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Dear Parents and Carers,

We have enjoyed another wonderful week in school this week: working together, exploring new learning and continuing to make positive gains in our learning. As we approach our final week in school, we are excited to welcome parents and carers into the classrooms ready for parents evening.

Baby News

It is with great excitement that we announce the wonderful news that Mrs Berry is expecting twins during the spring term. We are certain you will join us in congratulating Mrs Berry and her husband on their wonderful news. Further information on the arrangements in school will be shared during next half term. We are thrilled to let you all know that Mrs Davies has had a healthy baby boy on 18th September weighing 8lb 2oz. We would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Mrs Davies and her family on this wonderful news and we look forward to meeting him very soon.

MacMillan Coffee Morning

Thank you so much to everyone who sent kind donations or participated in our Macmillan coffee morning. We raised an amazing £315.23 thanks to your kindness and generosity. The children and staff thoroughly enjoyed the day and it has been lovely to raise money for such a worthy cause.

Harvest Festival

We would welcome any donations to our annual Harvest Festival next week that will be donated to 'The Resource Foodbank' in Ossett. We would love any non-perishable goods in cans or packets. Please see the Resource Foodbank list of most wanted items (although they would be grateful for anything at all) at the end of this newsletter. Thank you in advance for your support.

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.

Year 1 INSPIRE Event

This afternoon we welcomed our parents and carers from Year 1 into school for our INSPIRE event. We shared our Art knowledge and skills development from over the half term with our adults and applied this to our PSHE learning. We created a piece of art work using watercolour for the background and poster paint to create a silhouette foreground. Thank you to all our parents and carers for joining us, we hope you enjoyed it as much as we did!

Parents' Evening

Next week we are holding our autumn term parents' evenings on both Monday until 5pm and Thursday until 6pm. These meetings are designed to discuss how your child has settled into their new setting and how they are accessing their learning during this time. Appointment times have been allocated by class teachers,



however if parents/carers have not accepted or booked an appointment, please do speak directly with your child's class teacher.

We look forward to continuing working with you,
Team Towngate

Key Term Dates

Please see attached dates for your diary for this half term:

Date	Event	Class
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
09.12.22	Christmas Jumper Day Reindeer Run	All classes (school council event)
12.12.22	Christmas Fair after school	All families





Pupil Achievements



Attendance

Our attendance is 95.86% this week; well done everyone. A particular well done must go to Year1 who achieved a fantastic 98.75%. All classes in school are working towards achieving their 'Perfect Attendance' treat for 100% attendance every day – keep going everyone!

Core Awards

	Compassion	Ownership	Resilience	Excellence
Year 3	Darcy	Edward	Lewis	Sarah
Year 4	Alesha	Noah	Maria	Evalyn
Year 5	Krystal	Darcy	Jake	Georgia
Year 5/6	Laney	Riley	Cameron	Abigail
Year 6	Alayah	William	Amelia	Miley

What have we been getting up to this week?

Nursery

This week the children have been learning about 2D and 3D shapes, they have been amazing at recalling that 3D shapes are not flat and 2D shapes are flat. They have also been beginning to compare shapes by their properties and their 3D shape names. Our focus story this week has been discussing 'Family' and finding out why families are special to them. We had had some brilliant story telling happening in Nursery this week and have been blown away by the story language the children have used. Please keep practising counting and identifying numbers in the environment, this will help your children to retain and recall their numbers.

Thanks for your continued support!

Miss Haigh/Mrs Gordon

Reception / Year 1

This week in Reception and Reception/Year 1 we have been looking at the familiar story 'We're going on a bear hunt.' We have thought of some fantastic vocabulary to describe each part of the journey and drawn some amazingly detailed maps to show the bear hunt story. In provision, we have worked on constructing bridges and vehicles to help the family on their journey to the bear too! We have also loved retelling the story with our friends and going on imaginary bear hunts in our outdoor area. The art area has been very busy this week with the children making pictures of bears (from Bear hunt and the Goldilocks story) using a range of media, e.g. paint, oil pastels, crayons and pencils. In maths, we have continued our focus on one more and one less exploring our favourite number songs, such as 5 currant buns and 5 little ducks. Our number sense gets stronger each week! Another super week completed! Well done Reception and Reception/Year 1.

Mrs Kimbley, Miss Ayling, Mrs Allen & Mrs Middleton

Year 1

This week in Year 1, we have been retelling the story of our class text 'The Tadpole's Promise' thinking carefully about using capital letters for days of the week. In Maths, have been exploring addition using part whole models and looking at how many ways we can make different totals. In Science, we have further explored materials by doing an investigation into waterproof materials and designing an umbrella for our class teddy bear. The children have continued to work incredibly hard and we are so proud of them!

Mrs Bateman



Year 2

In Year Two we have moved onto addition and subtraction in Maths: we have been recapping number bonds to ten and understanding fact families. In writing, we have been learning about expanded noun phrases and how they help to make our writing more descriptive. We have been looking at the human life-cycle in Science and how we grow from a baby to becoming elderly. The children drew some fantastic pictures to demonstrate their understanding. Well done Year Two.

Miss Senior

Year 3

This week in Year 3 we have enjoyed writing a newspaper report about Mary Jackson in English. In Maths we have worked on our subtraction and addition skills focusing on crossing the tens and hundreds boundary. In Science, we have explored how synthetic materials are made from raw materials and looked at the process of making glass. We were very lucky this week to have a workshop with the Yorkshire Building Society during which we learnt about budgeting and how to make a profit. In History we have explored what life was like in a Stone Age settlement. Well done on another super week Year 3!

Miss Riley

Year 4

In Year 4 this week, we have been redrafting our persuasive letter to Edmund Hillary to let us accompany him on his expedition up Mount Everest. In Maths, we have been ordering numbers and learning our Roman numerals. In Science, we have been learning what happens to particles when you heat or cool them and in History, we have been learning about the Roman uprising in Britain. We had a visit from The Yorkshire Building Society who were teaching us about budgeting our finances and making a profit when organising an event. We have also been working very hard to practise our Harvest festival songs.

Mrs Schofield

Year 5

We have had another fabulous week in Year 5! We have been busy identifying multiples and factors, followed by multiplying by 10, 100 and 1000! In English, we have produced some simply wonderful pieces of writing, attempting to persuade the people of Denmark to fight back in the Second World War. Population has continued to be our topic of focus in Geography, we have now explored the difficulties that both dense and ageing populations pose. In PE, we have continued to work extremely hard on our multi-functional fitness: this week we completed many activities that developed our muscular endurance and cardiovascular fitness! Have a super weekend everyone - well done for all of your hard work this week.

Miss Wilson

Year 5/6

This week, in Y5/6, we have spent some time consolidating our knowledge of mathematical concepts. Our Y6 children have been revisiting numbers, place value and the four operations and have applied their knowledge to a range of contexts. Our Y5 children have been learning about multiples and common multiples and have investigated strategies we can use to spot patterns. In English, we have analysed a persuasive text and identified the features we might find in such a text. We have planned our own writing and have started to write a draft version of our work. In science, we have learned about combustion and written combustion equations. We have discussed the environmental impact of combustion including the damage that acidic rain can cause to the environment. In geography, we have discovered what a population pyramid is and have analysed population pyramids from contrasting countries. We have learned what factors might impact a population pyramid and discovered how population increases and decreases. Another great week everyone!

Mr Adlington



Year 6

It has been another busy but brilliant week in Year 6! This week we have been working hard consolidating our place value and four operations learning in maths through reasoning and challenging multi-step problems. In English, we have continued analysing our text - Hitler's Canary. Our next piece of writing will be a persuasive text; we have looked at the features and planned our writing ready for next week. In geography, we have explored and compared Nairobi city and Kibera slums in Kenya, to support us in understanding the challenges that a growing population brings. Sustainability is still our topic in science; this week we have learnt about life cycle assessments and made decisions, based off researched facts, about whether it is more sustainable to use paper cups or reusable cups. Thank you for a lovely, hard-working week Year 6!

Miss Richardson & Mrs Poole

