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Dear Parents and Carers,

School Gala

A reminder that our annual school gala is taking place here on **Saturday 15th July** – we hope you can join us for this community event, organised by our dedicated PTA. There will be a range of external stalls, activities and refreshments to explore! We would like to take this opportunity to thank the PTA for their ongoing commitment to raising money in order to continue to grow and develop our school. We look forward to seeing you all tomorrow!

French Day

Today, all children were invited to wear red, white and blue to celebrate our French Day. This has been a fantastic opportunity for children to develop their understanding of French culture or an introduction to the language. It has been wonderful to see the children getting involved in their activities across school, well done everyone!



Year 6 Results

We would like to take this opportunity to congratulate our fantastic Year 6 children on their success this year; the staff at Towngate are incredibly proud of the positive attitudes, dedication and ownership you have demonstrated throughout the year, culminating in a fantastic set of results. We know you are looking forward to your residential and enjoying your final two weeks at primary school; well done again you are an absolute credit to your parents/carers and your teachers!

Coffee & Cake session

Miss Lowell's next coffee and cake session will take place on **Monday 11th 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!

What are we reading?

This week, Mr Adlington wanted to share what he is reading at the moment, a book focussed around his favourite subject: Design Technology. 'Iggy Peck, Architect' is centred around a young boy with a love of designing and building. This build exposes to children to different types of structures and encourages creativity!

Ossett Rotary Club

On Friday 21st July, the Ossett Rotary club will be joining us in Celebration assembly to present the year two children with their very own 'Dictionaries 4 Life' as they transition into Key Stage Two.



Attendance reporting procedures

A polite reminder that any absence from school should be promptly reported to the school office rather than using other means of communication such as Dojo. Thank you for your continued cooperation.

Bereavement Support

As mentioned previously on the newsletter, we will be starting our bereavement group for pupils in school. The first session will be led by Miss Lowell on Friday 15th September 2023 and will be an opportunity for children to talk and begin to create a memory box. Should you feel you would like your child to be part of this, please email the school office.

Wraparound Fees

As you will know, we have not increased our Nursery wraparound fees for quite some time now because we try to keep costs as low as possible for parents and carers however, due to increased costs for staffing and resources we will need to implement a slight increase from September.

As of 1st September 2023, our wraparound fees will be:

Nursery Half Day Afternoon - £15

Nursery Additional 45 Minute Session - £4

These fees have been kept as low as we can possibly make them and knowing what is charged both within Wakefield and nationally, these fees are considerably cheaper. We want to continue to offer the wraparound support, all whilst supporting the cost of living increases too.

Thank you

Key Term Dates

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

Date	Event	Class
17 th July 2023	Y6 residential Ingleborough Hall	Year 6
20 th July 2023	Y5 Camping Trip	Year 5
21 st July 2023	Y6 Leavers' Party – organised by the PTA	Year 6
21 st July 2023	Written reports go home today	All classes
24 th July 2023	9.15am – 10.15am - EYFS Sports Day 10.30am – 11.30am – KS1 Sports Day 2.00pm – 3.15pm – KS2 Sports Day	All classes
25 th July 2023	Meet the Teacher	KS2 classes from 3.15pm
25 th July 2023	YR2 Graduation Assembly	Year 2 parents and carers from 2.30pm
26 th July 2023	Meet the Teacher	KS1 classes from 3.15pm
26 th July 2023	Reception Graduation Assembly	All Reception class
26 th July 2023	Towngate's Got Talent	Whole school
26 th July 2023	Nursery Graduation Assembly	Nursery
27 th July 2023	1.45pm Year 6 Leavers Assembly	Parents and carers of YR6 pupils
28 th July 2023	Teddy Bear's Picnic	Nursery (AM)
28 th July 2023	Break up today	All pupils





Pupil Achievements



Attendance

Our attendance is 96.16% this week; well done everyone. A particular well done must go to Year F2, who achieved 99.57% attendance this week. 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	Samuel	Eva	James	Ava
Year 4	Esma	Dexter	Layla	Noah
Year 5	Libby	Oakley	Niamh	Maya
Year 5/6	Nancy	Daniel	Georgia	Thomas
Year 6	All year 6	All year 6	All year 6	All year 6

What have we been getting up to this week?

Nursery

The children have been really excited about their transition days that have taken place this week, it has been wonderful for them to have the opportunity to explore the environment and get to know their new teacher ready for September. This week we have been looking at the story 'The Pirates are Coming' and learning some popular pirate phrases at Pirate School such as 'Shiver me timbers'. The children found out their pirate names which they found very funny especially the one called 'Tiny Custard Pie!'. We have been receiving postcards this week from Barnaby Bear, who has been to Blackpool, Spain and on a Pirate Ship. The children used the images to guess where he was and we looked on the map to see how he got to his destination, the children were brilliant at guessing that to get to Spain he would have to go on an aeroplane. We look forward to seeing you tomorrow for our school Gala, thank you for your continued support.

Miss Haigh/Mrs Gordon

Reception / Year 1

This week in Reception/Year 1, the children thoroughly enjoyed meeting their new teachers and spending two, exciting mornings with their new classes. In English, we have been thinking all about the seaside and read some poems by Shirley Hughes. We used some adventurous vocabulary to describe the sand and other seaside features. The children used their senses to describe a day at the seaside. One child said, "the sand is irritating between my toes".

In Art, we explored the technique of pointillism to create our own seaside pictures. The children used a variety of media, such as; felt tip and paint.

In maths, we have been consolidating our knowledge of number bonds to 10 and building teen numbers. The children have been super mathematicians! Another fantastic, fun-filled week in Reception/Year 1 - well done everyone.

Mrs Kimbley, Mrs Davies & Mrs Phillips



Year 1

In Year 1 this week we have enjoyed learning about the development of flight in our history lesson. We have learnt about the Wright Brothers and why they are significant figures in history. We compared the Wright Flight, a jumbo jet and a spaceship looking at speed, distance and how safe we would feel to travel in them. In maths we have been continuing to partition numbers to 100 and have compared numbers to see which is the greatest and smallest using mathematical symbols.

In PE we played team games and played a brilliant game called shark attack that the children loved. Thank you to Owen and Reuben in Year 5 for helping in our lesson on the field. On Thursday we enjoyed our grown-ups coming to look through our work and we were very proud to show what we have achieved this year.

Well done Year 1.

Have a lovely weekend.

Miss Lockett

Year 2

Class 2 were very excited to start the week by meeting their new teacher, Mrs Scofield, during transition morning. This helped to settle any nerves and the children came back very excited for next year!

In Maths we have been interpreting pictograms by counting in 2s, 5s and 10s and seeing what information we can find out. In English we have been writing a newspaper article, trying to solve the mystery of poor Thumper's death from our class text - Diary of a Killer Cat.

We enjoyed our final music with Miss Collins from Wakefield Music Services. Miss Collins was very impressed with our progress this year, being able to play a piece of music together as a group. It's trickier than it looks! In PSHE we listened to a story about two girls who were having a sleepover and discussed the different types of privacy in the different situations. In DT we started making our push/pull toys, using a saw safely to cut the axels and adding the wheels. The children were very excited to welcome parents and carers into class to show off some of the work they have done this year. Thank you to everyone who came, we hope you enjoyed it too. Have a lovely weekend!

Mrs Wolstenholme

Year 3

In Year 3 this week we have worked incredibly hard on our assessments. We have also enjoyed our transition sessions on Monday and today - we have loved getting to know our new teacher! In English, we have read the next chapter of our book Pirates of Poseidon. In PSHE we have learnt about online safety. In Geography we have learnt about the devastation caused when a volcano erupts. We have also learnt about food webs in Science. We have also enjoyed French Day today and have written lovely Kennings poems about famous French landmarks. Another super week Year 3, well done!

Miss Riley

Year 4

This week in Year 4, we have been working really hard on our end of year assessments. In Science, we have been learning if all our teeth are the same and what function each different tooth has and in Geography, we have been learning about the natural resources available in the UK. In PE, we continued to learn our dance routine and in PSHE, we have been learning about things that happen to us during puberty. Today, we have enjoyed another transition morning with our new teachers and we have also dressed in white tops for French day where we took part in some French activities. Well done Year 4 for another busy week!

Mrs Schofield



Year 5

This week, Year 5 have worked incredibly hard during assessment week. I have been so proud of the progress each and every person has made, as well as the resilience they have shown during this time. In Science, we have continued our unit of 'Lifestyle' and looked at the influences of smoking on our health. In PE, we have continued to develop our dance routine and practice for Sports Day by enhancing our fitness! We then finished with a classic game of 'duck, duck, goose' - what fun we had. In RE, we summarised our knowledge of how beliefs differ across religions on a mind map - these looked wonderful. Today, we have looked at the history of the 'French Revolution' to understand why we were celebrating Bastille Day. Well done for another super week Year 5!

Miss Wilson

Year 5/6

This week, in Y5/6, we have really enjoyed learning about the French Revolution as part of our French day. We have learned about the cause of the revolution and how things changed as a result. We made posters which highlighted the key themes of the revolution and the key vocabulary needed to understand what occurred. In DT, we have created models of our outdoor gym equipment, practising how to join materials such as wood, cardboard and plastic. We used permanent and semi-permanent joins and discussed the difference between the two. Our Y5 children have thoroughly enjoyed their transition, spending time with their new teachers and our Y6 children have continued to work hard rehearsing for their end of year production.

Mr Adlington

Year 6

What an absolutely fantastic week we've had in Year 6! We started the week by receiving our SATs results and what a brilliant start to the week it was; the results were amazing and well-deserved after all the hard-work the children put in. We are all so proud of every single one of you! We then got to celebrate with our parents/carers at our Afternoon Tea. This was a lovely event and the children turned out to be great bakers! We ended our week with French Day where we enjoyed learning about the French Revolution, creating posters that displayed the cause of the revolution and what changed after. Have a lovely weekend, Year 6! I look forward to next week.

Miss Richardson



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SCHOOL GALA

FREE ENTRY
10am - 3pm

SATURDAY 15TH JULY 2023

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