



TOWNGATE PRIMARY ACADEMY



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Events in school this week

On Friday 7th October Year 3 went to the Yorkshire Coal Mining Museum. This was an exciting day out and really supported the children with their science work on rocks and soils.



On Tuesday 11th October we held a maths 'open morning' around school. Thank you to all the parents and carers who came in, we hope you found it interesting and educational. Here are a selection of the many positive comments you shared with us:

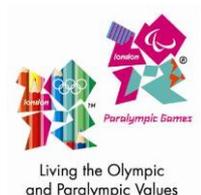
'Enjoyed the maths class, will be practising matching numbers up to 10 at home.'

'Good to see the children work things out quickly, and making maths fun.'

'A very good day, I enjoyed helping the children with their times tables. They all were enthusiastic and motivated to show their learning. The interactive quiz board is a great way to help them.'

'It will be useful to take the ideas to use at home.'

It was 'hard for me but I got the same answers as my grandson. A great experience.'





Today Year 5 are on a visit to Eden Camp. We will put the pictures in next weeks newsletter.

Upcoming events this week and next

Friday 14th October 9.00	School council led Harvest Festival as part of our celebration assembly. Please can children donate any items of fresh or tinned / dried foods for our collection for the Church.
Week Commencing 17th October	ASSESSMENT WEEK: across the academy we will be assessing children’s progress since the start of the half term. On the Monday we return after the holidays we will send out a slip with the outcomes of these assessments which you will be able to discuss at parents evening.
Wednesday 19th October 3.15	Clothing amnesty – see below.
Thursday 20th October	PTA Halloween disco - KS1 3.15-4.30; KS2 4.45-6.00
Friday 21st October	Last day of the half term
Monday 31st October	Return to school following the holidays
Monday 7th November 3.15 – 7.00	Parent’s evenings. We will send out appointment request slips at the start of next half term, but please make a note of these dates.
Thursday 10th November 3.15 – 5.00	

Clothing amnesty

We have an enormous amount of unclaimed lost property much of which has been in school for a long time. On Wednesday 19th October next week, Mr McGuirk will set up tables in the school hall or library depending on whether it is being used after school for parents to come and claim any remaining lost property. Any with names on will be handed out to children in the afternoon. Any remaining after this point will be donated to charity or otherwise disposed of as we cannot continue to store unwanted clothing in school.

Please do ensure that your child’s clothes etc are named. We are often asked where a child’s jumper / kit is – if it is not named then unfortunately we will not be able to help.

Update on before and after school clubs

Mr Walker will be meeting with an external provider on Friday 14th October to discuss the possibility of setting up a before and after school club on site. We will keep parents informed as to our progress on this matter.



Correspondence

From Friday 21st October all newsletters will only be sent out via e mail. Please ensure you notify the school office of any changes to e mail addresses.

Dealing with Stress as a parent or caregiver

On Friday 25th November 1pm – 3pm we are holding a one off workshop for parents/carers on how to deal with why parenting is stressful and why it's important to take care of ourselves. If you would like more information and to attend please contact Ms Brown as there are limited spaces.

Coffee Morning

Just a reminder that every Friday following assembly (9.30 – 10.00) there is a coffee morning for parents/carers. Please note that following the harvest festival tomorrow the time will be slightly later at 10.00 – 10.30.

Yours sincerely



Mr S Walker
Head of Academy

