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Dear Parents and Carers,

As we continue working together, learning in collaboration in school, we are excited for the upcoming weeks and all of the exciting events we have coming up, including our eldest children's educational visit to Eden Camp, our Year 4 Inspire event and our Harvest Festival. It's sure to be another exciting week learning and working together.

What are we reading?

This week, Mrs Poole has been reading 'The Final Year'. This book is perfect for the oldest children in school and will be used as one of the Year 6 end of the day books. The book is about how tough life can be as a child in their last year of primary school as they prepare to embark on their next steps in high school.

The book is a powerful and lyrical story about finding your place in the world and the people that matter within it.



Parents' Evening

The Microsoft Forms for parents and carers to book slots for parents' evening have been sent by the school office.

Harvest Festival Collection

Our Academy council are now collecting non-perishable goods for our harvest festival. Children are invited to bring canned & packet foods which will be collected by The Resource Foodbank straight after our assembly and shared with families in need in our community. If each child brought just 1 tin or packet, we could donate at least 300 items of food which would be fantastic and would make a massive difference to people's lives. Donations can be passed to the Academy Councillor in each class from Monday. See at the end of this newsletter a list of most wanted items from The Resource Foodbank. Thank you for your kindness and generosity.

Towngate Academy Council

Donations for playtime

Should any families have any spare toys or resources that could be used to further develop our playtimes, these would be most appreciated! We would love any donations such as board games / puzzle books / jigsaws / dolls / dressing up clothes. Thank you!

Bereavement Support

As mentioned previously on the newsletter, we will be starting our bereavement group for pupils in school. Sessions will be led by Miss Lowell and will be an opportunity for children to be supported and to discuss feelings and emotions. Should you feel you would like your child to be part of this, please speak to your Child's class teacher. Please see separate email for a breakdown of the session.



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. We also have opportunities for Rock Steady music lessons – letters have been sent out with greater detail. Please contact the school office for further details.

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.

Core Awards

	Compassion	Ownership	Resilience	Excellence
Year 3	Joshua	Rosie	Jada	Ivy
Year 4	Latisha	Lexie	Jude	Edward
Year 5	Emma	Seth	Noah	Sebastian
Year 5/6	Evalyn	Jotham	Amber	Daniel
Year 6	Georgina	William	Jason	Abbie



Pupil Achievements



Attendance

Our attendance is 97.12% this week; well done everyone. A particular well done must go to Year 2, 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!

What have we been getting up to this week?

Nursery

This week we have been practicing our Nursery Rhymes, our new rhyme this week is 'Little Bo Peep', we have been practicing this rhyme during the week and the children are becoming very familiar with this. In maths this week we have been looking at 2D shapes and we decided to go on an exciting shape hunt around school both inside and outside, the children were brilliant at finding lots of circles and squares. We have continued learning about 'The Three Little Pigs' and the children are amazing at retelling the story in great detail, using the repeated phrases during their play in the home corner. Thank you for sending in your photos of your family they are on display on the wall and the children keep approaching them and telling their friends about their family and their experiences. Have a great weekend and thank you for your continued support!

Miss Haigh/Mrs Gordon

Reception

What a busy week we have had in F2 this week! We have learnt about a new story in our Literacy lessons, 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt' by Michael Rosen. We have learnt about the different environments that the family travel through on their hunt and thought about the vocabulary we can use to describe these settings. We have used words such as, ginormous, long, wavy, terrified and so many more. We have also tried really hard with retelling the story this week using our resources in provision. We are fantastic at recalling this story and have really enjoyed delving deeper into the text. In Maths this week we have focused on weight and capacity, we know that bigger objects don't always weigh heavier than smaller things. We have made some wonderful story maps using our Geography skills to think about direction and environments. We are continuing to work hard during our phonics sessions and have started to apply this to our independent writing. This week we have thought about World Mental Health Day, we read the story 'Have you filled a bucket today?' and thought about how we can do kind things to help fill each other's bucket. A super week F2, well done!

Mrs Kimbley, Miss Riley & Mrs Phillips



Year 1

This week in Year 1 we have been exploring number bonds to ten. We have used the ten frame and counters to explore this to help see the pattern. We also have a song we can sing to help remember them too. In English we retold the story about Night and Day in the story Sulwe. The children are really enjoying using their busy books to practise writing on a Wednesday ready for writing in their English books on a Thursday. In History we looked at how Ossett has changed since Victorian times. We talked about the train station, the cotton mills and Holy Trinity School which were all located in Ossett during the Queen Victoria's reign. In science we have been thinking about materials that are absorbent and materials that are waterproof. We really enjoy making the predictions before we do the testing in the science lessons. In DT we have started designing our moving picture stories. Our audience is F2 and the purpose is to entertain. We are so excited about making them for F2.

Well done Year 1. You have all worked very hard.

Have a lovely weekend.

Miss Lockett

Year 1/2

In Class this week we have been learning how to use conjunctions in our sentences. We applied this to our writing this week, where we have retold the story of Sulwe. We've applied all our previous learning and added adjectives, questions and included all the capital letters and full stops. We've moved on to addition and subtraction in maths this week, both year groups have been looking at number bonds to 10 - keep practicing these at home! In History, we have been looking at what Ossett was like in the Victorian period. We were fascinated to find out that Ossett once had a railway and that some Victorian buildings are still used today! I wonder if all our grown-ups knew that Ossett was known for making wool and shoddy? In RE, we have been looking at mosques and learning all about why a mosque is a special place for Muslims. Another fantastic week Class 1/2 - a huge well done! Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Davies

Year 2

This week in English, we have focused on using conjunctions and then applied these to our narrative of Day and Night, based upon our core text Sulwe. In Maths, we have mastered our number bonds to 10, 20 and 100 and used our knowledge of related facts to understand these. In Science, we had a super lesson experimenting which materials are absorbent. In History, we discovered what Ossett used to be like in the past and compared this to what we know it is like currently. In Computing, we have looked at how to use IT safely by understanding the different rules that we must follow to keep ourselves safe. In PSHE, we had a wonderful lesson looking at how we can be a 'good friend'. We had a wonderful, heart-warming discussion about this. I hope you all have a wonderful weekend team - see you on Monday!

Miss Wilson

Year 3

Another busy week in Year 3 this week. In English, we have been planning a newspaper report about the NASA Headquarters building being named after Mary W. Jackson who is a character in our non-fiction core text 'Hidden Figures' and in Maths, we have been learning 1,10, and 100 more or less than a number and we have also been comparing and ordering numbers. In History, we have been learning how the Bronze Age has changed the way humans lived and In Science, we have been learning how rocks can change due to weathering or erosion. In DT, we have been using 'sketch-up' a computer program to design our project and in PE, we have been practising our movement skills. In RE, we have been learning about Holy Communion and in PSHE, we have been talking about what makes a good friend. Well done Year 3 for being so resilient this week and for working hard!

Mrs Schofield



Year 4

Year 4 have completed another piece of fantastic English work, this week I have marked some brilliant persuasive letters that students have then redrafted using their best presentation. In Design Technology, we are at the last stage before making our animal camera traps. In Maths, we have been comparing values up to 10,000 after working very hard on number lines. Finally, next Wednesday we have our Inspire afternoon where we will be making Roman shields. Well done again this week year 4, have a great weekend, I look forward to seeing you next week.

Thanks

Mr Hitch

Year 5

This week, in Y5, we have commenced new learning in maths by practising column addition. We completed multiple examples of column addition to develop our fluency with the concept, using pictorial representations to ensure that we understood what was happening at each stage. In English, we have analysed the features of a witness statement and have written our own examples. Our writing focuses on the escape of a mysterious beast from Maldehyde's Menagerie. We have written from the perspective of an animal living in the menagerie and have thought carefully about our characterisation. In history, we have discussed the causes of WWII and have made comments on which because we think was the most influential.

Mr Adlington

Year 5/6

A big well done to everyone this week! We have been extremely busy in DT using SketchUp to design our Anderson Shelters and also began preparing our materials using sawing and sanding to prepare our prototypes! We are really looking forward to our trips to Eden Camp next week where we will be able to see a lot of our History topic come to life; the children have been extremely busy this term working hard to recall a range of key dates and key individuals who were significant in the First World War. In Maths, we have moved on to our unit on Multiplication and Division, focusing on our knowledge of times tables and identifying multiples and factors. Have a super weekend everyone!

Mrs Bateman

Year 6

What another fantastic week we have had together in Year 6! We have been busy planning and drafting our witness reports as part of our English curriculum. We considered the language we would need for effective characterisation and considered the audience and purpose we needed to keep in mind during our writing. In Maths, we have been practising and perfecting our multiplication skills through complex reasoning and problem-solving questions. We explored the formal methods for multiplication and how we could adapt the strategy across some tricky problems! In History, we worked hard to explore the events that led to the Second World War; we summarised how USA's refusal to join the League of Nations may have led to the start of the second World War. We are very excited for our educational visit to Eden Camp on Monday where we can bring our learning to life!

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
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	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 Butterfly Garden Sheffield	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



JOIN CARNEGIE GREAT OUTDOORS THIS OCTOBER HALF TERM

Activity Camp

Leeds Beckett University,
Headingley Campus

- 31st October, 1st & 2nd November
- Children aged 8+
- 10am - 3pm
- £20 per day or £45 for all 3 days
- Outdoor & indoor games & activities
- Participants to bring a packed lunch & drink

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