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Dear Parents and Carers,

As we rapidly approach the festive season, the children and staff have been working extremely hard preparing for their Christmas concerts – we cannot wait for you to see them. Tickets for the concerts are still on sale in the school office.

Wakefield Hospice: Reindeer Run

A message from the Wakefield Hospice: This year's school Reindeer Run has attracted 27 schools with 7,500 pupils taking part from across our local community, which is amazing.

Last year we received so many wonderful messages of support from parents and patients "Nothing can replace the love, care and support my husband received and I am still getting" and "I will do whatever I can to support the hospice. They have helped our family so much." Thank you and we hope the children enjoy their Reindeer Run.

We are only too aware that times are hard at the moment for everyone, but we really hope you can help us this Christmas and encourage each child to raise any amount of money.

May we take this opportunity to wish you a peaceful Christmas and thank you once again for your continued support of our Hospice. It is invaluable to Wakefield Hospice and we consider ourselves privileged to have your generous support for this year's event.

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

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

Christmas Foodbank Collection

Our school council are collecting vital food items for our local foodbank this Christmas. All donations should be cans or dried food. Christmas items would be extremely welcome but we would like to collect as many staple food items as possible to help to prevent anybody going hungry in our community this Christmas. All donations can be delivered into school from Monday 14th November and will be donated to the Resource Foodbank before Christmas

Children in Need

Thank you so much to everyone who dressed in spots or non-uniform last week to raise money for BBC Children in Need. We are pleased to announce that we raised a fantastic **£192.60** – well done everyone!



Poppy appeal

Thank you once again to everyone who bought a poppy or Remembrance merchandise from school. We are absolutely thrilled to announce that The Horbury, Sitlington & Ossett branch of the Royal British Legion raised an amazing £44,939.39 and here at Towngate we raised **£396.08** of that total.

Scholastics book fair

The Scholastic book fair is now in school. The book fair will be in school until Thursday 1st December, all children and families are welcome to come along before or after school, we have 100's of the best new books available from £2.99 upwards.

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
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 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	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	Year 4
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





Pupil Achievements



Attendance

Our attendance is 93.80% this week. A particular well done must go to Year F2/1 who achieved a fabulous 98.94%. 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	Nathan	Robbie	Harrison	Piper
Year 4	Ethan	Amelia	Lilly	Eva
Year 5	Eva	Tahlia	Maisee	Kiera
Year 5/6	Georgia	Reuben	Thomas	Daniel
Year 6	Will	Harry	Finley	Carter



What have we been getting up to this week?

Nursery

This week we have been learning about planets in the Solar System; the children are becoming very knowledgeable about planet names and why each planet is special. In Maths, the children have been thinking about patterns in the environment, we looked closely at the patterns found on animals and were able to identify their names. In Phonics the children have been amazing at identifying syllables in many various words. Everyone has been working very hard over the past few weeks to learn their Nativity songs, I am sure they will impress you on the day! Have a great weekend everyone!

Miss Haigh and Mrs Gordon

Reception / Year 1

This week in Reception and Reception/Year 1 we have been reading the story 'Whatever Next'. We have recreated Baby Bear's journey to the moon, thinking of what we might bring with us if we went on such a journey. We have created rocket ships using blocks and Lego, and used the 3D shapes to create rocket pictures. We have used Google Earth to explore our planet and see where we live in relation to the rest of the world. We loved using technology to find Ossett and our school on planet Earth. In Maths we have looked at the composition of different numbers and have done some problem solving to solidify this understanding. Next week, we are looking at space travel and what we might find in space – we are very excited! Alongside all this, we are continuing to rehearse our Christmas performance and can't wait for you to see it!

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 singular and plural this week, focusing on animals and what we call them when there is one or more than one. In Maths, we are now learning about 3D shapes, we created our own 3D shapes to put on display in the classroom. In Science, we have looked at what specific objects are made from, we know that some items can be made from multiple materials. We are finalising our nativity and are super excited to show it off very soon. In History, we have learnt what houses used to look like and how they have changed. We are looking forward to our walk next week.

Miss Garside

Year 2

This week in English we have been learning about Haiku poems. The children enjoyed clapping the syllables to create their own exciting poems. In Maths, we have started to look at crossing the tens when adding our 2-digit numbers together.

We were very excited to receive a visit from Treacle bear to tell us all about our upcoming Reindeer run. We also enjoyed another music lesson with Miss Collins where we worked together to create a samba rhythm using different instruments. Well done on another busy week Year 2!

Miss Senior

Year 3

This week in Year 3 we have worked incredibly hard on our 3- and 4-times tables. We have also enjoyed reading more of our core text 'The Wild Way Home'. In Science we have learnt about non-contact forces, particularly looking at gravity. In Geography we have looked at the different shapes of settlements and why some settlements are more populated than others. We have also had a wonderful INSPIRE afternoon today with our parents and carers working very hard on our sewing skills! Well done Year 3!

Miss Riley



Year 4

This week in Year 4, we have been very busy writing a persuasive advert in English to persuade people to challenge our ultimate, champion chariot racer. In Maths, we have been multiplying and dividing by 9 and by 7 using known facts and in Science, we have been learning about how the different parts of our eye help us to see light. In RE, we have been learning about the Ten Commandments and in Computing we have been learning about the Internet and the World Wide Web. We have also been using our art skills this week and knowledge of cubism to produce a 'Picasso Style' portrait. Well done for another fantastic week Year 4.

Mrs Schofield

Year 5

This week, in English, we have written the most wonderful poems from the perspective of the main character in our book, The Island. We focused on figurative language in our grammar lesson this week so we have worked hard to include this in our poems! In Science, we have explored different methods of separation for mixtures - we carried out a practical experiment in which we filtered sand from water. In PE, we used all of the skills that we've developed over the terms so far and had a whole-class game of Handball - we had lots of fun! We have continued to work extremely hard on our Christmas production and can't wait to show you all. Well done for another super week, Year 5!

Miss Wilson

Year 5/6

This week, in Year 5/6, we have begun our new learning in Maths focusing on decimals. We have looked at the place value of decimal digits and have multiplied decimals by 10, 100 and 1,000. We have started to divide decimals by 10, 100 and 1,000 ready to apply our knowledge to reasoning and problem solving questions. In DT, we have used CAD to develop our initial ideas for our pulley systems, ready to begin prototyping next week. In science, we completed an experiment to observe what happens to a solute when dissolved in a solvent to produce a solution. We investigated how the temperature and volume of solvent might impact the rate the solute dissolves.

Mr Adlington

Year 6

Another busy but brilliant week in Year 6! In Maths, we have moved onto decimals, learning about decimal place value and multiplying and dividing decimals. In English, we have written some beautiful free verse poems about our text – The Island. In Science, we have explored particles in pure and impure materials. We have also been busy practising our Christmas Production, we can't wait for you to see!

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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Let's help ensure that nobody goes hungry this Christmas.

Donations will be collected by the
School Councillor in each class.



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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