

Towngate Primary Academy

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Dear Parents and Carers,

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ACADEMY NEWSLETTER

Today concludes our final week in school this academic year. It has been such a special time in school, preparing our children for the next steps in their education, whether that be stepping into their next class, moving phase or moving on to pastures new in secondary school. It goes without saying that this year, getting back to 'normal' has been tricky – but so rewarding. We wish to thank all parents and carers for your continued support and dedication to the school. Your support means so much.

Year Six

This week we had our final week with our wonderful Year 6 children. Many of our cohort are taking their next steps into different primary schools and have said their final farewells to each other. The week has been utterly fantastic, but equally heart breaking to lose such wonderful children from our school community. This week we enjoyed our camping trip on Monday where we sang around the campfires, played games, devoured fish and chips! On Tuesday, the children continued their camping experiences by eating bugs, filtering water and pendant making. Wednesday was the day we held our Leavers' Assembly, where all staff and children said their goodbyes; it was lovely to see the children's parents and carers in attendance for this celebration of our Year 6's time in school.

Year 6, we are so proud of each and every one of you – you have very bright futures ahead of you and we cannot wait to hear about your successes in secondary school. Keep in touch!

Mrs Johnson

During the Autumn term, Mrs Johnson our learning Mentor, will be leaving Towngate to commence her new role as Educational Welfare Officer for both IPMAT and another trust. Mrs Johnson has been part of our team for such a long time and her expertise will be sorely missed by children, staff and families alike. We are so grateful for the impact Mrs Johnson has had on our school during her time here and she will be truly missed. Thank you for all you do!

Message from the Chair of Governors

Following two academic years that saw significant disruption to school life due to the pandemic, it has been a fantastic year for everyone at Towngate. The children of Towngate are an asset to the school and have done exceptionally well in demonstrating their resilience and commitment to doing well; as a result, they have achieved great things, as we have seen with SATs results, which are some of the best ever for the school. I think most will agree that time has flown, but it's important to think back to all the great accomplishments in school and events that have taken place for the first time since before Covid, such as school trips, assemblies, the fantastic school gala a few weeks ago which raised a significant amount of money for the school, and of course the camping experience and leaving party for Year 6.

As a governing body, we have seen a number of governors step down after several years of commitment – we would like to extend our thanks to Katie, Darren and the former Chair, Jo. We have also welcomed some new governors – Sally, Pam and Bekki – who have quickly got up to speed and are making a great contribution. During the year, we have held three formal governor meetings,



various visits to school including 'governor mornings' where we see the great work of the children and school team, plus training and meetings with the MAT.

We hope everyone has a lovely summer holiday and look forwards to another great school year starting in September.

Philip Emms – Chair of Governors. Bekki Holmes, Sally O'Driscoll and Pam Taylor.

(If you are interested in becoming a governor please contact the school office).

Reports

This week, children received their end of year reports from Class Teachers. Please could we encourage parents and carers to share any feedback on their child's progress, report or experiences this year to the school office or via sending email to tga-enquiries@ipmat.co.uk. The feedback really helps the school to continue driving forward and allows staff to reflect on the work undertaken during the school year. We are in the process of making slight changes to reporting on progress next year in response to our most recent parent view; we will inform you of this in the autumn term.

Staffing for 22/23

Please see the class teaching staff arrangements for next academic year, following our two transition days:

Nursery: Miss Haigh

Reception: Mrs Kimbley, Mrs Allen

Reception/Year 1: Miss Ayling, Mrs Allen

Year 1: Miss Lockett

Year 2: Miss Senior

Year 3: Miss Riley

Year 4: Mrs Schofield

Year 5: Miss Wilson

Year 5/6: Mr Adlington & Mrs Bateman

Year 6: Miss Richardson and Mrs Poole

Please note:

Due to an increase in pupil numbers, the Reception classes will be made up of a pure reception and mixed Reception/Year 1 class. This will be run as per other mixed classes in school, whereby children in specific year groups will be teaching the curriculum required for these children.

Additionally, Mrs Poole and Mrs Bateman will also be class teachers during the autumn term, prior to taking their maternity leave.

Key Dates

School closes for the summer holiday	28.7.22
School opens in September	7.9.22

Attendance

This week, our attendance has been very disappointing at 89.77%. Our end of year attendance sits at 94.3%. We hope that families enjoy their time over the school holidays and we look forward to working together to build strong attendance in the new academic year.

Thank you for your ongoing support, have a wonderful summer holiday and we look forward to welcoming you back in September!

Team Towngate

