

# Towngate Primary Academy

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*Dear Parents and Carers,*

As we have reached the last day of this academic year, we wanted to express our appreciation and thanks to parents and carers for your kind messages and gifts for the staff in school. This week has been full of fun, laughter and plenty of tears as we said goodbye to our Year 6 pupils who are leaving to start their new beginnings in secondary school. Good luck to each and every one of you – you have been a credit to our school and we are so excited to watch you take on your next adventure.

## **A message from Mrs Berry**

Having returned to work this week following my maternity leave, I wanted to express how utterly delightful it has been to be back in school with your children. Leaving my three boys at home this week has been difficult, but returning back to Towngate to be with the staff, children and see so many friendly faces at our events this week has made my return a joy. I want to express my gratitude to the staff team who have worked incredibly hard this year during my period of absence, to keep our school a positive and magical place to learn. For now, I wish all of our families a happy summer holiday together and look forward to continuing to strengthen our partnership to make Towngate the best place it can be for the children in our community.

A special mention must go to Mrs Wolstenholme, Miss Richardson and Miss Brockless who today spent their last day at Towngate. Thank you to each of you for working so hard – you will be missed!

## **A message from the Chair of Governors**

On July 11<sup>th</sup>, Year 6 children received their SATS results, a year group who have shown great resilience and real determination to achieve their best. The same group have been away on residential having loads of fun with their friends and a fitting end to their time at primary school, and Year 5 have been camping on the school field, no doubt keeping teachers awake for most of the night! It is the dedication of all teaching and support staff that continue to enable the children to be their best, supported by the Trust and the Local Governance Board (LGB). The LGB is a small group who volunteer their time, often as parents, to support the school in achieving the best for the children. We meet regularly through the year either in formal meetings or with visits to school, where we see the great work that goes on every day in an environment that is fun, well behaved, courteous and celebrates our diverse communities. As an LGB, we have had another busy year and it is a real pleasure to get to the end of term to see children across the school years continue to do well, be prepared for secondary school and enjoy their time at Towngate. Have a great summer.

*Philip Emms, Chair of Local Governance Board*

## **What are we reading?**

Mrs Berry was keen to share her favourite book for the moment – *Here We Are* by Oliver Jeffers. This is the book that Mrs Berry chooses to read to her three children – the book begins looking down at Earth from the Solar System, explores the theme of land and sea, before exploring what it means to be a person. The book shows us that the earth is big enough for everyone and everyone is welcome. This is a must-read and we hope you're inspired to share this book at home!



We are going to be developing our reading offer even further by operating Lending Libraries on our Upper and Lower Key Stage playgrounds within our reading sheds. Should you have any books at home that are no longer in use, we would welcome any kind donations. Thank you

### **Coffee & Cake Session**

Miss Lowell's next coffee and cake session will take place on **Monday 11<sup>th</sup> September from 2.30pm**. This is an opportunity for parents and carers to spend time in school and enjoy a chat in an informal setting. We hope to see you there!

### **ARTventurers Club**

ARTventurers Ossett have kindly offered to run an after-school club on Wednesdays starting from 20<sup>th</sup> September for children from Reception to Year 6. Sessions will be priced at £6 per week and will run for 5 weeks. If your child would be interested in a place, please inform the school office by **Friday 28<sup>th</sup> July**. Dependant on take-up, places will be confirmed directly.

### **Extra-Curricular Clubs**

Clubs will be confirmed during our INSET days in September to ensure we continue to offer a wide range of extra-curricular opportunities for our children.

### **Music Lessons**

A reminder that year we are again offering group music tuition, facilitated by Wakefield Music Services. The cost for these lessons are £73 per term and children can specialise in a range of instruments. Please contact the school office for further information.

### **Key Term Dates**

Please find attached event dates for each term on our newsletter. We have endeavoured to plan events for the whole academic year and we ask for your understanding if any dates need changing. For the Year 6 residential this year, we will provide parents and carers with some different options and costings for consultation due to increasing prices for residential trips. Thank you for your understanding.



## **Pupil Achievements**



### **Attendance**

Our end of year attendance for the whole school has 94.45%. Well done to all pupils who have worked hard to maintain high levels of attendance this year – we are incredibly proud of you!

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

### **Nursery**

The children this week have enjoyed their very first sports day, working together as a team and showing great resilience by not giving up. We are very proud of the children who graduated this week moving onto the next adventure, we look forward to seeing what you all achieve in the next school year. To round the end of an amazing week, we enjoyed a Teddy bears picnic where we danced, sang and all played together. Well done Nursery!

**Miss Haigh/Mrs Gordon**

### **Reception / Year 1**

We can't believe another school year has come to an end and what a fantastic year it has been. It has been a pleasure watching the children learn and grow this past year and all the staff who have worked alongside them this year, are extremely proud. We marked the end of the year with a special graduation ceremony, Towngate's Got Talent and an action-packed Sports Day! We would like to take this time to thank all the children's grown-ups this year for all your support and wish our amazing children the best of luck in the next class. Have a safe, relaxing and fun Summer with your families. See you all in September!

**Mrs Kimbley, Mrs Davies & Mrs Phillips**



### **Year 1**

In Year 1 this week we thoroughly enjoyed our sports day. We enjoyed having a go at all the different activity stations and really enjoyed the running race at the end. It was good fun to watch the grown-ups run too. In maths we have been thinking about time and money. We have been working through our own maths booklets which we have really enjoyed doing. In English we finished our class book 'The Seeds of Friendships'. We liked how the community came together to build a colourful world. We have enjoyed working together this week to get ready for the end of year. We watched the Year 6 leavers assembly and had lots of tears as we wish them good luck for their move to high school. We also loved Towngate's Got Talent. What an amazing show! Well done for everyone who took part. Year 1, you are all superstars and I am very proud of you all. Have a lovely summer with your families and I look forward to seeing you all again in September.

**Miss Lockett**

### **Year 2**

I would like to take this time to say a huge thank you to all the adults this year for the support you have shown myself and Mrs Thackrah it has been truly appreciated. I want you to know how incredibly proud I am of every single child in Year 2 this year. The hard work and dedication shown by each individual this year has been a pleasure to witness. Year 2, I have watched you all grow and develop in confidence and to see the work you now produce is amazing, I have no doubt that you will all continue the amazing progress as you go into Year 3. Every day you all make me laugh and smile and are such a wonderful caring class. You all have such enthusiasm and genuine love for learning which makes you a delight to teach, I hope you keep that enthusiasm all the way through school and never stop enjoying learning. Always believe in yourselves and never forget how incredible you all are. I am so proud of each and every one of you keep shining like the stars you are! I will miss you all, good luck in KS2 you will be amazing.

**Mrs Wolstenholme**

### **Year 3**

What a fantastic end to the year we have had this week! This week we have shown great sportsmanship for our sports day, we have enjoyed Towngate's Got Talent today and we have loved watching the Y6 leavers performance. We have also learnt about basic first aid in PSHE and concluding our Maths learning by interpreting and drawing bar charts. The children have continued to work hard right up to the last minute, a testimony to the dedication they have shown throughout the whole year. I would like to take this opportunity to say a huge well done to each and every one of you for your hard work, dedication and excellence this year. You have all made me incredibly proud and I wish you the best of luck for Year 4! Enjoy a well-deserved rest over the Summer, stay safe and have lots of fun with your families.

**Miss Riley**

### **Year 4**

Well, here we are, it's the final week of Year 4. This week we have been redrafting our non-chronological reports in English and in Maths, we have been learning to understand and recognise polygons. In, Science, we completed our topic of 'Human Anatomy' by looking at the process of how humans digest their food. We used a pair of tights as our large intestine, with porridge oats and orange juice to re-enact the digestion process - it was a bit messy! In Geography, we completed our topic of 'Natural Resources' by looking at the circular economy (ask your children all about it). We have enjoyed lots of fun and laughter in our last week, we have watched Year 6 get ready to leave our school and we have taken part in 'Towngate's Got Talent!'. Well Year 4, you are now Year 5 ready! Have a fantastic Summer!

**Mrs Schofield**



## **Year 5**

What a wonderful final week we have had! We started the week writing a recount of our lovely camping experience or another memory that we held. These were simply wonderful to read. We have thoroughly enjoyed consolidating our learning across subjects, meanwhile, in PE we wrapped our year up with a game of rounders! I would like to take this opportunity to say a huge thank you to each and every one of my team - your hard work and commitment to learning this year has been truly admirable. It has been a pleasure to be your teacher this year and I have watched you all in amazement as you've grown and matured throughout our time together. I hope you have a beautiful Summer and I cannot wait to see you in September - ready to take on your new venture in Year 6.

**Miss Wilson**

## **Year 5/6**

This week, in Y5/6, we have all been very excited as we approach our summer holidays and well-deserved rest. We have consolidated some of our learning in English and maths, but have also spent some time playing fun games with our friends and helping get the school ready for the new academic year! Our Y6 children have been collecting signatures from their friends - on their school t-shirts - to remember the memories they have made during their time at Towngate Primary Academy. Our Y5 children have been asking lots of questions and getting as much information as they possibly can about what happens in Y6 and the challenges and successes next year will bring. As class teacher, I would like to personally thank all the children I have taught this year. The children have been incredible and have always proved that - when it counts - they have the resilience and determination to achieve anything! Good luck to all children as they face the next stage in their education - whether this be high school or returning to Towngate in Y6 - exciting times await!

**Mr Adlington**

## **Year 6**

Where do I start Year 6? What an amazing year we've had together. You've all worked incredibly hard and that has shown in your achievements throughout the year. I will utterly miss each and every one of you. Thank you for making my first year as a Year 6 teacher so special. Good luck on your new adventure - you'll all continue to shine!

**Miss Richardson**



Please see below dates for the next academic year, dates highlighted in yellow are open to parents and carers. **If any dates change, we endeavour to give as much notice as possible.**

### Autumn Term

Date	Event	Class
6.9.23	Back To School	Whole School
7.9.23	Year 5 Meet the Teacher 3:15pm	Year 5 parents
12.9.23	Reception Reading Meeting for Parents 3:00pm	Reception
14.9.23	Road Safety	KS1 + EY
15.9.23	Road Safety	KS2
15.9.24	KS1 Reading Meeting for Parents 3:00pm	Year 1 Year 2
21.9.23	Worry Warriors Workshop	Key Stage Two
22.9.23	Jeans for Genes fundraising day	Whole School
27.9.23	Sleep Workshop	Whole School
27.9.23	Sleep Workshop for Parents 3:20pm – 4:30pm	Whole School
29.9.23	Macmillan Coffee Morning 10:00am	Whole School
2.10.23	Black History Month	Whole School
5.10.23	World Poetry Day	Whole School
12.10.23	Early Years Open Evening 4:00pm – 5:30pm	New Early Years Parents
16.10.23	Trip to Eden Camp	All Year 6
17.10.23	Trip to Eden Camp	All Year 5
18.10.23	Y4 Inspire Afternoon 2:00pm	Year 4
19.10.23	Excellence Exhibit 3:00pm	Whole School
20.10.23	Harvest Festival	Whole School
20.10.23	Show Racism the Red Card Day (wear red)	Whole School
23.10.23	Parents Evening 3:30pm – 6:00pm	Whole School
24.10.23	Cannon Hall House Trip	Year 1
25.10.23	Cannon Hall House Trip	Year 1
25.10.23	PTA Halloween Disco	Whole School
26.10.23	Cannon Hall House Trip	All Year 2
26.10.23	Parents Evening 3:30pm – 5:00pm	Whole School
27.10.23	Break Up Today	Whole School
6.11.23	Back To School	Whole School
6.11.23	Parliament Week	Whole School
10.11.23	World Science Day	Whole School
13.11.23	Remembrance Day Assembly	Whole School
13.11.23	Anti-bullying Week	Whole School
15.11.23	Managing Big Worries – Parent Workshop – 2:00pm – 3:00pm	Whole School
16.11.23	Trip to Stump Cross	Year 3
17.11.23	Children In Need	Whole School
21.11.23	F2 Class Assembly 2:00pm	Reception
22.11.23	Nursery Stay and Play 2:00pm – 3:00pm	New Nursery Parents
23.11.23	School Photo Day	Whole School



23.11.23	Safeguarding Parent Meeting 4:00pm	Whole School
29.11.23	Nursery Stay and Play 2:00pm – 3:00pm	New Nursery Parents
01.12.23	PTA Non-Uniform Day	Whole School
6.12.23	Nursery Stay and Play 2:00pm – 3:00pm	New Nursery Parents
8.12.23	Christmas Jumper Day and Wakefield Hospice Reindeer Run	Whole School
11.12.23	Christmas Fair	Whole School
12.12.23	Excellence Exhibit 3:00pm	Whole School
13.12.23	Early Years Christmas Show 2:00pm	EYFS
14.12.23	LKS2 Christmas Show 10:00am	Year 3 Year 4
19.12.23	KS1 Christmas Show 10:00am	Year 1 Year 2
20.12.23	UKS2 Christmas Show 5:00pm	Year 5 Year 6
22.12.23	Break Up Today	Whole School

### Spring Term

Date	Event	Class
8.1.24	Back to School	Whole School
11.1.24	Early Years Open Evening 4:00pm – 5:30pm	New Early Years Parents
16.1.24	Y3 Class Assembly 2:00pm	Year 3
17.1.24	Multiplication Check Parent Meeting 3:30pm	Year 4
24.1.24	F2 Inspire Afternoon 2:00pm	Reception
2.2.24	NSPCC Number Day	Whole School
5.2.24	Safer Internet Week	Whole School
5.2.24	Nursery Class Assembly	Nursery Parents
7.2.24	Excellence Exhibit 3:00pm	Whole School
8.2.24	Chinese New Year	Whole School
8.2.24	Young Voices	TBC
8.2.24	Early Years Open Evening 4:00pm – 5:30pm	New Early Years Parents
9.2.24	Break Up Today	Whole School
19.2.24	INSET Day	Whole School
20.2.24	Back To School	Whole School
26.2.24	Year 5 Inspire 2:00pm	All Year 5
27.2.24	Year 6 Inspire 2:00pm	All Year 6
28.2.24	Nursery Stay and Play 2:00pm – 3:00pm	New Nursery Parents
29.2.24	Y4 Class Assembly 2:00pm	Whole School
1.3.24	Zero Discrimination Day	Whole School
4.3.24	Careers Week	Whole School
6.3.24	Nursery Stay and Play 2:00pm – 3:00pm	New Nursery Parents



6.3.24	Safeguarding Meeting for Parents 4:00pm	Whole School
7.3.24	World Book Day	Whole School
7.3.24	Early Years Open Evening 4:00pm – 5:30pm	New Early Years Parents
12.3.24	Excellence Exhibit 3:00pm	Whole School
13.3.24	Nursery Stay and Play 2:00pm – 3:00pm	New Nursery Parents
14.3.24	Y2 Class Assembly 2:00pm	All Year 2 Parents
15.3.24	Red Nose Day	Whole School
18.3.24	Parents Evening 3:30pm – 6:00pm	Whole School
19.3.24	Y1 Class Assembly 2:00pm	All Year 1 Parents
21.3.24	Parents Evening 3:30pm – 5:00pm	Whole School
22.3.24	Easter Egg Competition	Whole School
22.3.24	Break Up Today	Whole School

### Summer Term

Date	Event	Class
8.4.24	Back to School	Whole School
11.4.24	Early Years Open Evening 4:00pm – 5:30pm	New Early Years Parents
2.5.24	INSET Day	Whole School
9.5.24	Early Years Open Evening 4:00pm – 5:30pm	New Early Years Parents
13.5.24	KS2 SATs Assessments this week	Year 6
21.5.24	Y3 INSPIRE Afternoon 2:00pm	Year 3
22.5.24	Excellence Exhibit 3:00pm	Whole School
23.5.24	Trip to Yorkshire Muddings	Nursery
24.5.24	Break Up Today	Whole School
3.6.24	Pride Month	Whole School
10.6.24	Back To School Today	Whole School
10.6.24	Year 6 Bikability this week	Year 6
13.6.24	Early Years Open Evening 4:00pm – 5:30pm	New Early Years Parents
14.6.24	Scholastic Book Fair all week	Whole School
17.6.24	Refugee Week	Whole School
19.6.24	Y4 Trip to Murton Park	Year 4
20.6.24	Year 6 Class Assembly 2:00pm	All Year 6
24.6.24	Year 5 Class Assembly 2:00pm	All Year 5
01.07.24	Year 5 Camping Trip	All Year 5
3.7.24	Transition Morning	Whole School
3.7.24	Nursery Stay and Play 2:00pm – 3:00pm	New Nursery Parents
8.7.24	Transition Morning	Whole School
10.7.24	Nursery Stay and Play 2:00pm – 3:00pm	New Nursery Parents
11.7.24	Excellence Exhibit 3:00pm	Whole School
11.7.24	Early Years Open Evening 4:00pm – 5:30pm	New Early Years Parents



11.7.24	Transition Morning	Whole School
12.7.24	French Day	Whole School
15.7.24	EY Trip to the Watering Hole	F2
17.7.24	Nursery Stay and Play 2:00pm – 3:00pm	New Nursery Parents
18.7.24	KS1 Inspire Afternoon 2:00pm	Year 1 Year 2
22.7.24	Sports Day EY: 9:00am KS1: 10:30am LKS2: 1:00pm UKS2: 2:00pm	Whole School
23.7.24	Y2 Graduation 2:00pm	Year 2
24.7.24	Towngate's Got Talent	Whole School
24.7.24	EY Graduation 2:00pm	Foundation
25.7.24	Y6 Leaver's Assembly 2:00pm	Year 6
25.7.24	Break Up Today	Whole School





# Towngate Primary Academy PTA



With your help we've bought -

An online Christmas Panto for the whole school  
Rainsuits for EYFS  
Period packs for KS2 girls  
Leavers hoodies for Year 6

Thank you for all your support this year.

**~ Our target - Outdoor classroom ~**

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