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Dear Parents and Carers,

What a lovely first week back we have had back in school: the children have been busy exploring their new core texts, starting their new units of learning in various subjects and have reconnected with friends and classmates following our half term break. Well done to all of the children for returning with such positivity and excitement for learning.

Remembrance Day

On Friday, Key Stage Two walked up to the Cenotaph in Ossett town centre. We felt it important to spend some time sharing one minute's silence as we paid our respect to those who fought and died in the war. The children across Key Stage Two read poems collaboratively, which were enjoyed by many members of the public. Well done Key Stage Two for your fantastic behaviour and for representing the school so well.

Year 6 Residential – payment information

Thank you to all parents and carers who have returned their slips to confirm the children's place on our Year 6 residential to Newby Wiske Adventure Centre, North Yorkshire. The trip is now available for payment via ScoPay. **If you have not yet confirmed your child's place, this can be done via contacting the school office.**

We ask that **full payment of £263.50 is made by Friday 24th May, 2024** in line with the request from the visit provider. Parents and carers can pay in instalments – a payment record can be found via the Scopay app.

Please note: by confirming your child's place on the visit, this is an agreement that full payment will be made; if this is not the case, children will – regrettably - be unable to attend.

Parent Portal Wakefield



Pupil Premium is a grant which is given to schools in England to help pupils achieve their full potential. Your child could be entitled to free school meals as part of the Pupil Premium Grant and your child can also benefit from additional support through this additional funding.

In order for schools to receive this additional funding, an application can now be done quickly online using the QR code attached or via [Free school meals \(wakefield.gov.uk\)](http://Free school meals (wakefield.gov.uk)).

If you receive any of the qualifying benefits listed below, we urge all parents and carers to apply online:

- Income Support
- Income based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income related Employment Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit - as long as you have a yearly household income of less than £16,190 (as assessed by HM Revenue and Customs) and you do not get Working Tax Credit
- Working Tax Credit run-on (paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working tax Credit)
- Universal Credit, provided you have an annual earned income of no more than £7400.



Leaders update – Friday 17th November

We invite parents and carers to join us **from 4pm** for an update on our school development priorities and initiatives. We will run these meetings on a half termly basis. We hope to see you there.

Nasal Flu

Nasal flu spray will be given to children from Reception to Year 6 on 15th 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.

Our PTA need you!

Our fantastic PTA would appreciate any help with our events from parents / carers: if you are keen to support, please speak with the school office who will pass your interest onto the PTA chair. Our PTA are also on the lookout for tombola items or raffle items too – as always, we really appreciate your support.

What are we reading?

Miss Jones, our Attendance and Behaviour Officer's favourite book to read with her daughter is Room on the Broom by Julia Donaldson. Miss Jones really enjoys this book because of the rhyming words and the various spooky illustrations – for her daughter's favourite time of the year is Halloween!



Scholastic Book Fair – the perfect Christmas gifts!

Our Scholastic Book Fair is due to arrive on Friday 8th December – Friday 15th December. This year, we are pleased to have secured a card machine to enable fast and efficient payment. For all books purchased, school also benefits from free books, therefore we sincerely hope to see the book fair well supported – the perfect opportunity for some Christmas gifts!

Parent View Questionnaire

Thank you to the parents and carers who completed the parent view questionnaire during parents evening last half term. Can we ask that if you have not yet provided your feedback, you complete the following feedback:

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=KWIBDfrzwOWF-TIBI23JhZIFvjptcxRIqssgfUThRG9URUs5VTRPRE84VVZEQTk4VOZLRVAzSjJYRS4u>



Towngate Tots

We are pleased to be offering a Baby and Toddler Group (ages 0-3) from Monday 20th November between 9.30am – 10.35am. Please see the poster attached to this newsletter for further details.

Excellence Exhibit

If any parents/carers attended our Excellence Exhibit last half term, may we request that you complete the following feedback form so we can ensure this is shared amongst our staff team. Thank you

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=KWIBDfrzwOWF-TIBI23JhZIFvjptcxRIqssgfUThRG9UMDYwVkfYQ081U0tVQjJDOERlK2VFFFVi4u>



Cycle Helmet

A cycle helmet has been found in school and handed to the Main Office. If this belongs to your child, please do speak with a member of the office team.

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.





Pupil Achievements



Attendance

Our attendance is 96.39% this week; well done everyone. A particular well done must go to Nursery, 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 wonderful to welcome the children back to Nursery after the holidays and to hear about the children's special times. Thank you to the parents who sent some photos on dojo, the children really enjoyed telling their peers about trips they had been on and special times they have had with their families. The tradition tale we are learning about this week is 'Goldilocks and the Three Bears' the children have been using the characters to go on a journey to the 3 bears house, using the repeated refrains of baby bear brilliantly! In maths this week we are focussing on ordering objects by size using the language big, medium and small. The children have become very confident at retaining the nursery rhymes we have been focussing on and our new rhyme of the week this week is 'Hey diddle, diddle'. Thank you for your continued support and have a wonderful weekend!

Miss Haigh/Mrs Gordon

Reception

This week in F2 we have enjoyed learning about celebrations. We have focused on Diwali and used our play dough to make diva lamps, created Rangoli patterns using chalk and crayons and used the iPads to make firework pictures. In our Literacy lessons we have enjoyed reading the book 'The Best Diwali Ever' learning about a little girl and how her family celebrate this special event. We have also been very creative in our art area this week making poppies for Remembrance Day. In Maths we have learnt about 1 more and 1 less and recapped our subitising skills. We have had a very creative busy week this week and have showcased some fantastic independent skills when choosing. Well done F2!

Mrs Kimbley, Miss Riley & Mrs Phillips

Year 1

In Year 1 this week we have settled back into the routines and structure of the day. The children have worked very hard in all the lessons. In science we took our learning outdoors and became bird spotters, insect detectives and experts at pond dipping. Being outdoors for the whole afternoon for science also helped our wellbeing. In maths we are learning place value to 20, thinking about 2-digit numbers with tens and ones. We have also practiced addition and subtraction using the number line. In art we started the unit on 3-D media looking at how we can use clay. We practised rolling, squeezing, pinching, pushing and pulling away. In computing we learnt how to use a device to take a photograph. We know we have to ask a person for their consent before we take their photograph. In English we have started a new book called 'The Day the Crayons Came Back' by Oliver Jeffers. We are already enjoying the start of this book. Well done Year 1. You have all worked extremely hard. I am very proud of you all. Have a lovely weekend.

Miss Lockett



Year 1/2

A huge welcome back to all the children in Class 1/2, we hope you had a lovely week off and it is wonderful to see you all back in school ready to start a new half term! We have so many exciting things coming up this half term and this week we have started lots of new topics. In English, we're already enjoying our new class text, 'The Day the Crayons Came Home', where we have written as one of the crayons to his owner Duncan. We're able to write different sentence types and included questions and exclamation sentences. In Science, we're learning all about animals and we went on a nature walk around school to see which different animals we could spot around school. We loved our visit to the pond and look forward to visiting there all year round to see what we can find! We are learning Geography this half term and this week we located the 7 continents. We used the globes and atlases, seeing what we already know and adding to our every growing knowledge of the world! Have a look weekend and well done for a fantastic start to the half term.

Mrs Davies

Year 2

This week in English, we had wonderful series of lessons based on our new core text, 'The Day the Crayons Came Home'. The children have worked superbly answering some inference and prediction comprehension questions, learning about exclamation marks, and writing a letter. In maths, our super mathematicians have once again demonstrated admirable resilience. We have used column addition to add two 2-digit numbers, including crossing ten, as well as beginning to subtract two 2-digit numbers. We had a fantastic lesson in Geography, in which we learnt what the continents of the world are and annotated a world map. Our super scientists have been pond dipping too this week! We used scientific equipment to see which insects or water animals we could spot, as well as bird watching, which was fantastic! This is also one of Year 2 promises that we endeavoured for the children to experience. We had a lovely RE lesson, where the children showed respect and interest when learning about sacred books. Finally, have been learning about the importance of Remembrance Day, and why we remember. We decorated poppies in memory of the fallen soldiers. What a super first week back after half-term, have a lovely weekend Year 2!

Miss Wilson

Year 3

We've had a very busy first week back in Year 3. In English, we began our new text 'The Wild Way Home' about a boy called Charlie who has a baby brother with a poorly heart. He runs into the woods and meets a stone age boy. We will study this text as inspiration to create our own independent writing and in Maths, we have begun learning addition and subtraction across 10 and 100. In History, we began our new topic of 'Villages, Towns and Cities and in French, we have been learning how to ask questions. In Art this week, we have created our own poppies to contribute to a display in school and in Music, we had our first Samba lesson with Mr Whitely from Wakefield Music Services. In PE, this week we practiced our throwing and catching skills in readiness for our multi sports topic this half term and in computing, we began our 'creating media' topic by creating our own flip-book. Well done for a great first week Year 3!

Mrs Schofield

Year 4

A fantastic start to the new term in year 4. We have started reading our new English and are preparing to write a character description in the coming week. In Science, we are moving onto states of matter and in P E we are starting our multi-sports unit of work. This week has also seen us perform a poem at the Cenotaph, which Year 4 have taken great pride and responsibility in learning and performing to the best of their ability. I look forward to welcoming you all back after the weekend.

Mr Hitch



Year 5

This week, in Y5, we have enjoyed settling back into school routines and getting stuck into our new learning. In maths, we have started to look at multiplication and division. We have used commutativity to help us with establishing number facts from a number sentence and have used inverse operations to rearrange equations. We have identified common multiples and discovered how to find factors of integers. In English, we have identified the features of a diary entry, based on our new class book 'Goodnight Mr Tom'. We have discussed the audience, purpose and formality of a diary entry and considered how this will impact our writing. In geography, we have learned what a slum is and where they are located on earth. We discussed what features slums share with modern day cities. Our PE focus is outdoor and adventurous activities and we have focused on orienteering by learning how to use a map to locate key points.

Mr Adlington

Year 5/6

In Year 5/6 we have been studying our new book Goodnight Mr Tom. We identified the features of a diary – some of which included: fronted adverbials of time, figurative language, informal and personal tone, first person and progressive tense. In maths we finished our learning of long division before exploring how to multiply integers by 10, 100 and 1000. In RE, we looked at life and death and understood different views about heaven. In science we have been learning about gravity and explored what a force is. We made some beautiful poppies as part of our work on remembrance. Well done Year 5/6 for another wonderful week.

Mrs Bateman

Year 6

We have had a brilliant first week back at school this week – it's almost as though the children have never been away! In English, we have delved straight into our new core text – Goodnight Mr Tom. We used our knowledge from last half term's history unit about Twentieth Century Conflict in developing our interest and understanding of life during World War Two. We began our learning by unpicking extracts of the text, by learning and applying our understanding of progressive and perfect tenses before we explored the features of diary entries – working hard to look at multiple models to support our writing. In Maths, we used various representations to explore the concept of multiplying and dividing by 10, 100 and 1000 ready to unpick some tricky problems next week! In Geography, we launched our learning by exploring where the world's largest slums are located and understanding the characteristics of slums and why people live in these densely populated settlements. The children's behaviour was exemplary as we walked into Ossett to read our poem 'In Flanders Fields' – many members of the community commented on how lovely it was to see the children being so respectful in remembrance.

Well done everyone – you have been a delight (as always!) this week.

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
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
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 Tots



Babies and Toddlers Play Group

Every Monday during term time

9.30 – 10.45am

Towngate Primary Academy

Join us for music and singing, messy play and
storytelling, sensory fun and making friends

for children aged between 0 - 3 years.



Email enquiries to book your place – FREE of charge!



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**Around 50% of
children will have
a sleep issue at
some point***

WHAT IS THE NATIONAL SLEEP HELPLINE?

In partnership with Furniture Village, The Sleep Charity has launched a brand new National Sleep Helpline to ensure that everyone has access to high quality, evidence-based advice.

HOW CAN THE NATIONAL SLEEP HELPLINE HELP ME?

- Run by a team of specialist trained sleep advisors
- Offer you some practical strategies and recommend services that could help
- Ensuring you understand how sleep plays an important part in mental health wellbeing
- Listen without judgement and help you decide what next steps are right for you
- Empower you with sleep knowledge so you can understand why you might not be sleeping well and how that can change

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Monday & Wednesday 9am - 11am

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sleep?**

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Does your child suffer with sleep issues?

Do you struggle
with your child's
bedtime?

Will your child
not sleep in
their own bed?

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