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Dear Parents and Carers,

Our penultimate week of the Autumn term has been another very busy one! We are all well and truly in the Christmas spirit now and we would like to pass on our thanks to our Towngate families who continue to support us with the various events taking place at this busy time of year. We look forward to welcoming you into school again on Monday for our Christmas Fair!

Christmas concerts

The children have had an amazing week performing their Christmas concerts to our Towngate families. It's been amazing to be able to welcome parents back into school to watch all of our children perform. A massive well done to all of the children and staff members, for their hard work and dedication.

Christmas tree donation

Thank you to Mr & Mrs Pickering of Lodge Hill Farm for the beautiful Christmas tree they kindly donated for our school playground. The School Council had an amazing time going to pick this year's tree from the farm.

Wakefield Hospice: Reindeer Run

Today, we had a fantastic time participating in our sponsored Wakefield Hospice Reindeer Run. Thank you to every-one who has contributed so far. Please can you bring all sponsor money to the School Council by Wednesday 14th December or you can add your sponsor money on to the following link:

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

Food Bank

A huge thank you to everyone who has contributed to the Resource Foodbank Christmas Collection. We are overwhelmed by your kindness. Marie and Peter from the Foodbank will be collecting the food on Wednesday morning so if you would still like to contribute please do this before Wednesday.

Mrs Middleton

Mrs Middleton is leaving the Towngate family on Wednesday, after an incredible 19 years of service, to enjoy her retirement with her lovely family. Mrs Middleton will leave with so many happy memories and has found looking after the children and families of Towngate an absolute privilege. I'm sure you will all join us in wishing her well in her retirement.



Mrs Coyle

At the end of this term, Mrs Coyle will be leaving Towngate Academy to take on the role of Education Welfare Officer. Whilst we are sad to see Mrs Coyle leave, we would like to congratulate her on this promotion and thank her for all of the support she has given to our Towngate families.

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
All classes		
12.12.22	Christmas Fair after school @ 3.30pm	All families
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
3.1.23	Return to school	Whole school



Pupil Achievements



Attendance

Well done must go to Year 1 who achieved a fantastic 95.93%. All classes in school are working towards achieving their 'Perfect Attendance' treat for 100% attendance every day – keep going everyone

	Compassion	Ownership	Resilience	Excellence
Nursery	Olivia	Oscar	Mahbeer	Oliver H
Reception	Eliza	Archie	Jack	Emilie
Reception/Y1	Lilly	Oliver	India	Olivia
Year 1	Kennedy	Joseph	Emma	Fabian
Year 2	Violet	Jayden	McKenzie	Andrea



What have we been getting up to this week?

Nursery

Nursery were absolutely brilliant in their Christmas performances this week. We were so proud to see the children singing along after all the practising they had done. This week, in Maths, the children have been looking at subitising - this is where they look at an amount and can identify the amount without having to count the objects. They are amazing at identifying numbers on a dice! In Phonics they have continued to learn initial sounds in words. We have looked at 'm' 'a' 's' 'd' and 'i' and the children have completed independent activities in the provision to challenge themselves. We are getting so excited as Christmas draws nearer and next Tuesday is our Christmas Party. Have a magical weekend!

Miss Haigh and Mrs Gordon

Reception / Year 1

This week we have continued our learning about space. We have recapped our knowledge on the planets in our solar system and their characteristics. We have used this knowledge to write poems about space. We wrote poems describing a planet and asked the reader to guess what planet we were describing. What superb poetry writers we are! In Maths, we looked at length and comparing the length of objects, using mathematical vocabulary like longest, shortest and measure. We used rulers to measure items in the classroom too and measured who had the biggest hands! Our performance was at the start of the week and it was clear that all of our hard work paid off - the teachers and parents were so proud of all of the children and we were proud of ourselves too! We showed just how super we are!

Mrs Kimbley, Miss Ayling & Mrs Allen

Year 1

This week, in Year 1, we have been super busy! On Thursday we had our production 'Busy, Busy Bethlehem'. The children were all super and their singing was amazing! Thank you all for attending and being a part of this day. In English we have been writing poems about our favourite insects. The children have also taken part in our annual Christmas jumper day and raised money for our Reindeer Run. What a super week we have had in Year 1!

Miss Garside

Year 2

In Year 2 this week, our learning has focused around the Christmas story. In RE we learnt all about the people in our nativity play and why they make Christmas so important. In PSHE we have spoken about the special people in our lives and why they are special to us. Some children chose to draw their special person and others chose to write about them. On Wednesday, we finally got to perform our Christmas show 'Busy, Busy Bethlehem'. We sang our hearts out and had so much fun! Well done Year 2 - you have had a spectacular week!

Miss Senior

Year 3

In Year 3 we have had another fantastic week! We started our week off with our wonderful Christmas performance. The children were fantastic and we are very proud of you all! In Geography we have been learning about megacities and what life is like in different settlements. In Science we have learnt about pulleys, levers and gears. In PE we have put our invasion skills to the test and played games of handball, basketball and dodgeball. We have also completed our Reindeer Run today! Well done on another great week Year 3!

Miss Riley



Year 4

This week, in Year 4, we have been planning to write a narrative about a disaster at The Circus Maximus. In Maths, we have been using our reasoning and problem-solving skills to work out challenges in our 12 times tables. In French, we learned how to write a sentence about family, using correct pronunciation and in PSHE we have been learning about personal body space. We enjoyed our Christmas Carol Concert on Monday and have also enjoyed using our DT skills to make Christmas decorations for our Christmas Fair next week. Today, we participated in the Wakefield Hospice Reindeer Run and this afternoon we joined the other Ossett primary schools to sing Christmas Carols in the town centre. Another super busy week - Well done Year 4!

Mrs Schofield

Year 5

What a wonderful week it has been! This week, in Maths, we have learnt how divide 4-digit numbers by 1-digit numbers, without remainders. In History, we have been learning about trade in Benin Kingdom and how this assisted them in becoming so powerful. In French, we have learnt the names of different occupations and used these in full sentences! In PSHE, we challenged stereotypes and investigated how these are reinforced through society and the media. Well done for a fabulous week, Year 5!

Miss Wilson

Year 5/6

This week, in Y5/6, we have focused on developing our grammar skills by consolidating our knowledge of relative clauses and appropriate use of semi-colons. We have discussed when each grammar or punctuation feature might be used and have answered reasoning questions to ensure we can articulate our answers in new contexts. We have completed an extended piece of writing to provide opportunities to demonstrate independent use of these features in our writing. In History, we have learned about how the Benin Kingdom expanded its empire through establishing trade links with European countries. We justified why Benin is ideally located for trading and discussed the impact this had on a growing kingdom. In PE, we have continued to build our handball skills to ensure we can effectively play small sided games and can pass, defend and shoot accurately. In RE, we have used Jesus' teachings about justice and fairness to discuss how this might impact the lives of Christians.

Mr Adlington

Year 6

What a fantastic week in Year 6! Firstly, I just want to say how proud I am of how well the children performed in the Christmas Production - the performances were absolutely amazing and all of their hard work definitely paid off! This week has also been assessment week and once again, I am very proud of how resilient the children have been when completing these. Well done Year 6, one more week to go and then you will get your well-deserved rest.

Miss Richardson







★ Fun for the whole family.

Christmas Fair

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

MONDAY 12TH DECEMBER

TOWNGATE PRIMARY ACADEMY
3.30PM ONWARDS



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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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