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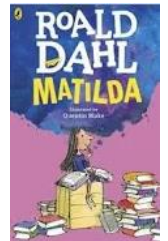
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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to a brand-new school year here at Towngate Primary Academy! Since their return, the children have been warmly welcomed into their new classes by our very excited staff and we have had a wonderful few days of learning and playing together in the glorious sunshine!



What are we reading?

The newest member of our Towngate Team, Mr Hitch, is currently reading his favourite book – Matilda by Roald Dahl. This book celebrates everyone's favourite child genius with an inspiring young heroine; an absolute must read filled with magic and mischief!

Coffee & Cake Session

A quick reminder that 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!

CORE Award Assemblies

Our CORE award assemblies will begin next week with KS2's assembly on **Friday 15th September**. As always, we will contact parents of those receiving CORE awards on the Wednesday prior to the assembly. We would also encourage children to bring in their out of school awards to be celebrated in school. We look forward to seeing you then.

Extra-Curricular Clubs

Our extra-curricular clubs will begin from Monday 11th September, this year we are proud to offer a range of clubs across school. The school office will inform you if your child has secured a place in these clubs.

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 attendance is 96.67% this week; well done everyone. A particular well done must go to Year 4, who achieved 100% attendance this week. 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

It has been so wonderful to welcome our new children and some of our older children back after the summer holidays. The children have settled in very well and they are beginning to form friendships which is so wonderful to see! This week we have focussed on getting to know each other and getting to know our new friends during circle time discussions, having lots of stories and playing together. I have sent home a link of how to log on to Dojo which is an app that you can use to see photos of what your child is doing and message us about any queries you may have, we have found this to be very useful last year. Thank you so much for your support and we hope you have a wonderful weekend.

Miss Haigh/Mrs Gordon

Reception

Wow, what a super first week at school for our new starters. We are very proud of how you have all tried your hardest to learn new routines so quickly – well done! In F2 this week we have started to look at the book 'The Dot' and thought about how even though some things are tricky if we keep trying we might surprise ourselves! In Maths we have worked on our subitising, looking at how many objects are in a group without counting them. We have also practised our counting skills and impressed our new teachers with our amazing number skills! We have worked very hard in provision on our cutting skills, cutting out shapes to make our own scarecrows and making patterns using our fine motor skills. We have also enjoyed lots of learning outside in the sun exploring our new setting.

We are very excited for the many adventures that are yet to come! Well done F2.

Mrs Kimbley, Miss Riley & Mrs Phillips

Year 1

Welcome back to all the KS1 children.

A big welcome to the Year 1 children in my class. We have had a fantastic three days getting to know each other and finding our way around the classroom and the KS1 area. The children have already shown me how kind they are and have been looking out for each other if anyone has needed help.

We have started our history topic this week, finding out about the past by making a human timeline, learning about Queen Victoria and looking at old pictures to investigate what it was like a long time ago.

We have also started our science topic - materials. This week we focused on learning how to describe materials. Thinking about the words hard, soft, smooth but also extending our science word bank by using the words transparent, opaque and translucent.

We had a look at the character in our new book we will be starting in English next week called Sulwe. We had a think about where she might be from and how she was feeling by looking at clues in the picture.

What a fantastic three days back at school Year 1.

You have all worked super hard.

Have a lovely weekend.

Miss Lockett



Year 1/2

A huge welcome back to all our Class 1/2 children! It was so wonderful to welcome all those happy, smiley faces on Wednesday morning and I have been super impressed with their ready to learn attitudes.

We have enjoyed many practical maths activities this week, exploring numbers and using our outdoor provision to enhance our learning in hands on situations. We have been learning how to build our self-esteem and talked about all the things we are good at. In Science, we have been on a material hunt and explored a range of materials in their properties. We have begun our History topic, thinking about what life was like in the Victorian era for children. Well done everyone for a super start to your new year!

Mrs Davies

Year 2

What a simply wonderful first few days we have had in Year 2! It was so lovely to see lots of smiling faces as we returned to school and everyone has settled back in superbly. I have been blown away by the work that has been produced - in English we have been focusing on our basic sentence structure ensuring that we all use capital letters, full stops and fingers spaces. In Maths, we have been using part whole models to partition numbers, consolidating our 2's, 5's and 10 times tables and have used QR codes to play some maths games! We had a lovely first 'Reading for Pleasure' time together, everyone enjoyed familiarising themselves with the new range of books on offer. We have also had a super start to our Science unit, we have described different materials using key words and have explored their suitability for different purposes. In History, we created our very own timeline outside, plotting different events to understand which happened before or during living memory. I hope you all have a fantastic weekend Year 2; I already can't wait to welcome you back into class next week!

Miss Wilson

Year 3

Well, what a wonderful 3 days we've had in Year 3! The children have been delightful and have settled really well into their new routines. On Wednesday, we talked about confidence and self-esteem, learning to understand what these words mean and how we can improve them to increase our own mental wellbeing. This week, we have been using our resilience to practice how to log on and off the chrome books and practicing how to access 'TT Rockstars'. In English, we have been learning how to set out our work neatly in our new books and how to infer from the text from our new topic book 'Hidden Figures'. In Maths, we have been learning to understand tens and ones in place value, ready to move onto hundreds next week. In History, we have been ordering a timeline to figure out when the Stone Age era was and where it sits in the historical timeline. We have been super-busy. Well done Year 3!

Mrs Schofield

Year 4

What a fantastic start to year 4! The children are settling in well, and have welcomed me into the school immediately. Already this week, we have been focusing on representing number to 1000 and students have already blown me away with what they are capable of (something I hope continues). In English we have started reading Everest and students have been making predictions and inferences about the book before we begin to read it. Similarly, we have made predictions about our guided reading text 'Varjak Paw', both myself and the children are excited to find out what happens in the story. Reading for pleasure on Wednesday highlighted year 4's passion for reading and I look forward to watching their interest grow into a wider range of texts and genres. PE allowed us to conduct some baseline assessments in a range of the fundamental movement skills, which once have been added to the database, can offer a continuous point of reflection for us to measure our progress throughout the year. Finally, year 4 have participated in our first wellbeing Wednesday of the year, where students learned about the benefits of confidence and self-esteem. Furthermore, students created a poster detailing what they believed their strengths were and some of them are already up on display in the classroom. I look forward to working with our class throughout this year and helping them develop academically and holistically. Have a great weekend and I look forward to welcoming you back next week.

Mr Hitch



Year 5

This week, in Y5, we have had a wonderful and productive week settling into our new class. We have spent some time getting used to our class routines and making new friends - even welcoming some new children to our class team. In maths, we have started reading and writing Roman numerals to 1,000 and solved some tricky problems to develop our ability to explain our thoughts. In DT, we have analysed existing Anderson shelters in preparation to begin sketching our own initial designs, next week. Our English learning has focused on our new book for the half term 'TYGER'. This book tells the compelling story of a world on the brink of destruction and the magical animal discovered in a London rubbish dump that might just be able to save it. We have completed a comprehension on the first two chapters to gain a better understanding of the characters, settings and atmospheres the author portrays.

Mr Adlington

Year 5/6

What an incredible start to year 5/6. We are delighted to have the children back in the building and seeing what they are all capable of. We began the week by focussing on self-esteem and confidence during Wellbeing Wednesday, helping us reflect on our time in school so far and what changes we will make to our attitudes this year. We have already started to explore our new topics for this term, including our new book 'Tyger' in English. In History this week, we have discussed our understanding of chronology ahead of our topic on Twentieth Century Conflict and in Science we have started to build our knowledge on properties of materials. What a brilliant group of children you all are, thank you for a great first week!

Mrs Bateman

Year 6

What a delight it is to be back in school with a new class of absolutely wonderful pupils in Year 6! Since returning to school, we have launched our new class texts - where we are studying the brand-new release 'Tyger' as part of our English curriculum and Eren as part of our reading lessons. We have begun our learning on place value in maths - tackling numbers up to 10 million, whilst getting sporty in our first PE session of the term.

Year 6 - what a cracking start we have had to our year together. Keep up your positivity and I'm sure we will enjoy lots of fun making memories and learning together!

Mrs Poole



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
12.9.23	AGM for PTA meeting	All welcome
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



