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Dear Parents and Carers

04/03/2022

### ACADEMY NEWSLETTER

We are thrilled to welcome all our wonderful pupils and parents back into school this half term. It is lovely to see everyone back in school and we are excited to see what this new term will bring.

#### Welcoming Parents into School

We are delighted to tell you that we are now able to welcome you all back into school. We are going to be holding Celebration Assemblies for Early Years and Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 on a fortnightly basis, Mrs Berry will be inviting parents and children from Early Years and Key Stage 1 to come into school to share a story with her and we are also planning to hold an Open Evening to showcase our wonderful to parents old and new! We are also going back to face to face Parents Evenings, something I know you all will appreciate rather than relying on Teams!

#### Celebration Assemblies

We are pleased to tell you that we will be holding our first Celebration Assembly with effect from next week! First up are Early Years (F1 Nursery and F2 Reception) and Key Stage 1 (Classes 1 & 2) starting at 9am. It will be held in the School Hall, if you come to the main office, we will show you where to sign in and where to sit. Next week, Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March, it will be the turn of the Key Stage 2 (Years 3, 4, 5 & 6), again, this will be a 9am start in the main school hall.

We are making changes to the way we are awarding the children for their excellent behaviour. We are no longer giving out Stars of the Week, but when it is your child's year group Celebration Assembly, 4 children will receive our very special CORE Award based around our CORE 4 Values, Compassion, Ownership, Resilience and Excellence.

#### Share a Story with Mrs Berry

Mrs Berry would like to invite parents and carers with their child from Early Years on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> March at 2.45pm to Share a Story. This will be held in Library, an exciting space that many of you will not have seen before! Mrs Berry would also like to invite parents and carers with their child from Key Stage 1 on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> March at 2.45pm to Share a story.

#### Towngate Primary Academy Open Evening

Mrs Berry and all the staff are extremely proud of our Academy and the environment we have created and we would like to share this with you all be inviting you to an Open Evening on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2022 from 3.15pm until 5.00pm. If you would like to attend this Open Evening, please let the Academy Office know. More details regarding attending and the itinerary will follow next week.

#### Parents Evenings

Parents Evenings will be held on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2022 until 6.00pm and on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> April until 5.00pm. Further details regarding booking a time slot will be sent out next week.

#### Year 2 SATS Meeting

Mrs Davies would like to invite all Year 2 parents and carers to a Year 2 SATs meeting on **Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> March** at 3.15pm. There is further information on the Year 2 Class Newsletter that parents have received today.



## Netball

The extra-curricular Netball club will be starting back up next week, Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2022, please ensure your child has some trainers with them if they take part in this club. This takes place from 3.15 to 4.00pm.

## Band

Mr Hellam will be starting up the extra-curricular Band club next week on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2022. If your child would like to attend, please let the Academy office know. The lunchtime Ukulele club will no longer be running, but if any of these children would like to attend Band they are of course more than welcome, the club runs from 3.15 until 4.15pm.

## Ukraine Disaster Appeal

We are sure you are all aware of the tragic circumstances unfolding in Ukraine right now. We are aware of a gentleman in Barnsley who is a retired fireman and he is planning on filling and driving a truck with essential aid to help the Ukrainian Refugees in Poland. We would like to help him to do this. If you are able to donate any clothing, toiletries, blankets or non-perishable foods, please bring them in and hand them to your class teacher and Mrs Bateman will arrange to get these items to this amazing kind man.

## Key Dates

Early Years & Key Stage 1 Celebration Assembly	Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> March 2022 – 9.00am
Share a Story with Mrs Berry (Early Years)	Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> March 2022 – 2.45pm
Year 2 SATS Meeting	Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> March 2022 – 3.15pm
Key Stage 2 Celebration Assembly	Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> March 2022 – 9.00am
Share a Story with Mrs Berry (Key Stage 1)	Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> March 2022 – 2.45pm
Towngate Primary Academy Open Evening	Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> March 2022 – 3.15pm – 5.00pm
Parents Evening	Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> April 2022 – 3.15pm – 6.00pm
PTA Event – Easter Fair	Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> April
Parents Evening	Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> April 2022 – 3.15pm – 6.00pm
PTA Event – Break the Rules Day	Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> May 2022
PTA Event – Summer Gala	Saturday 16 <sup>th</sup> May 2022
PTA Event – Year 6 Prom	Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May 2022

## Attendance:

This week's whole school attendance is 97.01%. Our attendance target 97%,

## Team Towngate



## Updates from our Academy Key Stage Leaders

### Early Years Update

We would like to welcome you all back to Early Years. We have all been so busy this week and we are all very proud of how well the children have settled back into their classes and the children's interest and engagement in their new topics.

Next week we will look forward to inviting you into school to help us celebrate in our children's achievements with Key Stage 1. Our first assembly will be on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> March at 9am in the hall. During this half term we will also be welcoming you to attend a stay and play session, where you will be able to work alongside your child within their classroom. We are also looking forward to being able to take part in a local walk so we can explore our local environment.

It has been lovely to see the continuing development of our Early Years setting this year, and I would like to thank all of the staff in EYFS for their enthusiasm and commitment to ensuring the children are able to work in an engaging and supportive environment. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continuing to support, as we work together to support your children on their learning journey. I hope you have an enjoyable weekend.

**Mrs Kimbley**

### Key Stage 1 Update

Welcome back to Key Stage 1. We have had an amazing first week back and the staff in Key Stage 1 are so proud of how the children have returned after the holiday with a positive attitude to their learning. This term we are looking forward to relaunching our Early Years and Key Stage 1 Assembly where parents are able to join us again in celebrating the amazing achievements of the children.

The first assembly for Early Years and Key Stage 1 will be on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> March at 9am in the hall.

We are also looking forward to being able to take part in our local walks again, taking in the variety of buildings we have available to see and our wonderful town centre with the range of shops and markets on offer for the local people. It is really important that the children learn to value their community as they grow to be able to value what is around them when they are older.

We are continuing to develop our Key Stage 1 outdoor learning environment. We have secured more funding, so watch this space for new arrivals to enhance the children's outdoor play skills.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Key Stage 1 staff for all their hard work and dedication when working with the children and to you, as parents for supporting the children at home with reading and homework. Having the ability to read is so important to give the children the foundation skills to excel in Key Stage 2. We are all doing amazing!! Have a wonderful weekend.

**Miss Lockett**

### Key Stage 2 Update

Welcome back to Key Stage Two. This term we are looking forward to welcoming parents back into school to join our celebration assemblies beginning on 18<sup>th</sup> March at 9am. These will be an opportunity for children to celebrate both their in-school and out of school achievements with staff, peers and parents/carers. We are looking forward to re-launching our local walks this term, which will be an opportunity to immerse ourselves in the Ossett community. We are also looking forward to having a slot for baking each week this term which will allow us to develop key life skills and creativity. Thank you again for your ongoing support this year, we look forward to continuing to work with you.

**Mrs Bateman**



## What's been going on in school this week?

### Early Years – Foundation 1 (Nursery)

This term our focus topic is exploring the past. We will be focussing on the 1950s/60s where children can make links to family who were born during this time. This week we have compared schools and how the photos are black and white. The children loved the first ever Andy Pandy in black and white, especially when teddy got knocked over by Andy on the swing! If any parents, family members have anything they can show the children from this period of time we would be extremely grateful for the children to experience. Have a great weekend!

Miss Haigh & Mrs Gordon

### Early Years – Foundation 2 (Reception)

This week we have started our new topic, We are Detectives, where we will begin finding out about the past. We have been thinking about dinosaurs this week and thinking about the vocabulary which focuses on opposites as we read, Dinosaurs Roar. We also thoroughly enjoyed sharing our favourite stories and dressing as our favourite characters during World Book Day. We all worked very hard to draw and write about our characters and we were all very impressed. We have also been exploring the number 10 this week, and trying to recall some number bonds to 10. Well done everyone.

Mrs Kimbley & Mrs Middleton

### Key Stage 1 – Year 1

We have had a wonderful first week back. The children really got into the spirit of World Book Day with Sherlock Holmes, Scarface Claw, Oi Frog and many more characters visiting our classroom that day. The big bad wolf was on his best behaviour, thank goodness! We enjoyed talking and chatting about our books. We read the beginning of Fantastic Mr Fox. We had three Horrid Henry's playing tricks all day! We really enjoyed joining with Year 2 in the afternoon to share our favourite books. In our Key Stage 1 assembly a special visitor came to see us and chose 2 children from each class to have a special certificate for their costumes. Can you guess who it was? The tiger who came to Tea! What a brilliant surprise for the children.

Have a lovely weekend everyone and keep enjoying reading your books at home

Miss Lockett

### Key Stage 1 – Year 2

Welcome back Year 2! This week we have started learning about fractions in Maths and how we can find half of a shape, amount and number. The children could identify that each part needs to be equal to make the whole. In Science, we have started planning an experiment to test the properties of a range of materials, predicting which will be most suitable for an umbrella. The children identified that this material must be strong and waterproof. Next week we will be posting our findings on Twitter! We had a fantastic day yesterday celebrating 25 years of World Book Day! The children enjoyed reading books with their peers, sharing why they love their favourite book and took part in some hot seating! Well done for an excellent first week back Year 2.

Mrs Davies

### Lower Key Stage 2 – Year 3

This week in Year 3 the children have been working very hard during the first week back! In our English lessons, we have begun looking at our new non-fiction focus text called 'Earth shattering events' which links with our Geography topic of volcanoes and earthquakes. The children have analysed an information leaflet and have been locating specific grammatical features within this text. This will help us as we begin to write our own next week. Over the next three weeks, we are very lucky to have a visitor from the Wakefield Cathedral in school to run a singing workshop with our children. Year 3 very much enjoyed this and practiced some vocal warmups as a class. In Geography, we looked at the four layers of the Earth and have begun to look at the role tectonic plates play in the make-up of the surface of our planet. In ICT, the children have begun researching a topic of their choosing so that in the coming weeks we can record our own 'Vlogs' and share what we have learned to our peers. We have had a wonderful week back in school. Well done everyone!

Mr Hellam



### *Lower Key Stage 2 – Year 4A*

This week in Y4a, we have started looking at a new book as part of our English lessons. The children have been studying 'The Arrival' by Shaun Tan and answering comprehension questions all about this story with no text. In Maths, we have been looking at equivalent fractions and progressed our learning by using pictorial representations as well as learning abstract methods to create equivalent fractions. We have started a new topic in our Science lessons learning all about space. This week, the children were learning about solar and lunar eclipses. In Geography, we have started looking at our new topic 'Migration'. We learnt new definitions about different types of migration and discussed the positive impact migration has had on the food we enjoy in the UK

**Mrs Wolstenholme**

### *Lower Key Stage 2 – Year 4B*

What a wonderful first week back we've had! We enjoyed dressing up, sharing books and performing our own stories for World Book Day. In English, we have been learning how to use homophones and in Maths we are learning to use equivalent fractions. In Science, we began our new topic about space and in Geography began our new topic of Migration and understanding what migration is. In PE, we have also been learning new skills in our game of Lacrosse and in DT we have been evaluating existing containers so that we can design our own container for a migrant to hold their possessions. Well done for a great first week 4b!

**Mrs Schofield**

### *Upper Key Stage 2 – Year 5*

This week, in year 5, we have really settled well into our learning and have enjoyed being back in class. In English, we have introduced our new book - 'Varmints'. This picture book focuses on the destruction of nature with the arrival of the 'OTHERS'. The book links with our new history topic which is 'The Industrial Revolution'. We have looked at our new text type - a setting description - and identified the features of a successful piece. In maths, we have continued with our final week of work on fractions looking at multiplying mixed numbers by integers. We have focused on our fluency of calculations and competed some reasoning and problem solving questions. In art, we have introduced our new artist for the half term - David Hockney. We have analysed his artistic style and made inferences about the subject of his art and his use of colour. In history, we have completed a scaled timeline to contextualise the industrial revolution.

**Mr Adlington**

### *Upper Key Stage 2 – Year 5 /6*

This week in Year 5/6 we have launched our new science topic on magnetism, the children were required to draw upon previous learning comparing all they know about contact and non-contact forces. Next week we will be exploring the force of magnetism in more depth. In computing this term, we will be looking at "unplugged" coding, this week the children looked at two types of written code and decoded secret messages. As part of our World Book Day activities we held a "Speed Date" with a book session where the children justified their choice of favourite book, reading their favourite excerpt to convince us to read it too!

**Mrs Bateman**

### *Upper Key Stage 2 – Year 6*

In Year 6 this week, we have had a fabulous time working together following February half term: we have been showing great resilience and commitment to our English and Maths lessons where we are revisiting concepts taught previously. In History, we began our learning on the Industrial Revolution: we began the lesson by thinking like historians and considering the chronology of various eras we have studied before in school. We considered the length of each of these periods in relation to the Industrial Revolution. In Science, we have started building on our knowledge of forces to explore magnetism: we revisited various forces such as air resistance, water resistance, up-thrust, gravity and friction. Well done for a super week guys - have a fantastic weekend!

**Mrs Poole**





**How might your life be different if you weren't able to go to school?**



# 2022

## Upcoming events

*April - Easter Fair - Weds 6th.*

*May - Break the rules day - Friday 20th.*

*July - Summer Gala - Sat 16th.*

*July - Year 6 Prom - Friday 22nd.*

*Please support us in raising money to  
improve our outdoor areas.*

*Thank you  
Towngate Primary Academy PTA*

All guidelines relating to covid 19 will be adhered to.



# TOWNGATE PRIMARY ACADEMY

## SUMMER GALA

**SATURDAY 16TH JULY**

**10 AM - 3 PM.**



- Tombola
- Raffle
- Refreshments
- Bottle hoopla
- Krispy Kreme
- Penalty shoot out
- Hook a duck
- & many more.

Come and enjoy the fun  
with family and friends.

