

# Towngate Primary Academy

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a very exciting week at Towngate Academy, where all of our children have been busily practising for their Christmas productions and holding the all-important dress rehearsals. The children, and adults, have worked so hard on each of the productions, perfecting their acting and singing skills and we can't wait to welcome you into school next week to watch them.

## **Wakefield Hospice: Reindeer Run**

Our Reindeer Run on 9<sup>th</sup> December is fast approaching! Sponsor forms can be collected from your school councillor and the link for your sponsor money is below:

We wish all the Reindeer runners the best of luck!!!

<https://wakefieldhospice.enthuse.com/pl/towngate-primary-academy-towngate-primary-academy>

## **Tempest**

Have you ordered your school photos yet? A polite reminder that the closing date for **free delivery** back to school is **Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2022**. Order through the Tempest website using your unique link or visit [www.tempest-orders.co.uk](http://www.tempest-orders.co.uk) If you need any assistance in ordering your photos, please feel free to contact Tempest on 01736 751555 (option 3).

## **Food Bank**

Thank you to everyone who has donated so far. Our donations basket is filling up with lots of canned and packet goods which will be very gratefully received by The Resource Food bank and families in our community at Christmas. The school council visited the local supermarket this week to stock up on staple food & Christmas goodies to be passed onto people in the community. Thank you for all of your donations and for purchasing the Christmas performance tickets which have contributed towards this.



## 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
<b>All classes</b>		
05.12.22	Lower Key Stage Two Christmas Production 9.30am & 1.45pm	Year 3 & Year 4
05.12.22	Assessment week across school	All school
06.12.22	Early Years Christmas Production @ 10am & 2pm	Nursery, Reception, Reception/Year 1
07.12.22	Key Stage One Christmas Production @ 9.30am & 2pm	Year 1 (Parents welcome) Year 2
08.12.22	Upper Key Stage Two Christmas Production @ 10.00am & 5.30pm performances	Year 5 Year 5/6 Year 6
09.12.22	Christmas Jumper Day and Wakefield Hospice Reindeer Run	All classes (school council event)
09.12.22	EOCT Christmas Carol Concert	Yr4
<b>12.12.22</b>	<b>Christmas Fair after school @ 3.30pm</b>	<b>All families</b>
13.12.22	Early Years Christmas Party 1.30pm	Nursery and Reception
14.12.22	School Christmas dinner	Reception to year 6
14.12.22	KS1 – Christmas Party @ 1.30pm	Year 1 & 2
15.12.22	Open evening for new parents @ 4pm-5pm	Parents new to school
15.12.22	UKS2 Christmas Party @ 10am	Year 5, Year 5/6 & Year 6
15.12.22	LKS2 Christmas Party @ 2pm	Year 3/4
16.12.22	Christmas Church visit @ 10am	Reception to Yr6
16.12.22	Break up today	Whole school
03.01.23	Return to school	Whole school





## Pupil Achievements



### Attendance

A massive well done must go to Year 3 who achieved a fantastic 96.84% All classes in school are working towards achieving their 'Perfect Attendance' treat, for 100% attendance every day – keep going everyone!

## What have we been getting up to this week?

### Nursery

Nursery have had a magical week in the Christmas workshop this week. The children were so excited to decorate the Christmas trees, write cards and wrap presents. In Maths this week, the children have been reviewing previous learning, looking at numerals, counting amounts, looking at shapes and looking at patterns. In topic, it was wonderful to look at the story of the Nativity and make links to our song that we have been learning for our performance. The children are continuing to work hard practising their songs and are so excited to sing these to all our grown-ups next week. Thank you for your continued support with your children. Have a magical weekend!

**Miss Haigh and Mrs Gordon**

### Reception / Year 1

This week in Reception and Reception/Year 1 we have been reading the story 'Goodnight Spaceman'. We went on our own space mission and imagined that we flew into outer space on our rocket. We described stars, planets and the Milky Way galaxy as we zoomed through our solar system. Outside, we helped to create a space station and went on alien spotting and moon rock collecting missions. We have also learnt about the history of space travel, including the first moon landing and the famous astronaut Neil Armstrong. We were fascinated by the footage of the Apollo 11 launch. In Maths, we have been practising our counting skills up to 10 and beyond, and have found one more and one less than a number. We have really enjoyed the topic of Space and are learning so much about our universe – we can't wait to continue and build on this next week.

**Mrs Kimbley, Miss Ayling & Mrs Allen**

### Year 1

In Year 1 this week, we have continued with our non-fiction text 'My first animal encyclopaedia'. The children have learnt about adjectives and nouns this week, focusing on insects. In Maths, we are now learning about 2D shapes, we have been sorting the 2D shapes and creating sequences. On Wednesday, we had our lovely book share which we thoroughly enjoy. We also went on our walk to Holy Trinity. The children were super on this walk and really set a good example outside of the school. They asked lots of questions about Holy Trinity and they looked at how the school differs to ours. We have been preparing the last finishing touches to our Nativity and the children had an amazing dress rehearsal in front of the whole school.

**Miss Garside**



## Year 2

This week in Year 2 we have been busy preparing our Christmas production ready for next week. We can't wait for you all to come and see it! On Wednesday, we went on a walk around our local area to visit Holy Trinity. We talked about the history of the school and what we thought was old and new. When we returned to Towngate, we wrote a recount about our trip and the things we saw on our walk. We walked beautifully and represented our school well – it was lovely to see! In Maths this week, we have been securing our knowledge of column method and we are getting so good at this now. I think we may be ready to cross ten whilst subtracting next week! Well done for a super week Year Two – I am so proud of you.

**Miss Senior**

## Year 3

In Year 3 this week we have been extremely busy practising our Christmas carols for our performance on Monday. We are very excited to perform for our grown-ups! In English we have written a character description and worked hard on up levelling the vocabulary we are using to describe the character in our redrafts. In Maths this week we have worked on our 8 times table and the link between our 2's, 4's and 8's. In Science we have learnt about the force upthrust and tested objects to see whether they would float or not. In Geography we have explored cities and the features of a city. Well done on another fantastic week Year 3!

**Miss Riley**

## Year 4

In English this week, we have been learning how to use relative clauses with direct speech and we have been planning a narrative about a disaster during a chariot race at the Circus Maximus. In Maths, we have been multiplying and dividing by 11 and 12 and in French, we have been writing sentences to describe zoo animals including a noun, verb and adjective. In PSHE, we have been discussing our own body space and we have also been very busy practicing for our Christmas Carol Concert. Well done for a super busy week!

**Mrs Schofield**

## Year 5

What a busy week we've had! This week, we have worked so hard to identify relative and subordinate clauses. We used this skill to then develop our own clauses. In Maths, we have focused on multiplying 4 digit numbers by 2 digits; everyone showed super effort to master this. In Science, we have been learning about scientific equations, specifically for chemical reactions. We also enjoyed another lovely drumming lesson with Mr Ellis! Enjoy your weekend Year 5 -thank you for your hard work.

**Miss Wilson**



## **Year 5/6**

This week, in Y5/6, we have had a busy week practising for our Christmas production. We have almost perfected our dances and songs, ready to perform for parents and carers next week! In Maths, we have continued our learning on decimals by adding and subtracting decimals. Our Y5 children, have been completing addition and subtraction with decimal numbers with the same number of decimal places and the Y6 children have been adding and subtracting with different amounts of decimal places. We have completed some reasoning and problem solving to enable children to apply their knowledge to new and varied contexts. In DT, we have really developed our ability to produce technical, scaled drawings using Sketchup. We have discussed the importance of producing clear technical drawings to allow engineers to build accurate, precise products. In History, we have learned about how the Benin Kingdom became so powerful after the arrival of firearms to the region - imported and sold by the Portuguese. We discussed how this might be similar or different to the rise of the British Empire.

**Mr Adlington**

## **Year 6**

This week, in Year 6, we have been busy practising for our Christmas production. It looks and sounds amazing and we can't wait to share it with you next week. In Maths, we have been using our place value knowledge to add and subtract decimals and have now learnt how to convert fractions into decimals. In English, we have had a grammar week where we have practised key skills, such as writing subordinating and relative clauses and identifying subjects and objects in sentences. We will be applying these skills next week in our independent write. In Computing, we have made our own point scoring games on SCRATCH.

**Miss Richardson**





★ Fun for the whole family.

# Christmas Fair

CRAFTS - CHRISTMAS GIFTS - TOMBOLA - SANTAS GROTTTO-  
REFRESHMENTS AND MUCH MORE

MONDAY 12TH DECEMBER

TOWNGATE PRIMARY ACADEMY  
3.30PM ONWARDS



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**THE RESOURCE**  
Food Bank



**CHRISTMAS DONATION LIST**

**A BIG THANK YOU!!  
FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT.**

**WE ARE COLLECTING ...**

**DRIED PRODUCE**

Boxes Of Biscuits  
Biscuits for Cheese  
Packet Mash Potato  
Multi-Pack Crisps  
Mixed Nuts

**BREAKFAST PRODUCE**

Porridge Oats  
Cereals  
Jam  
Marmalade

**CLEANING ITEMS**

Washing -up Liquid  
Dish Cloths  
Sponge Pan Scourers  
Washing Powder/Gel  
Multi-Surface Cleaner  
Soaps

**TOILETRIES**

Shower Gel  
Hair Shampoo  
Toothpaste/Brushes  
Shave Foam/Razors  
Male & Female Toiletry Gift  
Packs

**TINNED PRODUCE**

Tin Potatoes  
Tin Vegetables  
Mince Beef & Onions  
Chicken in White Sauce  
Corned Beef  
Family Size Tin Ham  
Tin Chopped Pork  
Hot Dogs  
Gravy Granules

**DESSERTS**

Custard (sachet or tin)  
Tin Fruit  
Christmas Puddings  
Brandy(flavor) Sauce  
Mince Pies  
Fruit Cake  
Yule Logs  
Mini-Choc Rolls

**BEVERAGES**

Tea  
Coffee (Large & Small Jars)  
Juice (concentrate)  
Soft Drinks

**CONDIMENTS**

Apple Sauce  
Cranberry Sauce  
Gravy Granules  
Sage & Onion Stuffing  
Jars of Pickles

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