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Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a fantastic week back this half term in school: we have been busy exploring our new learning, sharing lots of books together, enjoying the fun in our Valentine's Disco and our children in Lower Key Stage Two enjoyed their first visit from 'My Bank' where they began their journey to understand the key to managing finances.

World Founders and Thinking Day

Our children in school who are proud members of the Scout Association or the Girl Guiding UK group, came to school on Thursday adorned in their finest attire as they celebrated this important day in their calendars. It was lovely to see so many children proud to see their friends enjoying this special moment. Well done everybody!

World Book Day

On Thursday 7th March, Towngate will be participating in World Book Day, where we will come together as a school to celebrate our love of reading. On this day, we would like your child to dress up as one of their favourite book characters for the day **or children are welcome to dress in their comfy clothes, should they prefer**. We ask children to bring in their favourite book from home, to share with their peers during the day.

Hibernation Day 2024

The children loved coming to school in their pyjamas to celebrate Shelly's birthday. Children were able to spend time with Shelly and enjoyed tortoise themed activities. Thank you for all your donations, we raised £143.52! This money will go towards looking after Shelly and buying things he needs such as his heat and UV bulbs. Thank you for your ongoing support.

Car parking

It has been brought to our attention that a number of cars have been parking near and on the yellow zig-zag lines outside of school. We would like to send a polite reminder that it is illegal to park on this area of the road as it poses a huge risk to the safety of our children. We are requesting that this area is kept clear when families are collecting children from school.

PTA

Friday 1st March 2024 the PTA are holding a non-uniform day in exchange for items for the Spring Fair. Can we please ask that early years & KS1 bring in sweets / chocolate for chocolate tombola and KS2 bring in bottles for the bottle hoopla. The Spring fair will take place on Wednesday 20th March. Children will be given the opportunity to visit the fair throughout the day. If they would like to attend, please bring any money in a named envelope/ purse.

Thank you for your continued support,

School Uniform

Please can we remind parents and carers about children coming to school in correct school uniform. In school, we are pleased to maintain 'Towngate Pantry' where spare uniform can be taken if needed - please ask at the office if you would like to use this service.

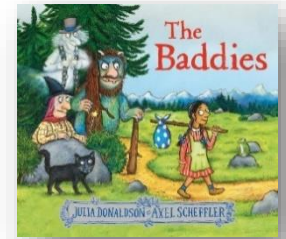


Arbor communication system

Please can we ask that you check junk/spam mail boxes for any communication from school. We are working on a new communication system.

What are we reading?

This week Mrs Davies is enjoying reading *The Baddies* by Julia Donaldson. This is a classic book about The Baddies are the meanest, nastiest ghost, witch and troll in the land. They just adore being bad, and fight over who is the worst. When a little girl moves into a nearby cottage, the Baddies can't wait to scare her out of her wits. But baddies don't always get their way ...



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



	Compassion	Ownership	Resilience	Excellence
Year 3	Elwood	Emma	McKenzie	Oliver
Year 4	Martin	Piper	Muhammad	Samuel
Year 5	Umamah	Kenny	Ebrima	Jocelyn
Year 5/6	Eva	Niamh	Thomas R	Billie
Year 6	Georgia	David	William	Tahlia

Attendance

Our attendance is 96.96% 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

This week in Nursery we have introduced a new story called 'Chicken Lickin'. Throughout the week the children have enjoyed learning the about the different characters in the story and have developed a good understanding of the story. In maths this week we have been learning to sequence stories and events into the right order focussing on language such as; first, then, next and last. Our new rhyme of the week this week is 'The Grand Old Duke of York' this has become very popular this week, the children have enjoyed pretending to be soldiers and have practiced their marching skills, well done everyone. Have a great weekend and thank you for your continued support!

Miss Haigh/Mrs Gordon

Reception

This week, Reception have been thinking about their new topic, focusing on the story Martha Maps It Out. We have been thinking about our local area and the places we can see and visit in Ossett. We have also enjoyed looking at old pictures of Ossett town centre. Through the story, we have also been busy creating our own maps and making our own buildings in the construction area. The children have enjoyed using their measuring skills this week as we have focused on comparing the length and height of different objects. A super start to our new term everyone.

Mrs Kimbley, Mrs Phillips & Mrs Patel-Daji



Year 1

Welcome back Year 1. It was lovely to see you all after the holiday. This week in Year 1 we have started our learning about fractions recognizing and finding half of a shape, object or an amount. We are learning that 2 quarters is the same as a half and that 2 halves make one whole. We used counters to help find half of an amount and knew that when we find half, we will have 2 equal groups. In geography we are starting to learn about the difference between the weather and the climate. We also talked about the four seasons and which month is in which season. In PE we practised our fundamental movement skills and played in teams to develop cooperation skills. In art we are starting to learn what a collage is and how we can tear paper in different ways and decided how to place the paper for the composition of the art work we want to produce. What a wonderful first week back Year 1! I am very proud of you all.

Miss Lockett

Year 1/2

We've had a great start back to our new half term in Class 1/2! In English, we have started our new class text, *The Velveteen Rabbit*. We have already been busy writing letters to the young boy that owns the rabbit and the children are becoming masters with their writing! Keep your eyes peeled on Twitter for some wonderful letters. In Maths, we have been looking at fractions and learning all about 1/2 of a shape, amount and object. Year 2 have extended this learning by looking at quarters. In Geography, we have learnt the difference between weather and climate. We were given different weather scenarios and had to plan what clothes we would wear. In Art, the children have been making abstract collages and changing the desired shape of pieces of paper by tearing them. Well done for a lovely first week back - have a lovely weekend!

Mrs Davies

Year 2

This week in English, we have started our new core text, which is the 'Velveteen Rabbit.' We have utterly fallen in love with the story so far and feel so sympathetic towards the Rabbit, who has been abandoned by the little boy that he was given to at Christmas! We wrote a letter from the Rabbit to the little boy to tell him how worried we were about been left and forgotten. In Maths we have made a super start to our new unit on 'Fractions'. To start with, we looked at finding a half, then moved on to finding a quarter and eventually we progressed to finding a third. In Geography we have started a wonderful new unit on 'Hot and Cold places' where we looked at what the different between weather and climate is. In Science, we explored the impact of exercise on our physical and mental health - I wonder if we could tell our grown-ups about some of these? In PSHE, we looked at strategies and tools that can assist us in being the best version of ourselves. What a wonderful first week back - well done team.

Miss Wilson

Year 3

We have had a very busy first week back in Year 3. In English, we have been retrieving information and inferring from a poem called 'Aximu's Awakening' from our new core text 'Poems from a Green and Blue Planet' edited by Sabrina Mahfouz and we are now planning to write our own acrostic poem. In Maths, we have been learning how to measure in centimetres, meters and millimetres and in History, we have been learning about what the Egyptians believed - did you know the Egyptians worshipped over 2000 different gods! In Science, we have been investigating whether the largest magnet is always the strongest and in Geography, we have been learning how settlements differ. In French this week, we have been learning how to ask the question 'What is your favourite colour? Quelle 'est ta couleur preferree?' and we have also been working extremely hard on our kinetic letters in handwriting. On Wednesday, we had a visit from Ruth at 'My Bank' who came to teach us all about money and how to look after it. She taught us about different bank accounts, different bank cards and different ways to pay. We also learned that we could possibly earn money by doing chores at home! Well done for a super first week back Year 3!

Mrs Schofield

Year 4

What a brilliant start to the new half term. So far this week, we have had a visit from the Methodist church to educate us on John Westley, similarly, we will be visiting Garforth Methodist church on Monday which we are all excited about. This week, we have also had a visit from my bank which included raising awareness about different types of banks and finances. In Maths, we have started learning about length and perimeter which year 4 have started very confidently. In English, we have started our new unit of work based on Poetry. I am very much looking forward to seeing the Poems year 4 produce.

Mr Hitch



Year 5

This week, in year 5, we have really settled in well to our classroom routines and we have seen excellent learning behaviour being demonstrated. We have had our first lessons taught by our student teacher - Miss Mehmood which has been a nice change from our usual teacher! In maths, we have learned about fractional parts of a whole by looking carefully at hundredths and thousandths. We have discussed what a 'hundredth' and 'thousandth' is and looked at the decimal notation for each of these fractions. We have solved problems by applying our knowledge in new contexts to consolidate our learning. In English, we have looked at the features of a setting description and have planned our own setting description to paint a vivid picture for the reader of the first time Leonard - the main character in our class book - sees snow after moving from Jamaica to England. We have started a new art unit of learning focusing on the use of oil pastels to create a galactic scene which links to our science unit - earth and space. We identified the techniques artists use to generate effects such as perspective and mood in a piece of art. We had chance to replicate this and generate our own ideas in our sketchbooks!

Mr Adlington

Year 5/6

What a fabulous week in Year 5/6 - it's been wonderful to have you all back in school after the break. In Geography, we have continued last term's work around sustainability; the children are sowing excellent knowledge retention and offering thoughtful contributions in lessons. In Art this half term, we have started to explore our drawing skills and linking this to exploring the solar system as part of our science topic. In English, we have started to explore and plan a setting description which we will write next week, showcasing a range of vocabulary! Well done everyone, have a great weekend!

Mrs Bateman

Year 6

We have had another great week in school following a relaxed half term holiday. It has been fantastic to see everyone settle back into school routines and I am really proud of how you have all come back in our classroom. In English this week, we have been unpicking various models to help us identify the features of high-quality setting descriptions: we explored extracts from *The Hobbit*, *Oliver Twist* and *Treasure Island* to support us in identifying the features of our own model. In Maths, we have read and interpreted line graphs, whilst we work towards reading and interpreting pie charts next week. In DT, we finished our pencil cases - working hard to attach zips and perfect our attempts at reinforcing our pencil cases with stitching.

Next week, we look forward to welcoming parents into school for our Inspire event. Well done for a brilliant week everyone - have a fantastic weekend.

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!

Spring Term

Date	Event	Class
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
1.3.24	PTA non-uniform day for spring fair	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	Rocksteady Concert 10.00am	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
20.3.24	Spring fair – throughout the day	Whole school
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	Year 6
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
20.7.24	Summer Gala	All welcome
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	Year 6 leavers fest	All Year 6
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 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



