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Dear Parents and Carers

10/12/2021

ACADEMY NEWSLETTER

One more week to go at school before we break up for the Christmas Holidays! We've had such a busy and fun time this week, we've had the PTA Christmas Fair and some classes have enjoyed their PTA treat box and Christmas film this week. Please can we give a massive thank you to the PTA who work tirelessly to raise funds for the children of the school by organising fun events. Also, a big thank you to all the parents who support these fundraising events.

Christmas Concerts & Parties

We are pleased to confirm that parents are invited to our Key Stage Christmas Carol Concerts in the Lower Key Stage 2 playground around our Christmas Tree. We ask that only 2 parents/carers per child attend, wearing face masks and that you adhere to social distancing guidelines and keep within your designated area. Should the weather not be conducive to an outdoor concert or Covid guidelines change significantly, the performances will be recorded and made available to parents.

Early Years – Wednesday 15th December 2021 commencing at 9.15am

Key Stage 1 – Thursday 16th December 2021 commencing at 9.00am

Lower Key Stage 2 – Tuesday 14th December 2021 commencing at 2.30pm

Upper Key Stage 2 – Wednesday 15th December 2021 commencing at 2.30pm

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

This Friday, our school council held the sponsored Reindeer Run in aid of Wakefield Hospice. All the classes took part and ran miles for this excellent, worthy cause. Santa himself made an appearance to chase his reindeers along! Well done everyone, we haven't counted up all the money yet, but its in excess of £1,500!! Brilliant!!!



Key Dates

Christmas Dinner	Tuesday 14 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 – Upper Key Stage 2 (Years 5 & 6)	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	Hudson L & Maizy L
F2 – Reception	Ellie S & Henry P
Year 1	Robyn H & Mia T
Year 2	Nathan G & Piper W
Year 3	Eva H & Archie S
Year 4a	Tahlia D & Niamh W
Year 4b	Mahmoud K & Cora-Bethan F
Year 5	Eva H & Jake L
Year 5/6	Jacob D & Oktawian G
Year 6	James N & Mason A

Attendance:

This week's whole school attendance is 96.05%. 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 did amazing running today to support the Wakefield Hospice Reindeer Run, thank you to all parents for your kind donations! We have had another festive week with lots Christmas activities, we have made our supermarket into a toy shop, we have been on a Christmas scavenger hunt and we have been making personalised baubles! Our favourite part of the week was the hot chocolate and marshmallows that the PTA kindly surprised us with, thank you PTA! Have a great weekend everyone!

Miss Haigh & Mrs Gordon

Early Years – Foundation 2 (Reception)

F2 have had a busy week in school. We have enjoyed our Christmas fair and the cinema afternoon which the PTA have kindly organised for us and the children have also enjoyed taking part in the Reindeer Run this morning. This week we have been thinking about writing letters and cards in our literacy work and we have been using money in our maths work. F2 have all tried very hard, well done.

Mrs Kimbley, Mrs Allen & Mrs Middleton

Key Stage 1 – Year 1

This week we have been busy reading lots of exciting books in our reading area. In maths we have been using our continuous provision area to practise our times tables and subitizing and really showing how quick we can read a number. In science we finished our topic about animals and we now know why giraffes have long necks. Do you?

Miss Lockett & Miss Kilbride

Key Stage 1 – Year 2

In Year 2 this week, we have been learning about the first ever plane flight in History, the children were able to discuss why this was a such a significant event and the impact it had on the world we know today. In PE, we have been learning over arm and under arm throws, which were put into practice during a game of dodgeball. The children showed off their excellent dodging and aiming skills. In English, we had a letter from Santa! He wondered whether penguins could live with him in the North Pole so we replied letting him know everything we know about penguins. We don't think they would be very helpful at all! We have ended our week with the Wakefield Hospice Reindeer Run, the children were fantastic and gave it their all! Well done Year 2.

Mrs Davies & Mrs Thackrah

Lower Key Stage 2 – Year 3

This week in Year 3 the children have been working very hard across our subjects. In geography, the children were looking at megacities and using maps from space to locate these places. The children also compared villages and cities and the characteristics of each place. On Monday we continued out forest school learning and managed to mark holiday decorations using natural resources after scavenging. In ICT the children were finding conceptual bugs in programs. The children observed a game of 'pong' where the ball did not react correctly, using their knowledge of coding the children had to correct the error to make this game work. In our maths learning this week the children have been using their multiplication knowledge to solve difficult division questions based around the 3s, 4s and 8s timestables. We look forward to a super final week in school before the holidays. Well done everyone.

Mr Hellam & Mrs Hanley

Lower Key Stage 2 – Year 4A

In year 4 this week have been working hard to multiply divide by 10, 100 and 1,000 even with decimal numbers! This week we have been writing a narrative about Peter Pan breaking into the nursery to find his shadow and then teaching the children how to fly! We are really enjoying our book this half term. In our PE this week we learnt the different positions we need to play a game of netball. Thank you to the PTA for our cinema afternoon we loved our hot chocolate treat and watching The Nativity.

Mrs Wolstenholme & Miss Pamment



Lower Key Stage 2 – Year 4B

Wow! I can't believe Autumn term is nearly over! We've had a lovely week in 4b. We have been very festive, learning our Christmas songs for our concert next week, we have been making our Christmas Calendars and making decorations for our school. In English, we have been planning our Peter Pan Narrative for next week and we have been working extremely hard on our assessments. In Geography, we learned about The Volga river and The Amazon River and why they are important to people. Today, we took part in our sponsored Reindeer Run in aid of Wakefield Hospice we had great fun! 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 consolidated our learning of perimeter and area by completing some end of unit discussion problems. We have learned how area can help us with 2 digit by 2 digit multiplication and used concrete resources to calculate our answers. In DT, we have completed our final designs using computer aided design programme sketchup, ready to make our final gingerbread house product next week. In science, we have begun an investigation to test the conditions required for microorganisms to grow. We will observe the results every week!

Mr Adlington, Mrs Bailey & Mrs Watson

Upper Key Stage 2 – Year 5/6

In year 5/6 this week, we have explored microorganisms in Science, carefully considering the positive and negative impacts of viruses, bacteria, protistas and fungi. We have developed both our vocabulary and understanding of microorganisms and can now articulate their classifications. The children had a great time during our PTA film afternoon on Wednesday - it certainly got us in the Christmas spirit! This afternoon, we have been learning about Martin Luther King Jr and the impact he had upon American Civil Rights.

Well done everyone and enjoy the weekend!

Mrs Bateman & Mrs Johnson

Upper Key Stage 2 – Year 6

In Year 6 this week, we further explored Civil Rights in 1950s America through learning about the work of significant individuals such as Rosa Parks and Martin Luther King. We recalled our learning from Key Stage One about Rosa Parks and deepened this through understanding her role in NAACP. In DT this week we have started to build our gingerbread houses. We have already developed a prototype for these and have plans to bake and construct our houses over the coming week. Well done for your super efforts of dashing in the Reindeer Run! We are so proud of you!

Mrs Poole, Mrs Drury & Mrs Harvey





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**Who are school
performances for?**

