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Dear Parents and Carers

17/12/2021

ACADEMY NEWSLETTER

We've made it! The last Friday before the Christmas holidays and what a term it's been. We have enjoyed treats from our wonderful PTA, our Christmas Concerts were absolutely delightful and we're sure that all the children have enjoyed their class Christmas Parties!

Kings Way Church – Carol Concert

Years 5 and 6 went up to the Kings Way Church this morning for the annual carol concert, it was a beautiful service and thoroughly enjoyable. All the children behaved impeccably and we are super proud of them all!

The Brakaj Family

We would like to thank Emilio, our Head Boy, his sister Krystal and their family for their extremely kind and generous gift of Christmas Eve treat bags for all the children. It was a lovely and thoughtful gesture that was very much appreciated by all.

Headteacher Twitter

Mrs Berry now has her very own social media platform, please follow her at @towngatehead for exciting updates!

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

Reindeer Run – Wakefield Hospice

What a fantastic success our Reindeer Run was last week. Thanks to the support of all parents, carers and your friends and relatives, the children raised an amazing £2,020.40 for the Wakefield Hospice!! Wow!! Well done everyone.

Swimming

Swimming lessons will recommence on Friday 14th January 2022.

Key Dates

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	Phoebe W & Ashlee R
F2 – Reception	Freddie H & Joseph C
Year 1	Violet F & Taylor S
Year 2	Macey D-H & Jake B
Year 3	Miles S & Maisie A
Year 4a	Kiera M & Clay O'D
Year 4b	Finn H & Georgina H
Year 5	Harry T & Oliver C
Year 5/6	Coban D-H & Molly T
Year 6	The Whole of Year 6!

Attendance:

This week's whole school attendance is 94.28%. Our attendance target 97%,

We hope you have a wonderful Christmas and look forward to seeing you next year.

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)

Wow! What an amazing term we have had, it has been wonderful to see how much the children have learnt and how well each child have settled into nursery. We have learnt about ourselves, our families, people who help us, Space and Christmas. Next half term we will be looking at a story about two friends who travel to different counties. Thank you for being so supportive and for our wonderful gifts, you are all so kind! Please can I ask that you bring in a photo of how your child has celebrated Christmas so we can show all their friends. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Miss Haigh & Mrs Gordon

Early Years – Foundation 2 (Reception)

We have had a very busy week in F2. We thoroughly enjoyed singing for our adults on Wednesday followed by our Christmas Party. In literacy we have been reading Stick Man and we have all tried hard to complete our own writing. We have been practicing our calculation skills in Maths and we have also been thinking about our favourite toys and old toys in our topic work. We have worked very hard this term and we are proud of the progress the children are making.

We hope everyone has a wonderful holiday.

Mrs Kimbley, Mrs Allen & Mrs Middleton

Key Stage 1 – Year 1

This week we have really enjoyed singing carols around the Christmas tree with our grown-ups. We have enjoyed learning about the true meaning of Christmas time. On wellbeing Wednesday we reminded our friends of how to happy where we are now, to be grateful for all the things we have and to pass on our smiles and kindness. Well done Year 1 you have all worked so hard. Have a wonderful Christmas with your families.

Miss Lockett & Miss Kilbride

Key Stage 1 – Year 2

Wow! What a busy and wonderful week we have had in Year 2! The children have been working extremely hard on their concert and once again, have made us feel so proud with their extraordinary dedication and resilience. The readings and singing were beautiful and we are so proud of every single one of them. Our first term has flown by and we couldn't be prouder of how hard every single one of the children has worked and come in every day with a positive, can do attitude. We wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Mrs Davies & Mrs Thackrah

Lower Key Stage 2 – Year 3

This week in Year 3 the children have been finishing their learning ready for the holidays. In English we have finished our story the Wizard of Oz and have completed an informal letter from Dorothy to her Aunt Em and Uncle Henry explaining all about her adventures through the land of Oz. In maths, we have focused on our arithmetic skill and have looked in particular at multiplying and dividing numbers that are in our 3s, 4s and 8s timetables. In our forest school session this week we scavenged outside for different natural materials to make a wreath for the holidays. The children showed great teamwork during this activity and make some super wreaths that are now on display in our school hallway. On Thursday afternoon the children had an extra session with our sports coach where we played some team games that were very competitive. We have enjoyed a lovely last day of fun creative tasks and games. We hope everyone enjoys the holidays, stays safe and has wonderful time.

Mr Hellam & Mrs Hanley

Lower Key Stage 2 – Year 4A

This week year 4 have enjoyed their festive week. We had an amazing carol concert we hope all the parents enjoyed it as much as we did! We have been busy making cards and calendars ready to bring home to our adults. We really enjoyed our Christmas party and getting into the Christmas spirit. Year 4 have worked incredibly hard this term and deserve a well-earned rest. Have a great Christmas 4a see you in 2022!

Mrs Wolstenholme & Miss Pamment



Lower Key Stage 2 – Year 4B

Well, what a fantastic, festive final week we have had here in Year 4b! I can't believe it's the end of our first term together already! We have been busy making Christmas Cards and Calendars, we sang our Christmas Carols at the concert on Tuesday and we boogied at our Christmas Party on Wednesday. In between all that, we have been writing short sentences in French, multiplying by 10 in Maths using our reasoning and problem-solving skills and we have been learning all about Holy Communion in RE. In English, we have been writing a narrative about Peter Pan, Wendy and Tinker Bell using our direct speech, inverted commas and reporting clauses. A Super well done 4b! Have a fantastic Christmas and we'll see you in 2022!

Mrs Schofield & Mrs Adamson

Upper Key Stage 2 – Year 5

This week in year 5, we have been very excited for the end of the school term and the beginning of the Christmas holidays! We have concluded our unit of learning in maths – perimeter and area – by applying our knowledge to new and varied contexts. We have continued to think about how area can be helpful when multiplying 2 digit numbers together. In English, we have rewritten a classic Christmas poem – 'Twas the night before Christmas by Clement Clarke Moore. We thought very carefully about vocabulary choices and ensured that rhyme was included on lines one and two and on lines three and four, we also discussed how many syllables each line was to ensure our poems were cohesive. This week, we really enjoyed practising the Christmas songs which we performed for the parents in front of the school Christmas tree. We had a lovely time singing carols in church on Friday with the rest of UKS2 are now ready for a relaxing break. See you all in the new year!

Mr Adlington, Mrs Bailey & Mrs Watson

Upper Key Stage 2 – Year 5 /6

This week, the children have thoroughly enjoyed baking, building and decorating their ginger bread houses to conclude their DT unit. The children have shown real enthusiasm and resilience during this tricky task! They have also enjoyed concluding their science topic by setting up an investigation into the growth micro-organisms (updates to follow next term!) We would like to say a huge well done to the children this term for their ongoing positivity towards their learning and drive to succeed. Thank you to all the grown-ups who joined us at our Christmas Concert that truly put us in the Christmas spirit. Finally, a huge thank you and good luck to Miss Gilbert our trainee teacher who has worked incredibly hard at Towngate. Have a super Christmas and we will see you in the New Year.

Mrs Bateman & Mrs Johnson

Upper Key Stage 2 – Year 6

What a half term it has been in Year 6! We have had a fantastic time learning together and have spent time this week celebrating the festive season! This week, we completed our DT projects where we created our gingerbread houses; we showed super perseverance and communicated effectively to finalise our projects! Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, Year 6, well done for working so hard!

Mrs Poole, Mrs Drury & Mrs Harvey





20th-24th December

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