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Dear Parents and Carers

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ACADEMY NEWSLETTER

We have had a very, very busy week in school. All our decorations are up and the school looks very festive! The After-School Club have done a brilliant job decorating our fabulous tree in the playground, thank you!

Key Stage 1 – Read Write Inc

Each child in Key Stage 1 will bring home one of our brand new Read Write Inc reading books and a reading record, Please can you ensure that your child brings these books in every day. Please can we make sure that water bottles are not in the same bag as the books to keep them in good condition.

Scholastic Book Fair

As always, thank you for your support with the Book Fair, we will be holding another one in the Spring.

Roses Chocolates Blue Lids

After the success of our fantastic Remembrance display, we are now looking ahead to next year where we will be contributing to a Yorkshire Day display in Ossett and we need your help! Please could you collect the lids from Cadbury's Roses this Christmas and send them in to school for our school council.

Towngate Academy School Council

Christmas Dinner

Christmas Dinner is being served on Tuesday 14th December 2021, if you would like your child to have one, please log on to the School Grid website and make your choice of either the traditional turkey dinner or a vegetarian option. Unfortunately, the usual choices of a sandwich or a jacket potato will not be available. Your child can still bring in a packed lunch if they would prefer. Payment can be made through the School Grid website unless you qualify for universal or free school meals.

Reindeer Run

On Friday 10th November, our school council will be holding a sponsored Reindeer Run in aid of Wakefield Hospice. As you can imagine, Wakefield Hospice have suffered a decline in fundraising due to the Covid Pandemic and we would love to show them our 'Compassion' help them as much as we can as many of our Towngate families have been touched by their kindness. Your child should have received a sponsor form which should be returned to our School Council with your sponsor money by Monday 6th December. Every child will receive a pair of reindeer antlers to wear during their run and they are encouraged to wear a Christmas item or Christmassy colours. Thank you in advance for supporting us with this very worthwhile 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**, weather permitting, this will be held outside in the Key Stage 1 area. 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.

Vacancies

Please refer to our website for details of current vacancies in our school.



Key Dates

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 Concert	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	Archie & Harper
F2 – Reception	Emma M & Arlo B
Year 1	Jacob C & Alonso W-R
Year 2	Robbie R & James W
Year 3	Toby B & Esma A
Year 4a	Billy K-B & Maisie K
Year 4b	Neve G & Isla S
Year 5	Carter C & Karim L
Year 5/6	Matilda C & Lydia E
Year 6	Olivia W & Frankie P

Attendance:

This week's whole school attendance is 93.2%. Our attendance target 97%.

We hope you have a wonderful weekend and look

Mrs A Berry and Mrs L Poole

Headteacher & Deputy Headteacher
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What's been going on in school this week?

Early Years – Foundation 1 (Nursery)

The children have thoroughly enjoyed the beginning of Christmas in FI. They have taken on the role as Santa's Helpers as they decorated the Christmas trees and worked in the new Toy shop. Thank you for bringing in photos of the children celebrating Christmas, the children enjoyed showing their friends their photos and talking about what they were doing. In maths, the children have been introduced to measuring using cubes, they then decided if they were long or short. Well done and we hope you enjoy a festive weekend everyone!

Miss Haigh & Mrs Gordon

Early Years – Foundation 2 (Reception)

F2 have continued their work focusing on space this week. We have enjoyed using our role play area and we have tried very hard to write about our story, Whatever Next. In our maths work we have been thinking about 2D shapes and repeating patterns and we have been using our knowledge of 5 to solve problems in our maths lessons. We have also been very excited to use the outdoor area to make sleighs, developing our construction and role play skills. We have been busy learning our Christmas songs too.

Mrs Kimbley, Mrs Allen & Mrs Middleton

Key Stage 1 – Year 1

This week we have done some amazing writing about elephants thinking about where they live and what they eat. In maths we have thinking about taking away and how many are left. In science we have been grouping and classifying which animals live in which habitat. Year 1 you have worked so hard. We are very proud of you.

Miss Lockett & Miss Kilbride

Key Stage 1 – Year 2

This week in Year 2 we have learnt all about food chains and identified the predators and their prey in different habitats. In Maths, we have learnt how to exchange when using column subtraction and the children have been working extremely hard using this in a range of challenges. They have shown tremendous amounts of resilience with this tricky method! In English, we have been learning all about the 'cat family' and we wrote a description about a lion. Did you know a lion's ferocious roar can be heard from 5 miles away? A huge well done to all our children who have been bringing in their RWI Book Bag Books and sharing these at home, we can really see how much you are enjoying reading these. Well done Year 2, another fabulous week!

Mrs Davies & Mrs Thackrah

Lower Key Stage 2 – Year 3

This week in Year 3, the children have been working hard in science to plan and carry out an investigation into which rocks for a small selection are permeable. The children used syringes of water and a timer to test this fairly. We have been writing descriptive poems about the main characters from our class story, The Wizard of Oz. We had to think carefully about the attributes of the Tinman and the Lion during our writing and used figurative language to create our poems. The children used the glockenspiels in music and followed along to our song D-E-F-inately, we had to think about note values and ensure we counted during rests to stay together. The children also have begun using their knowledge of musical notes to write their own rhythms which last 4 beats. Another super week in Year 3.

Mr Hellam & Mrs Hanley

Lower Key Stage 2 – Year 4A

This week, Year 4 have been working hard and a lot of learning has taken place. In English, we have continued with our class story Peter Pan. We have been learning all about reporting clauses and how to use speech marks correctly. During maths this week, we have been learning how to multiply and divide by 10 and 100. In PSHE we continued to learn about a balanced diet, and explored where our food comes from. During geography, we enjoyed comparing the benefits of the Amazon and Volga river for the local people. In science, we conducted an experiment to see if all rocks are waterproof. We enjoyed carrying out a fair test and recording our results in a table. We had a good time learning some Jazz dances in PE.

Mrs Wolstenholme & Miss Pamment



Lower Key Stage 2 – Year 4B

We've had a super week in Year 4b this week. We have been working hard on our multiplying and dividing by 10 and we have been working on our reporting clauses in our grammar ready for our narrative about Peter Pan. On Wednesday, we had a visit to the book fair to have a look at all the wonderful books on offer. In Geography we have been learning about meanders in rivers and what causes an oxbow lake and in French, we learned the names of zoo animals and some more of our French phonics. Our class reading book is 'The Boy at the Back of The Class' and in the story a boy buys Ahmet a pomegranate so today we were lucky enough to see a real pomegranate. 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 continued our work on perimeter and area. We have calculated the area of compound shapes and discovered how we can find the length of missing sides to solve problems. We have also calculated the area of irregular shapes by counting squares in a grid. In English, we have written a setting description to provide the reader with a clear image of the place in which the main character (Leonard) of our book 'Windrush Child' lived in Jamaica. We have worked on our use of figurative language including similes, metaphor and personification to make the description as vivid as possible. In DT, we have looked at nets to build 3D shapes for our packaging and produced prototypes of our gingerbread house kits to observe how they will look once finished. In PE, we have learned how to complete the push pass and when this can be used in a game situation.

Mr Adlington, Mrs Bailey & Mrs Watson

Upper Key Stage 2 – Year 5 /6

This week in year 5/6 the children have enjoyed continuing with their DT project and trialled building gingerbread houses, evaluating the strengths and areas for development of the product. The children loved visiting the book fair and enjoyed reading a wide range of texts. The children have worked incredibly hard in their PE lessons this week, so much so that the external sports coaches have praised their behaviour and learning attitudes! Well done Year 5/6.

Mrs Bateman & Mrs Johnson

Upper Key Stage 2 – Year 6

In Year 6 this week we have been developing our ideas and designs for our festive gingerbread houses as part of our DT lessons. We have been creating prototypes to use as a basis for our initial designs, ready to develop as we progress through this unit of work. In Maths, we have commenced our fluency work to calculate using percentages, working hard to develop efficiency in our calculations. Well done for another super week Year 6!

Mrs Poole, Mrs Drury & Mrs Harvey



