

# Towngate Primary Academy

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We have reached the end of what has been a lovely half term. May we first thank the children for such a super start to the academic year; thank you to parents and carers for your support of the children and also for being a key part in the success of the various events we have run so far this year.

We wish you a safe and restful half term break, and look forward to welcoming the children back to school on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November, 2023.

## **Cannon Hall house farm**

This week, our Year 1 and Year 2 children took a trip back in time as they visited Cannon Hall House Farm. They took on the role of Victorian servants and lived a day in the life as a Victorian child. Once again, the behaviour of the children was exemplary – with many passing members of the public celebrating the children for their fantastic manners. Well done everyone – and thank you to our wonderful teaching and support staff, who planned a fantastic day for the children, where they were able to bring their Historical learning to life!

## **Halloween Disco**

The Halloween Disco was another roaring success thanks to our fantastic PTA, who once again worked hard to create a spook-tastic event for the children. The discos raised a fantastic £451.79! The children's costumes were incredible and we hope everybody had a wonderful time! Take a look on our Twitter to see the fun we had! Please look out on the end of the newsletter for news of our Christmas extravaganzas!

## **Parents' Evening**

This week has been our first parents' evening of the year. It was lovely to meet so many parents and carers to discuss how the children are settling into their classrooms so far this year. Thank you for dedicating your time to meet with our teachers.

## **Poppies**

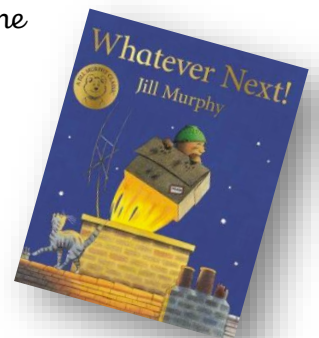
To make you aware, poppies will begin to go on sale from 6<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> November in school for a donation. Thank you for your support.

## **Nasal Flu**

Nasal flu spray will be given to children from Reception to Year 6 on 15<sup>th</sup> November from 9.00am; if you have not yet returned the flu form, can you please bring it to the school office as soon as possible.

## **What are we reading?**

This week, Miss Haigh is reading *Whatever Next* by Jill Murphy. This is a classic book about how Baby Bear finds a rocket, makes friends with an owl and even enjoys a picnic on the moon! Miss Haigh loves this book because it is a celebration of the power a good imagination can have! Why don't you take a read next time you see this book?



## 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.

## Core Awards

	Compassion	Ownership	Resilience	Excellence
Year 3	Alonso	Taylor	Henry	Elsie
Year 4	Sarah	Isaac	Jake	Imogen
Year 5	Jeanie	Kenny	Lois	Max
Year 5/6	Evie	Lola DH	Maisie	Maya
Year 6	Tahlia	Phoebe	Isla	Thomas



## Pupil Achievements



### Attendance

Our attendance is 95.33% this week; well done everyone. A particular well done must go to Reception, 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

This week we have been looking at an alternative story of the Three Little Pigs called the 'The Three Wolves and the Big Bad Pig' the children were very good at making comparisons of the story and they all joined in with the repeated phrases brilliantly. In maths we have been looking at subitising numbers up to 4, this is where the children don't need to count the amount they can see the pattern, like the pattern on a dice. The children had a great time at the Halloween disco, there were some super movers when dancing! Please send some photos of any special events on dojo that you do during the holidays. Have a lovely holiday and we look forward to hearing about your fun when we come back to school!

**Miss Haigh/Mrs Gordon**

### Reception

This week in F2 we have had another lovely week. In Literacy we have focused on describing pumpkins using a wide range of adjectives. We even cut one open and put our hands inside to describe the texture of the pumpkin. In Maths we have looked closely at subitising to 3 and moved on to exploring circles and triangles. We have also discussed Black History Month and looked at 'Katherine Johnson' as our inspirational figure. In Art we have used our observational skills to draw the pumpkins, thinking carefully about the colours and shapes we can see. We have also started to draw firework pictures using oil pastels, thinking about the different shapes and colours they make in the sky. We had a lovely time at our Halloween Disco and would like to thank the amazing PTA for all their hard work with arranging this for us. We hope you all have a wonderful and very well-deserved rest over the holidays. Enjoy the festivities and please keep safe!

**Mrs Kimbley, Miss Riley & Mrs Phillips**



## Year 1

In Year 1 this week we have had the most fabulous learning time! Our class trip to Cannon Hall House was amazing. The children dressed up as Victorian boys and girls and really got into character when we entered the house. We were greeted by Mrs. King (the cook) and Mrs. Wilson (the house keeper) who set us all to work straight away. We had to make sugar mice for the master's party and we had to wash the dirty laundry. We grated soap and used a barrel and dolly peg to get the clothes clean. The clothes then went through the mangle and we had to turn the handle to make it work. It was very hard work!

We had a tour of the house and the girls curtsied to passers-by while the boys took off their hats and bowed their heads. The general public were very impressed.

All the children showed exceptional behaviour. It was a pleasure to take them out for the day and bring History to life for them.

Something I hope they will always remember.

Well done Year 1.

I am super proud of you all this week.

Have a lovely holiday.

**Miss Lockett**

## Year 1/2

Our last week of the half term has been an extremely busy one! The children enjoyed being Victorian servants for the day at Cannon Hall House and fully immersed themselves in Victorian life. We enjoyed a tour of the house, seeing how a wealthy person would have lived, and completed different tasks that a servant would have performed, such as doing the washing using dolly tubs and a mangle. We looked at Victorian toys, comparing them to toys we play with now, helped in the kitchen preparing and cooking our own soup, bread and butter! The trips were certainly a day to remember and it was wonderful seeing how much the children enjoyed the day. A truly super way to end our History topic that I know the children have really enjoyed and they've demonstrated a good understanding of what life was like then for children and their families. As this half term comes to an end I want to say a huge well done to all our children for settling into a new class and the routines so brilliantly. I'm looking forward to seeing the progress we all make next half term. Enjoy a well-deserved break with your families and friends.

**Mrs Davies**

## Year 2

This week in English, we had a wonderful comprehension lesson linking our core text 'Sulwe' to Black History Month. The empathy that the children showed through this was truly wonderful! In maths we have been super mathematicians and have accomplished adding and subtracting tens and ones crossing ten, as well as column addition to add 2-digit numbers! The resilience that was shown was admirable from everyone. In DT, we created our final product of a moving picture that linked to a scene in our book, Sulwe. On Thursday, we had an incredible day on our trip where we took the role of Victorian Children for the day. Children participated in some thrilling activities such as making bread and soup and taking a tour of Cannon Hall house. It was a real pleasure to see the children's exemplary behaviour as they represented our school. I would like to take this opportunity to say a huge well done to everyone – the improvement I have seen in everyone's behaviour has been truly admirable. I hope you all have a wonderful half-term Year 2, enjoy your rest and I cannot wait to see you for another half-term.

**Miss Wilson**



### Year 3

Wow! I can't believe it's the final week of our first half term together! This week, we have been learning how to recognise and use determiners and we have been using our writing skills and features that we have learned so far to create a spooky Halloween story and in Maths, we have been using our problem-solving skills to count in 50's and we have been revisiting our number bonds to 10. In History, we completed our 'Pre-Historic Britain' topic by learning about Stone Henge and Skara Brae and in Computing, we learned about networks and how our family and friends' network is very similar to a computer network. In PE, we continued with our movement skills and in French, we were learning how to say 'What is your name' and 'My name is'. In DT, we have been practising our sewing skills to create a sunglasses case and in PSHE, we learned about the dangers and safety tips for 'Halloween and Bonfire Night'. Well done Year 3, you have worked so hard this half term. It is such a big leap from KS1 - you have been amazing! Have a well-earned break!

**Mrs Schofield**

### Year 4

What a fantastic half term it has been in year 4. This week we had our final lesson on the Romans as well as our final DT lesson of the half term, both subjects have been thoroughly enjoyed by the students. In English, we are finalizing our first draft of our explanation text, ready to complete our redraft. In Maths this week, we have been focusing on Roman numerals and are finishing the half term continuing to look at rounding numbers to the nearest 10. It has also been our parents evening this week, I have thoroughly enjoyed meeting the parents of our class and look forward to working with them to best support their children this year. I look forward to welcoming year 4 back after the half term, thank you for helping me settle in so quickly.

**Mr Hitch**

### Year 5

This week, in Y5, we have continued working hard in maths by completing our addition and subtraction unit of learning. We have practised using inverse operations to check our answers and finally completed multi-step word problems by identifying the key information in questions and using visual representations to support our understanding. In English, we have completed an independent write where we have had chance to apply our grammar skills we've developed over the last few days. We looked at applying the use of apostrophes for possession, colons to separate two main clauses and embedded relative clauses. In history, we completed our end of unit assessment which drew together all our learning on twentieth century conflict. We wrote our responses to whether the second world war could have been avoided and discussed what we thought was the main cause of WWII. In DT, we have completed our Anderson shelters by adding the finishing decorative touches; these will be used for our writing display which will be created in the corridor, shortly! This half term we have seen a real difference in the learning behaviours and maturity of children in Y5. We hope everyone has a restful half term and look forward to seeing everyone again in November!

**Mr Adlington**

### Year 5/6

What a brilliant final week of the half term. I would like to start by saying how proud we are of how you have worked this half term: each and every one of you have blown me away with your commitment to learning! This week we have completed our DT projects; over the half term we have evaluated, designed and created Anderson Shelters from WW2. In Maths, you have all wowed us with your skills in maths, calculation formal multiplication and division problems. In Science we have explored reversible and irreversible changes to finish our topic on Changing Materials. Well done again everyone, have a super half term break and keep yourself safe!

**Mrs Bateman**



## Year 6

What a wonderful half term it has been Year 6. You have been absolutely wonderful and settled into our classroom seamlessly – for this Mrs Drury and I are incredibly proud. This week, we have concluded our hard work in finishing our Anderson Shelters as part of our DT topic. The children worked in collaboration and showed fantastic patience and resilience to reach the end outcome. Well done everyone!

We have applied our skills from this half term as part of a creative writing opportunity in English this week, where the children were given autonomy to write in any genre using a picture stimulus – some children wrote narratives, the following chapter to Tyger or descriptive pieces. In Maths, we have worked tirelessly to develop our skills of chunking as part of our methods for long division. The children showed excellent attitudes in what is a complex skill – well done!

Thank you all for being such a wonderful class, Year 6. We can't wait to continue working together next half term! Have a brilliant holiday everyone!

**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
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
9.2.23	Shelly Day – come dressed in pyjamas!	Whole School
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 Bikeability 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
15.7.23	Y6 residential to PGL @ Newby Wiske, Northallerton	
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

# CHRISTMAS FAIR

11TH DEC 2023.  
3.30PM - 5PM

Santa's grotto- Refreshments -  
Tombola - Raffle - External stall  
holders - Crafts



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