



TOWNGATE PRIMARY ACADEMY



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Dear Parents/Carers

As you may know, Miss Gordon is leaving us in January to take up her post as Head Teacher and she would like to pass on the following sentiments.

“Although I am excited for the challenge that lies ahead in my new role, I am genuinely sad to be leaving such a wonderful school after nearly 13 years teaching, and a place where my family has had connections for over 30 years! I would like to say a big thank you to the parents for all your support over the years, to the staff for being such a dedicated, hard-working and loyal team, and most of all the children – I have enjoyed every minute of being part of their learning journey, getting to know them and their families. I will miss everyone at Towngate but I know the future is looking bright for the school and I wish everyone heartfelt best wishes for the exciting times ahead”

Miss Taylor will be joining us in January as nursery teacher. She has already been in to meet the children and will be attending the Foundation Stage Christmas concert to meet the parents.

Events in School this week:

Friday 25th November – year 6 held a coffee morning for parents and baked some particularly delicious food! Thank you to year 6 for running this event.



Thursday 1st December – F2 held a grandparents day in school today. Thank you to everyone who came and supported their children.



Christmas Concert Tickets

Christmas concert tickets which have been ordered already will be sent home tomorrow with your child/their oldest sibling so please check all bags thoroughly – just a reminder that on the letter it stated how many tickets could be ordered. We have a few spare tickets available for some performances, if you would like to request any of these please contact the school office by phone, email, or in person on Friday from 8.30 am, and we will issue them. This is on a first come first served basis.

Upcoming events

<p>Friday 2nd December</p>	<p>9.00 – Celebration assembly: children from KS2 and KS1 will treat us to a song from their upcoming productions, as a chance to practice performing to an audience.</p> <p>Christmas Jumper day – children can choose to wear a Christmas Jumper or cardigan today, in exchange for a donation to Save the Children. Children can wear usual uniform underneath, however if they have additional Christmas items they would like to wear (trousers etc) or non-uniform they are more than welcome to wear these to get into the spirit.</p> <p>3.15 – PTA Christmas Fayre – please come in and support children, staff and parents who have organised our wonderful festive Fayre. Please note that all children will need to be collected by parents first before coming into the Fayre.</p> <p>Football – a reminder that the football session tonight will not go ahead, but has been moved to the last Friday of the term.</p>
<p>Next week</p>	<p>Christmas productions will begin across the Academy.</p>
<p>Friday 9th December</p>	<p>9.00 NO ASSEMBLY – F2 are holding their concert this morning, so there will be no celebration assembly this week.</p> <p>1.30 Our children who are in the EOCT choir will perform carols in Ossett town centre. Please go along and support the children if you are out Christmas shopping or available that day.</p>

Clubs in January

Drama and Football will send out a renewal letter as usual with dates and times for the restart in the new year.

Multi-sports will continue as usual, starting the first week back. If your child wishes to join this club please contact a member of the office staff. Places are limited due to hall space.

We are sorry to say that running club will be cancelled in January, pending Mrs Cowperthwaite's replacement. I will ask our new PE lead to investigate the possibility of setting up alternative provision in the new term.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "S. Walker". The signature is written in a cursive style and is underlined.

Mr S Walker
Principal
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