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Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been an excellent week in school, with lots of wonderful learning taking place both in school and during our extra-curricular clubs. Take a look on our Twitter feed for photos of our hard work and exciting topics this week.

Safeguarding Parent Workshop

Due to unforeseen circumstances, we will be moving our parent/carer safeguarding workshop to an alternative date. We will inform parents and carers of this change in due course.

Parent's Evening

Our parent's evening appointments will be taking place on **Monday 17th October 3:30 – 5:00pm** and **Thursday 20th October 3:30pm – 6:00pm** for updates on your child's progress from their class teacher. These appointments will be given in 10-minute slots – you will be able to book these using a Microsoft Forms link which will be emailed, time slots to be by confirmed by class teacher we will try our best to accommodate your chosen times, slots will be given on a first come first served basis.

Year 1 INSPIRE

On Friday 14th October, Year 1 will be inviting their parents and carers into school from 2:00pm to join their INSPIRE afternoon. Please let school know if you are planning to attend to we can predict numbers – we look forward to seeing you!

Wear Red Day

On Friday 21st October, all children in school will be invited to donate and wear red to school in support of 'Show Racism the Red Card', the UK's leading anti-racism charity. Further information to follow.

PTA Halloween Disco

The PTA will be holding their Halloween discos on the **1st November**. KS1 will be at 3.30pm- 4.30pm, children that wish to come will be able to get changed at school and picked up at the later time of 4.30pm. The KS2 disco will be from 4.45pm - 6pm, there is a limited number of tickets available for the KS2 disco and once the number is reached, we unfortunately cannot accept anymore. Disco entry will be charged at £2 per person, letters will be sent home in the coming weeks with more details. A tuck shop will also be available at the discos for refreshments and snacks.

Nursery and Early years will also have the opportunity for some Halloween fun with a special 'Bats, rats and cats' event that will take place during their school day. The cost for this will be £1 and they will receive a drink and a snack. Letters to be sent out shortly. Thank you - PTA.



Reindeer Run & Christmas Jumper Day

On Thursday 8th December, we will be taking part in the Wakefield Hospice Reindeer Run in the school playground. Every child wishing to take part in this fun event will receive a pair of reindeer antlers and will raise money for Wakefield Hospice by running/jogging/walking as many laps of the school running track as they can. Children are also invited to wear Christmas jumpers or tops as this date is also Christmas Jumper Day. Sponsor forms will be sent out with the children nearer the time.

Music Lessons

In school we offer fantastic musical opportunities for children to learn to play the drums, cello or guitar. These lessons are taught by peripatetic music teachers who specialise in these instruments. We currently have spaces in all classes for these lessons, with a chargeable fee of £70.00 per term.

Harvest Festival

The school council will be holding a Harvest Festival assembly in school for the children on Tuesday 19th October. We would love any donations of canned or packet non-perishable goods which will be donated to the Resource Foodbank in Ossett following our assembly. Your kind donations can be delivered to school next week and will be collected by the school councillor in your child's class. Thank you in advance, School Council.

Young Writer's Competition

This year, we will be encouraging pupils across school to take part in the Young Writer's competition where they will be given the opportunity to publish their own writing. The theme this year is Poetry: **Imagine: Through The Eyes of...** Pupils can be anyone or anything they want to be in this exciting poetry competition. To access the resources to help with your writing follow this link:

<https://www.youngwriters.co.uk/competitions/KS1/imagine-ks2>

We can't wait to read your entries and celebrate your writing success!



Key Term Dates

Please see attached dates for your diary for this half term. PTA dates have been added in bold for your attention:

Date	Event	Class
To be rearranged	Parent/Carer Safeguarding information meeting	All parents/carers welcome to attend
14.10.22	Year 1 INSPIRE event @ 2pm	Parents welcome Year 1
17.10.22 (3.30pm – 5.00pm)	Parents' Consultation Evening A letter will be sent to all parents/carers to book an appointment closer to the time.	All classes
19.10.22	Year 2 INSPIRE event @ 2pm	Parents welcome Year 2
20.10.22 (3.30pm – 6.00pm)	Parents' Consultation Evening A letter will be sent to all parents/carers to book an appointment closer to the time.	All classes
01.11.22	Early Years 'Bats, Cats and Rats' Halloween event - times will be confirmed.	Early Years
01.11.22	Halloween Discos – times will be confirmed.	KS1 and KS2
09.11.22	INSPIRE event UKS2 @ 1.30pm	Parents welcome Year 5 Year 5/6 Year 6
15.11.22	Year 4 INSPIRE event @ 1.30pm	Parents welcome Year 4
17.11.22	Nursery Stay and Play	Nursery Parents
18.11.22	Reception and Reception/Year 1 INSPIRE event @ 2pm	Parents welcome Year 1
25.11.22	Year 3 INSPIRE event @ 1.30pm	Parents welcome Year 3
25.11.22	Scholastic Book Fair arrives in school	All classes
02.12.22	Non-uniform day in exchange for bottles / sweets for the Christmas Fair.	All classes
05.12.22	Lower Key Stage Two Christmas Production	Year 3 & Year 4
06.12.22	Early Years Christmas Production	Nursery, Reception, Reception/Year 1
07.12.22	Key Stage One Christmas Production	Year 1 Year 2
08.12.22	Upper Key Stage Two Christmas Production	Year 5 Year 5/6 Year 6
08.12.22	Christmas Jumper Day	All classes (non PTA Event)
08.12.22	Reindeer Run	All classes (school council event)
12.12.22	Christmas Fair after school	All families





Pupil Achievements



Attendance

Our attendance is 96.27% this week; well done everyone. A particular well done must go to Year2 who achieved a fantastic 98.26%. All classes in school are working towards achieving their 'Perfect Attendance' treat for 100% attendance every day – keep going everyone!

Core Awards

Nursery	Nora Freya Henry Archie
Reception	Edie Darcy Eden Ava
Reception/Year 1	Freddie Eva Harper Francesca
Year 1	Jackson Isabelle Pippa Theo
Year 2	Oliver Mia Alonso Evie

We look forward to working in collaboration with you this year and hope you have an enjoyable weekend.

Team Towngate



What have we been getting up to this week?

Nursery

This week the children have enjoyed learning about The Three Little Pigs, they have been recalling main events in the story, joining in with the repeated phrases and been very creative by making their own pig mask. In maths the children are continuing to learn to count objects and recall numbers to five and some children to 10. Today the children have been thinking about feelings and we have created a feelings board where the children can move their photo to identify how they feel. Have a great weekend everyone!

Miss Haigh & Mrs Gordon

Reception / Year 1

This week we have continued our work on 'Goldilocks and the Three Bears.' We have loved recreating the story in provision using the home corner, playdough and the large blocks outside. We have developed our scissor skills creating our own bear families. The vocabulary and imaginative we have used this week have been fantastic – the children have really loved this story. In maths we have been focusing on one more and one less, using the story 'Room on the Broom' to explore the number 5 alongside this. We have proven ourselves to be super subitisers! Our art has continued this week and we have been brilliant at mixing colours to create the background for our family portraits. Miss Ayling and Mrs Kimbley have noticed how fantastic we are getting at orally blending sounds. To help us continue this brilliant progress can blending books/ ditties be read daily and written in reading records, so we can keep track of our brilliant blending skills! Again, we are so impressed with the progress the children are making and applaud another week of hard work!

Mrs Kimbley, Mrs Allen & Miss Ayling

Year 1

This week in Year 1 we have been very busy in science investigating floating and sinking, we enjoyed working in groups to make predictions and investigate which classroom objects would float or sink. In Art, we have been working towards our final piece, thinking carefully about our background and foreground details. In maths, we are moving into addition using part whole models!

Well done Year 1!

Mrs Bateman

Year 2

We have been really busy in Year 2 this week. In English we have been writing a character description of Phileas Fogg who is the main character in our core text 'Around the World in Eighty Days'. We've been using different resources to count in our 2s, 5s and 10s during Maths and we have even learnt a fun song for our 2 times tables! In Science we learnt about the different food groups and why it is so important to eat a healthy diet. The children have worked so hard this week, well done Year 2!

Miss Senior

Year 3

In Year 3 this week we have had fun learning to play the Glockenspiels to our song 'Let your spirit fly' in our music lessons. We have also enjoyed writing a non chronological report in English about Mary Jackson, one of the characters from our story Hidden Figures. We are continuing to enjoy our guided reading book, George's Marvellous Medicine during our reading lessons. In Science this week we have learnt about synthetic materials and how these are made using raw materials. We are very excited about our timetables rock stars competition against Year 4 and have been working very hard on learning our 4 times tables this week! Well done Year 3!

Miss Riley



Year 4

We have been working very hard in Year 4 this week. In English, we have been writing a persuasive letter to Edmund Hillary and in Maths, we have been finding numbers 10, 100 or 1000 more or less and we have been comparing numbers. In Science, we have been learning how particles behave when you heat or cool them and in Music, we have been learning an African song called Kye Kye Kule. Well done for a super week Year 4.

Mrs Schofield

Year 5

This week, in year 5, we have had another wonderful week! We have been using inverse to find missing numbers in maths. Everyone has showed super resilience learning this skill! In English, we have been finding features in persuasive writing so that we can begin to plan our own pieces next week. In RE we have been exploring reasons that people do and do not believe in God. In Geography we produced and delivered our own presentations on the meaning and challenges of an aging population. We all thoroughly enjoyed watching each other's. Well done for all of your hard work this week year 5, have a lovely weekend!

Miss Wilson

Year 5/6

This week, in Y5/6, we have tackled some really tricky learning. In maths, Y6 have been working through the dreaded long division and have been quite surprised at how well they have managed it. We have looked at some methods which can simplify the process of long division and have applied this to fluency and reasoning problems. Y5 have also practised some difficult concepts in maths by discussing prime numbers and square numbers. We have investigated problems such as 'are the squares of even numbers always even?' and 'how many prime numbers are there between 10 and 100?' which has relied on our resilience and perseverance to find the answer.

In English, we have identified the features of a persuasive text and discussed WWII propaganda in preparation for writing our own persuasive text which will aim to recruit members to the Danish resistance. Through our book Hitler's Canary, we have learned about how the Danish people helped smuggled over 7,000 Jewish people across the sea to neutral Sweden during WWII. We will use this as our stimulus for writing in the coming week. In science, we have learned what a 'life cycle assessment' is and how scientists and environmentalists use these to judge the environmental impact of products. Our PSHE learning has focused on families and same sex couples to discuss the stereotypes which often still prevail in society.

Mr Adlington

Year 6

Another busy but fabulous week in Year 6 this week! In English, we have produced some wonderful setting descriptions of a war-torn street, based on our text Hitler's Canary. In maths, we have used chunking to tackle long division questions. Well done to everyone as it is not easy, but you have shown great resilience! In Geography, we have continued to study population, this week focusing on analysing population pyramids. In PE, we have enjoyed making shelters in Forest Schools and we showed Miss Richardson our fitness skills when completing drills. Well done Year 6!

Miss Richardson & Mrs Poole

