

Towngate Primary Academy

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Christmas is well on the way at Towngate as we have started trimming up around the classrooms and corridors and beginning to spread some festive cheer! We are getting well prepared for our Christmas productions and are looking forward to spreading some Christmas cheer over the next few weeks.

Quiet Classrooms

From Monday, we will be operating a 'quiet classroom' space where children who feel that the main school hall is a little too busy, can choose to eat in a quieter space. Children are able to speak with a member of staff in school who can arrange for them to eat their lunch in this space.

Scholastic Book Fair – the perfect Christmas gifts!

Our Scholastic Book Fair is due to arrive on **Monday 11th December – Thursday 14th 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! **The books will be 50% off** – so we hope you will stop by and browse the selection on offer!

Christmas Parties

Christmas parties will take place on Thursday 21st December. Children are invited into school wearing their party clothes where they can spend time celebrating with their friends.

Rock Steady

Parents / carers of children who play a musical instrument with Rock Steady in school will be performing in a concert on Tuesday 12th December 2023 @ 10.00am. Parents and carers of our musicians are welcome to join us for this special event.

Towngate Pantry

May we offer a reminder that the Towngate Pantry is up and running and is available for families to access during the cost of living crisis. Please speak to a member of staff who can keep this confidential or feel free to come into school to choose some essential items.

EOCT Carol concert

Upper Key Stage 2 (Year 5 and Year 6) will be attending the EOCT Christmas Carol Concert along with other local primary schools in the Ossett area on the 15th December at 1.30pm, this will take place in Ossett town centre. Please ensure that pupils have full school uniform on and have appropriate outdoor clothing.



Reindeer Run

A reminder that our Reindeer Run for Wakefield Hospice is fast approaching. Please note, **sponsor forms must be returned by Friday 8th December** and donations can be made to Wakefield Hospice via the two links below.

<https://wakefieldhospice.enthuse.com/pf/towngate-primary-academy-e1a38>



Towngate Talks

A reminder that Miss Lowell's Towngate Talks session takes place every Wednesday morning from 9.00 – 9.45am. Parents and carers are invited to pop in for a coffee, biscuit and a chat. We hope to see you there!

Christmas Dinner

Monday 18th December is our annual Christmas Dinner Day. Please book your child's dinner via School Grid the week before – please be aware that there will be a reduced menu this day with no jacket potatoes or sandwiches. On this day, a special festive guest may be spotted around the school!

What are we reading?

Mrs Gordon's favourite book to share over the festive period is 'The Stick Man'. She enjoys this book because it takes the reader through the seasons, where we meet lots of characters and familiar faces along the way. Keep a special eye out for Santa Claus as he helps bring Stick Man back home!



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 95.78% this week; well done everyone. A particular well done must go to Year 1, who achieved 99.29% attendance this week. All classes in school are working towards achieving their 'Perfect Attendance' treat for 100% attendance every day – keep going everyone!

	Compassion	Ownership	Resilience	Excellence
Nursery	Ellie-Mae	Vivian	Rosie	Nora
Reception explorers	George	Isabelle	Eissa	Stephanie
Reception adventures	Eliza	Louie	Oliver H	Jesse
Year 1	Phoebe	Ellie	Izrael	Harper
Year 1/2	Harry	Daisy	Emily	Jorgie
Year 2	Zachary	Mahdi	Jackson	Arlo



What have we been getting up to this week?

Nursery

This week has been such a fascinating week for the children, they were amazed by the ice and snow and spent a large amount of time watching it melt and breaking the ice on the floor. Our story focuses this week is 'The Little Red Hen' the children understood that the other animals should have helped the hen to cut the corn and bake the bread and as we read the story instead of saying "not I" the children replied "we will help you!" which was brilliant to hear. As the children came in this morning they were so excited to help decorate Nursery and they are doing brilliant at learning our Nativity songs getting ready for our performance. Thank you for your continued support, have a lovely weekend!

Miss Haigh/Mrs Gordon

Reception

This week in F2 we have been very busy, yet again! We have started to practice for a very exciting production that is taking place in the next couple of weeks showing excellent resilience and ownership as well as drama skills! In English this week we are reading the story, 'Night Monkey Day Monkey' by Julia Donaldson. As part of this learning and linking to our Science we have looked at nocturnal animals and started to group animals by this. We have also enjoyed drawing bats this week and writing sentences to describe them. In Maths we have focused on the composition of numbers again, focusing mainly on numbers 1-5. We are working hard on writing number sentences to show our understanding in provision. In ICT we have started to create a piece of art on the iPads and we are very excited to share these once they are completed. In Geography we have continued our work on maps, focusing on map symbols and what they mean. In PE we have continued working on our jungle dance, thinking carefully about the music and the way the animals might move to the music. We have also enjoyed using coloured water in our water area to make potions this week, thinking about our knowledge of colour mixing and applying this to this area. Another super week F2, well done!

Mrs Kimbley, Miss Riley & Mrs Phillips

Year 1

This week in Year 1 we have continued to work with numbers to 20. We have been learning number bonds to 20 thinking how number bonds to 10 can help support this. We have been using a number line to count forwards adding numbers within 20. In art we made a coil pot using clay. We started with the base first and then made the coils. We wrapped the coils around the base to form a pot. In English we have been learning about nouns. We wrote a short narrative about the crayons in the story 'The Day the Crayons came home' by Oliver Jeffers. We are trying hard to remember to use a capital letter and a full stop for our sentences. In computing we have been taking good photographs. We had to think about the use of good lighting to make our photos better.

Well, it is that time of year again! Yes, we have started to rehearse for our KS 1 nativity - Baarmy Bethlehem. We love the songs and can't wait to share them with you. Well done Year 1. Have a lovely weekend.

Miss Lockett

Year 1/2

This week in Class 1/2 we have really enjoyed our maths work! Year 1 have been adding with numbers up to 20 and learning their number bonds to 20! We will be practicing these lots as they help us when we move to larger numbers. The children have been able to see the pattern between number bonds to 10 and 20, producing some wonderful independent work. In Year 2, we have been embedding our 2x table and used this to answer division questions. We will be moving on to our 10s and 5s next week! In English, we are continuing to build our confidence with independent writing through telling stories. The children are enjoying retelling certain parts of our class story and independently using ambitious vocabulary and grammatical features. In Art, we made a pinch pot with the clay and some of us went on to designing it. It is a lot harder than it looks and the children have shown great resilience with this activity. Well done - as always - for working so hard this week! Have a wonderful weekend.

Mrs Davies



Year 2

This week in English, we have been learning about noun phrases and understanding how we can use these in a narrative. Our marvellous mathematicians have been looking at sharing into equal groups, multiplying and dividing by 2, and doubling and halving. We mastered our fluency with this and then applied our learning to some tricky reasoning and problem-solving questions. In RE, we have been learning about holy books and created our own class Torah scroll with rules we all want to live by. In History, we have been using historical sources to compare what London was like in 1666 and how it is in the present. In the coming weeks we will analyse the impact that the Great Fire of London had on this change. Our super geographers have been applying their knowledge of the continents and oceans of the world to annotate a world map, using clues and a compass. In PSHE, we did a class role play about people's feelings and how we should treat others. We have been putting together our skills we have learnt so far in Art to make our own clay pinch pots - what fun we had! This week, we have also started practicing our songs for our Nativity and I must say, we sound super already. We have had another fabulous week and everyone has worked extremely hard. Well done Year 2!

Miss Wilson

Year 3

Year 3 have had a busy week planning their diary entry writing about Charlie in our core text 'The Wild Way Home' and in Maths, we have been subtracting numbers across 10 and 100. In Geography, we are learning about different settlements and in History, we are learning who the Egyptians were. In RE, we are learning about what we celebrate and in Science, we are learning what reflection is. On Wednesday, we completed our first 'life skill' which was to use a toaster. We made toast with butter and jam then ate it together, it was delicious. We have also been very busy practicing Christmas Carols for our concert.

Mrs Schofield

Year 4

Year 4 this week have been practising for our Christmas concert alongside year 3 and are making very good progress. In English, we are finalising our persuasive advert. In Science, we have been learning about the water cycle and the states of matter within it. In PE, we have been continuing with Orienteering and have been developing our communication skills. I am looking forward to next week already, enjoy your weekend year 4.

Mr Hitch

Year 5

This week, in Year 5, we have started a new unit of learning in maths, looking at fractions for the first time this year. We have identified equivalent fractions for unit fractions and discussed the two ways we can check whether a fraction is equivalent or not. We have then used this knowledge to find equivalent fractions for non-unit fractions and completed some reasoning and problem-solving activities. In English, we have analysed a formal letter and discussed the similarities and differences when compared to the informal letter we wrote over the past couple of weeks. We have identified the features of a formal letter and used these features to plan out our own writing. In history, we have completed a scaled time line to identify the length of different time periods throughout history. We also discussed whether some civilisations could possibly have met by taking in to consideration their location on Earth and the transportation methods available at the time. In geography, we have highlighted the dangers of living in a slum and ranked these based on our own opinions and the knowledge we have regarding the characteristics of different slums.

Mr Adlington

Year 5/6

A big well done this week Year 5/6. This week in Maths, we have started adding and subtracting fractions by using our knowledge of multiples to identify common denominators. In English, we have loved writing informal letters from the perspective of an evacuee during WW2, reflecting on our feelings and experiences. The children have been working incredibly hard to implement their new handwriting techniques and we are seeing a great impact in their writing - well done everyone! In History, we have started a new topic - Civil Rights. This week we focused on America during the 1950's and developed our understanding of the terms 'civil rights' and 'segregation'. Finally, in Geography this week we focused our learning on reflecting on the challenges faced by people who live in slums and how these can be overcome.

Mrs Bateman



Year 6

We have had a fantastic week in the classroom – once again this week! In English, we have been working hard on redrafting our informal letters from the perspective of a young evacuee who is fleeing conflict to move to safety in the countryside. The children carefully crafted their vocabulary through the use of classroom resources and have drafted and refined their pieces once they have received feedback. In Maths, we have shown great tenacity as we broke down perceived barriers to work on adding and subtracting fractions. We had to use our knowledge of multiples to find the lowest common denominators before converting our fractions to make them manageable. In History, we began our new history unit of 'Civil Rights', where we began to explore the impact of the American Civil War in 1861 and how that led to racial discrimination and segregation of people through to the 1900s. In Geography, we considered the challenges faced by those living within slum settlements across the world. We considered what we thought the greatest challenges would be and reasoned our responses, using our knowledge of some of the largest slums across the world to form our opinions. Thank you for another brilliant week Year 6 – you've been fantastic!

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
6.12.23	Nursery Stay and Play 1.30pm – 2.30pm	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
18.12.23	Christmas Dinner	Whole School
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
8.1.24	Young voices Concert in Sheffield Arena	Choir
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	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 PRIMARY ACADEMY

CHRISTMAS FAIR

11TH DEC 2023.
3.30PM - 5PM

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



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JOIN US FOR ...



A MERRY BERRY QUIZ AT THE NORTH POOLE

Christmas family quiz evening.

December 21st 2023. 5 pm- 7pm

£2 per ticket per person. Teams of up to 5.

Refreshments and raffle on the night.

Towngate Primary Academy.





'Towngate Pantry'



The Pantry is now open for families to access
We are here to offer a little extra help to families that may
need it

We have food supplies, clothes, uniform, shoes, toys, books
and toiletries

Please let us know if you need anything
This is a confidential service and can be accessed discreetly
We are here to help

