



# TOWNGATE PRIMARY ACADEMY



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Dear Parents/Carers

## Events in School Last Week:

On Friday, children in year 4 staged a 'Roman Invasion' of the celebration assembly! They had worked very hard to prepare for this.



This week, Year 3 have been busy baking lots of goodies in preparation for the coffee morning on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> November, and are looking forward to seeing as many of you as possible!



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## Upcoming Events:

Date	Event
<b>Friday 11<sup>th</sup> November</b>	9.00 – no celebration assembly as it is Remembrance day. See below.  10.00 – children from year 3 will be running a coffee morning in the school library for parents and carers.  10.50 – 11.30 – Remembrance assembly run by year 5 as part of their WW2 topic. Parents and carers are invited. We will be holding a minutes silence at 11am, with readings and some music prepared by the children.  Children in years 1, 2 and 3 will receive a flu vaccination today from the school nursing team.
<b>W/c Monday 14<sup>th</sup> November</b>	ANTIBULLYING week: across the academy children will be learning about anti bullying strategies as part of the national focus week.
<b>Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Fossils workshop – this will be delivered by Wakefield Museum for Year 3 in the morning as part of their science topic.
<b>Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Year 6 visit to Thackray medical museum as part of their topic work. Please note that if we do not have sufficient numbers of parents who are prepared to pay for these visits then unfortunately future visits will not be organised.
<b>Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Individual and family photographs in the school hall. Please can you ensure that your child is wearing either a jumper or cardigan with the Towngate Academy logo on if possible.
<b>Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Children in Need day – “Get your ears on!” theme. Children can come in non-uniform for a donation to Children in Need.  Celebration assembly will be at 9.00 am, and will include children sharing the outcomes of their work on anti-bullying week.

## Due Diligence process

As part of our working with other schools, on Monday and Tuesday of next week Towngate will be visited by a group of other head teachers who we are working with. Their role will be to assess how the academy is doing in all areas, and provide a report for the governing body. As part of this, there will be a member of staff on the school playground interested in talking to parents and carers about the school. Please feel free to share your views with this person, which will comprise as part of the report.

## Appointments in School

The Chair of Governors is pleased to share the following appointments which will commence from January 2017:

- **Assistant Principal (temporary for two terms initially)** – Ms A Oldroyd
- **Support Staff Team Manager (temporary for two terms initially)** – Ms L Eke

We are very pleased to be able to promote staff internally, and we are sure parents and carers will join with us on congratulating our successful candidates.

## Before and After School Club

We have only had a handful of responses to requests for information about the before and after school club. If it looks as if there is limited interest then the outside provider will not set up a club. If anyone is interested please return your response, or complete the attached copy which is at the end of this newsletter and return to the office.

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### **PTA Christmas Cards**

The children have produced their own Christmas cards which are available to purchase. Professionally printed, they look amazing and are the ideal way to spread Christmas cheer! In addition, they generate funds for our PTA, which we always spend on the children's resources in school. Your child will be bringing home a sample Christmas Card on Friday, please complete the order form and return to us in school **by Monday 21<sup>st</sup> November**.

Please also see the attached poster advertising future PTA Christmas and fundraising events.

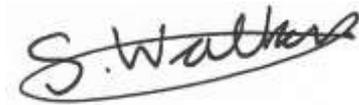
### **Young Voices**

Could parents of children in Year 4 and 5 please return the Young Voices permission slip and order forms and payment by Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> November. Copies of letters are available from the school website or main office if required. **If you pay online order forms still need returning.**

### **Shoe Box Appeal**

We would just like to thank all those parents and children that have contributed to this marvellous cause, we have collected an amazing 58 boxes to date and we hope that some of the children will be able to pass the boxes personally to the appeal organiser when they are collected after the celebration assembly on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November. If you would still like to contribute, please fetch your shoebox by this day.

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  
**Head of School**

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## **CHRISTMAS FAIR 2016**

The Christmas Fair this year will be held on **Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December from 3.15pm onwards**. To make this a fundraising success we would be very grateful for your help with donations.

### **Non-uniform day:**

There will be a non-uniform day on **Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November**. This is to help collect items for the fair, please bring your item on this day.

- **Nursery and Reception, Class 1 and 2 – chocolate bars (all sizes welcome, but not too small, more than one bar would be really appreciated)**
- **Class 3, 4, 5 and 6 – bottles i.e. soft drinks, bubble bath / different sized bottles. If you can bring more than one that would be fantastic and much appreciated. (NO GLASS BOTTLES PLEASE)**

### **Other donations:**

We are also collecting items for other stalls. If you have any to bring to school please bring in from Monday 21st November.

- **Teddies (good and clean condition please)**
- **General tombola items (eg new, unused gift items)**
- **Any other suitable item you like to donate for a raffle prize**
- **Cakes – homemade or bought, ideally with a festive theme (PLEASE BRING BAKING ON THE DAY OF THE FAIR)**

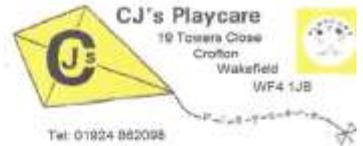
There will be a Santa's grotto and a craft table for the children to enjoy.

If you are able to help on the day (either setting up in the afternoon or on one of the stalls), please let your class teacher know or pop into the office.

Thank you once again for your continued support in school with PTA events. The PTA is working closely with the school to continue adding to resources for the children and we do appreciate all your support with donations and attending events.

Dear Parent/Carer,

Interest has been expressed in the development of an out of school childcare scheme (playcare) at your child's school, and I have been asked to facilitate the provision.



My name is Chris Jones and my team and I already facilitate term time provisions in Wakefield at Ledger Lane, Kirkhamgate, St Michael's, St John's, Hensal Lane and Crofton schools.

To complement these; we also have a holiday provision at Ledger Lane. Open 8am (7:30 by arrangement) to 6pm, Monday to Friday. (Except bank holidays and 25<sup>th</sup> Dec to 1<sup>st</sup> Jan)

Our provisions are not subsidised and must be self-supporting. At all sites, attendance can be full time, part time, or adhoc. Current daily costs range from £5 to £12 term time and £9 to £30 holidays.

Initially, dependent on demand, the aim is to provide reliable, quality out of school childcare for 2 hours after school for children whose parents are unable to pick up their children at normal school times due to work or other commitments.

By restricting the opening times, the provision will be able to start more quickly as it will be exempt from registration.

Subsequently, again dependent on demand, we intend to undertake registration (a lengthy process) so that we can extend availability to 1 hour before school and to 6pm after school.

The first stage is to assess initial demand and long-term viability.

Please complete the tear off section below, and return it to your child's school before the 4<sup>th</sup> of November.

Your name, :  
address, :  
phone no, & :  
best time :  
to call :

If you are interested in working at the scheme please tick this box.

Child's name(s)	Age & Class	Child's name(s)	Age & Class
1:		2:	
3:		4:	

Please indicate likely attendance

Initial provision  
2 hours after school  
AFTER school

Number of Children each day

M	T	W	T	F

When would you start using the provision?

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Subsequent Provision  
1 hr before and after school to 6pm  
BEFORE school                      AFTER school

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