vocabulary. In Netball this week we have been learning how to dodge and intercept the ball to try and stop the other team passing. In science we have been looking at different types of rock and created a classification key to sort them. We have been really enjoying our French learning this week and have been trying to speak in French in classroom as much as possible ask some instructions in French!

Mrs Wolstenholme & Miss Pamment



Lower Key Stage 2 – Year 4B

We have had a super Remembrance week this week. We have discussed what Remembrance is and why we remember those who have fought for us and who are on the frontline now with Covid 19. In Maths, we have been learning addition with 4 digits and in English we have been writing our character description of Peter Pan. In Science, we have been learning about igneous, sedimentary and metamorphic rocks and in Music we learned to create a repeat pattern and played together with 4 different musical arrangements at the same time. In D.T, we explored existing products and then began to communicate initial ideas for a machine to lift rocks. Well done for working hard this week 4b!

Mrs Schofield & Mrs Adamson

Upper Key Stage 2 – Year 5

This week, in year 5, we have been continuing our work on 'Windrush Child'. We have used our retrieval skills to locate key information in a narrative and used this to help us make predictions and inferences. We have also learned more about the Windrush generation and how they came to live in England. In science, we have begun to classify plants and have looked at creating a flow diagram to allow us to complete some plant classifications. In DT, we have looked at existing products and begun to evaluate their effectiveness. We have also completed our design brief and design specification - ready to begin our initial ideas next week. In history, we have learned about Jim Crow laws and the states which implemented these. We have learned about how segregation and discrimination led to unfair treatment of people based on their race.

Mr Adlington, Mrs Bailey & Mrs Watson

Upper Key Stage 2 – Year 5/6

This week in 5/6, we have been writing sentences about shops you would find on the high street in French. In Science, we classified plants to design a new garden centre thinking carefully about classifying based on common characteristics. In DT, the children have enjoyed learning about seasonality of food and creating a design brief and design specification for our food technology project. The children are incredibly proud of the art work they produced last term, which is now on display across school.

Mrs Bateman & Mrs Johnson

Upper Key Stage 2 – Year 6

In Year 6 this week we have worked hard with our efficiency in Maths to calculate when adding and subtracting fractions. In English, we have written our redrafts of our narrative of Windrush Child: we thought hard to ensure our language choices evoked the emotions felt by the characters leaving Jamaica in the hope of a better life in England. In DT, we have considered the implications of food seasonality in preparation for our cooking project where we will be designing, making and evaluating gingerbread houses for the festive season! Well done Year 6, you continue to make us proud each and every day!

Mrs Poole, Mrs Drury & Mrs Harvey





Picture News

15th-21st November
Do we need to experience danger to learn how to be safe?

Picture News

