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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to another half term at Towngate. It has been fantastic to be back in school after the Easter break, with the children settling well back into school routines with their classmates. We hope that the Easter break brought rest and relaxation for all of our families and we are excited to be back with the children, learning and working together every day.

Dogs Trust

On 16th April, The Dog's Trust will be visiting school to give a whole school assembly followed by class workshops to teach us all how to stay safe around dogs. To thank them for their time and spending a whole day in school, we would love to donate dog food/treats/toys for them to give directly to the dogs at Dogs Trust. Any donations can be passed to Mrs Schofield or Mrs Drury or the school councillor in your child's class. Thank you in advance.

Academy School Council

SATs superhero's

This week year 6 students have had there 1st of 3 sessions with Colleagues from Future in minds, Becky & Ivy will cover topics such as common worries and how we can manage these leading up to Sat's to help boost confidence and build Year 6 children's resilience.

Reduce, Re-use Recycle

This week, we were joined by Moira from the Renewi UK Services who led an assembly for us on the importance of recycling. We spoke about where our household items can end up if they are not recycled which was really interesting. For our oldest children in UKS2, this linked perfectly to our geography topic on sustainability, where we consider how, in order for something to be considered sustainable, it must be good for the economy, the environment and the people. Thank you to Mrs Schofield for organising this assembly for us to enjoy.

Reading packs

Next week we will be sending home 'reading packs' for the children in school. In these wallets, the children will be asked to keep their reading book and a school library book of their choice, their reading record and a lollipop stick for tracking their reading. We will also be asking the children to keep their life skills passports in these packs and that these are brought to and from school **daily**. Thank you for your support with this.

PTA spring fair

We are delighted to announce the spring fair raised a massive £725.30, thank you to our amazing PTA & all Parents for the continued support.

Contact number

Our Breakfast, After School Club & Holiday Club contact number is 07917024280; this number will only be answered within the club hours. We ask that parents and carers follow the normal procedure for phoning any children in absent and booking any additional places. Thank you.



Mayor's Parlour Visit and Citizenship Ceremony

Our KS2 School Council had an amazing opportunity to attend a Civic Reception with the Mayor of Wakefield, Josie Pritchard and visit her parlour. We saw amazing artefacts, held the Mace and even dressed our School Councillor Will in the mini Mayor's robes. Afterwards we were lucky enough to take part in a Citizenship Ceremony where people from over 10 different countries, swore an oath to King Charles III and received a certificate to become a British Citizen. We are so proud of how the children conducted themselves, they were respectful and polite at all times and were an absolute credit to our school.

KS2 School Council



Nut Free School

Just a gentle reminder that we are a nut free school and children should not bring anything to school containing nuts due to allergies.

Parent Parking

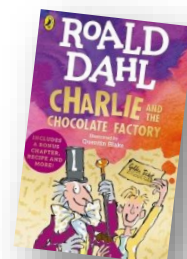
It has been brought to our attention that a number of cars have been parking near and on the yellow zig-zag lines outside of school. We would like to send a polite reminder that it is illegal to park on this area of the road as it poses a huge risk to the safety of our children. **We are requesting that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

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.

What are we reading –

This week Miss Minnithorpe is enjoying reading Charlie and the Chocolate factory by Roald Dahl. This book is a feast for the imagination and tells the story of Mr Wonka, the most wondrous inventor in the world. Mr Wonka excites and enthuses as he opens his gates of his amazing chocolate factory to five lucky children who are in for a whole new world of adventure. A must-read for children and adults alike!



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 94.98% this week; well done everyone. A particular well done must go to Year 2 who achieved 97.39% 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	Roseanna	Hughie	Briar	Theo
Reception (adventurer's)	Eiisa	Freya – Rose	Teddy	Henry
Reception (explorers)	Amber	Mason	Arabella	Zoe
Year 1	Sinead	Seth	Zavier	Hudson
Year 1/2	Holly	Ivy	Eligh	Harry
Year 2	Mia	Evie	Mahdi	Isabelle

What have we been getting up to this week?

Nursery

It has been wonderful to welcome the children back to school after the Easter break and hear about what they have been doing. This week, we have been learning a new traditional tale 'The Enormous Turnip'. The children have enjoyed joining in with the repeated phrases of the story and found it particularly amusing when all the characters fell on top of each other as they pulled the turnip out! In maths, the children have been becoming familiar with the various numicon pieces by linking them to the corresponding numerals, they are becoming amazing at using their subitising skills by just looking at the pattern and knowing the amount, well done everyone! Miss Karolia (our student teacher) has been sharing her experiences of the celebration of 'Eid', the children enjoyed listening to a story and had some wonderful questions to ask her. Thank you once again for your continued support and have a wonderful weekend!

Miss Haigh/Mrs Gordon

Reception

We have had a super start to our new term in Reception. Our topic this term is called, "Watch Us Grow". We have started our Literacy work by focusing on the different seasons through our story, Seasons Come, Seasons Go - Tree, by Britta Teekentrup. We have been busy writing about what happens to the tree throughout the different seasons. In Maths, we are learning all about numbers to 20. We have been focusing on our teen numbers and using the tens frames to represent these. We have continued to use our observational skills to draw different flowers in Art and we have been making paper flowers and clay flowers within provision.

A super week, well done everyone!

Mrs Kimbley, Mrs Phillips & Mrs Patel-Daji

Year 1

We've had a wonderful first week back in Class 1, the children have come back ready to learn and are really impressing us! We've been working hard this week in Maths, understanding the difference between volume and capacity. We have used non-standard units of measure to investigate the capacity of different containers. In History, we have been looking at Christopher Columbus. We were fascinated to find out he had discovered America! We looked at why he is significant and discussed why some people didn't see him as a hero. We've had our first dance session in PE this week and enjoyed putting our dance moves to the test! We're continuing our writing about The Velveteen Rabbit and it is wonderful to see so many of us have come back and remembered our wonderful handwriting! Well done Class 1, have a lovely weekend.

Miss Lockett



Year 1/2

A huge welcome back to all our Class 1/2 children, it has been lovely to see each and every one of you and hear all about your Easter break! We've been straight back into our learning and the children have settled well back into our routines. This week, we have been learning all about volume and capacity in Maths. The Y2 children have been learning how to measure in millilitres and litres and our Y1 children have been using non-standard units of measure to measure the capacity of different sized containers. Next week, we are moving on to time and hopefully by the end of the week our Y1 children can read o'clock and half past and our Y2 children read all the different timings! In Geography, we have been learning about which parts of our world are hot and cold. We know the closer to the equator you are the hotter it is! Well done for finishing your first week back and working extremely hard! Enjoy your weekend!

Mrs Davies

Year 2

What a simply wonderful first week back we've had in Year 2! It was so lovely to see lots of smiling faces as we returned to school and everyone has settled back in superbly. In English, we have continued reading our core text from last term - 'The Velveteen Rabbit'. This week, we have written a character description about this rabbit that we have become very fond of as a class! In Maths, we have thoroughly enjoyed our new unit 'Capacity' in which we've looked at measuring in ml and litres; we then applied our new knowledge to some tricky four operation questions. We've also had a lovely first 'Reading for Pleasure' session together - sharing books with our friends or just curling up to enjoy ourselves! In Science, we have made a super start to our new unit 'Living things and their habitats'. We have started by looking at things that are living, non-living or never been alive. In PSHE, we had a wonderful lesson looking at what makes us unique, but also what makes us the same as our peers around us. I hope you all have a fantastic weekend Year 2 and I'll see you next week!

Miss Wilson

Year 3

We have had a lovely week back this week and have been working very hard. In English, we have started our new core text 'Wind in the Willows' where we are planning our first piece of writing which will be a setting description and in Maths, we have been learning all about unit fractions. In French, we have been learning how to ask questions about birthdays and in PE, we have been learning cricket skills. On Monday, we had forest school where we did some den building and in Music, we have been learning our new song 'The Friendship Song'. In History, we have been learning about 'The Golden Age' of Greece and in Geography, we have been learning why the UK weather is unpredictable. In RE, we have been learning what Muslim's think about 'The Holy Qur'an' and in PSHE, we have been learning about how medicines can help us when we get poorly. Well done for a super busy, first week back Year 3.

Mrs Schofield

Year 4

What a fantastic first week back it has been! The students have continued to excel, this time converting mixed numbers to improper fractions. In English, we have started our new book Beowulf which has already gripped the pupils, we have made our predictions and look forward to reading on. Our new Science topic of sound has given students a great opportunity to showcase what they already know about vibrations and how we hear sounds. This week, we have also started our new History topic of Vikings. It has been interesting to learn why the Vikings raided and decided to invade Britain. I hope you all have a brilliant weekend and I look forward to welcoming you all back on Monday.

Mr Hitch



Year 5

This week, in year 5, we have thoroughly enjoyed settling back into school life and seeing our friends again after the half term break! In English, we have got stuck straight into a classic narrative poem in the form of 'The Highwayman' by Alfred Noyes. We have recited the poem and discussed the themes of sacrifice, betrayal and love which permeate this balladic poem. We have analysed a monologue that shares the inner most thoughts of The Highwayman once he has been captured by The Redcoats. We have highlighted the features we found and discussed how these impacts the reader. In maths, we have looked at calculating the perimeter of rectangles and the perimeter of rectilinear shapes. Our science learning has focused on reproduction in flowering plants, we have found the male and female parts of a flower and discussed how pollination occurs in order to form a new seed. In PE, we have improved our accuracy when shooting in netball and applied this to a game situation.

Mr Adlington

Year 5/6

Welcome back everyone! What a busy week we have had in Year 5/6. This week in Maths, we have been calculating angles on a straight line, angles around a point and measuring angles with a protractor; the children have worked accurately and carefully throughout. In English this term we are reading the poem 'The Highwayman' by Alfred Noyes, this week we have explored Part One of the poem, being introduced to key characters and exploring themes of love and jealousy. In History, we have developed our understanding of chronology - sequencing different historical events and comparing different time periods. In PE, we began a new unit on Rugby, we are all excited to develop our knowledge and skills as the term progresses. Well done everyone!

Mrs Bateman

Year 6

What a busy week we have had back in Year 6 this week! After two weeks of rest and relaxation over the Easter break, the children have returned to school with a spring in their step and ready to tackle the next few weeks that lie ahead. A huge thank you must go to the children who have worked hard on their Easter homework to keep their skills topped up over the holiday. This week, we have enjoyed working together to calculate angles on a straight line, around a point and within polygons. We perfected our practice to be able to use protractors accurately, which will help us in our upcoming assessments. In reading, we have prioritised our knowledge of tackling fiction texts and developing our inference skills - well done everyone for your perseverance! In History, we concluded our unit on Civil rights through working together to present our knowledge on Civil Rights America and the Black Lives Matter movements. It has been a privilege to watch the children learn with such interest and speak so eloquently about this topic. Well done everyone; you continue to make me proud every day.

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!

Summer Term

Date	Event	Class
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 2:30pm	All Year 6
24.6.24	Year 5 Class Assembly 2:30pm	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





Holiday Club

CONTACT - 07917024280
BOOKING FORM TO FOLLOW.

Around the Euros in 9 days.

Join us for 9 fun filled days in the build up to the Euros, exploring different foods, crafts and cultures.

SPRING BANK
WEEK 1 - TUES 28TH - FRI 31ST
MAY
WEEK 2 - MON 3RD - FRI 7TH

£15 FOR HALF A DAY.
(7.30AM - 12.30PM OR 1PM - 6PM)
£30 FULL DAY.(7.30AM - 6PM)

BRING YOUR OWN LUNCH IF STAYING ALL DAY.

BREAKFAST AND TEA PROVIDED.

