



TOWNGATE PRIMARY ACADEMY



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Dear Parents/Carers

Events in school this week:

Anti-bullying Week:

This week children across the academy have been focussing on work to do with anti-bullying. They will be sharing some of their learning on Friday in assembly.

Year 6 visit to Thackray Medical Museum:

On Wednesday 16th November, Year 6 visited Thackray Medical Museum to spend the day experiencing life as a Victorian character. Throughout our visit, we dressed up in traditional costumes and developed our team-building skills by working together to solve mysteries about what happened to our character during this era. Following this, we had a brilliant time exploring the vile Victorian streets and investigating cures for illness and diseases during this time.

Year 6 were a credit to our school and thoroughly enjoyed their visit.



One Voice Choir Rehearsal Workshop:

On Wednesday Towngate hosted several schools from across Ossett and beyond, preparing for the One voice Video project. The children had a fantastic morning, and a big thankyou to Ms Kemshell and Mrs Pamment for organising this for the children.

Upcoming Events:

Date	Event
Friday 18 November	9am – celebration assembly. Children in need day – non-uniform day, theme “get your ears on” in exchange for a donation to children in need. Coffee morning in library afterwards with Mrs Brown.
Tuesday 22 November	Year 6 – school nurse will be in for height and weight checks.
Friday 25 November	Non-uniform day in aid of Christmas Fayre. Children can come in non-uniform in exchange for a donation of chocolate for the chocolate tombola if children in KS1 or FS, or a bottle for the bottle hoopla if children in KS2. Year 6 Coffee Morning after celebration assembly. We will also be trimming up for Christmas today.
Thursday 1 December	F2 will be holding a grandparents day on Thursday 1 st December at 9.00. A letter will be sent out to the children in this class with details.
Friday 2 December	Christmas Jumper day!! Children can swap their jumper/cardigan for a Christmas themed one and get into the spirit of Christmas!!

Parent Governors:

We have had two expressions of interest for parent governors. Our Chair will be organising the process of setting this up, and we will then introduce the new governors to our parent community.

Due-Diligence Process:

On Monday and Tuesday we had a very thorough Due Diligence process carried out by 8 head teachers from across the community of schools we work with. They looked at quality of leadership and management, behaviour and safety of children, parental and pupil comments and opinions and the quality of teaching and learning. We were particularly pleased with the very positive comments from parents and children, especially around the areas of behaviour, safety of pupils and the impact of the learning mentor. We found many strengths in the school, and have identified areas that we will continue to work on as part of our continuing school improvement process. Many thanks to those parents and children who contributed to the formation of the report, which is being written this week.

School Photographs:

Children will be coming home with the proofs of their photographs taken by Tempest, they must be returned to school by Friday 25th November in order for them to be delivered back to school in time for Christmas. You can order photos independently via Tempest if you wish.

Christmas Card Orders:

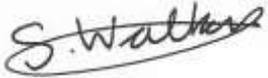
Just a reminder that the deadline for order forms to be returned to school for the children’s Christmas cards is Monday 21st September

Book Fair:

The final total from the book fair sales was £174.78 worth of books which enabled us to spend £29.91 on books for school. We have been given the dates of 3rd – 10th November 2017 for the next fair.

Please see attached notice from PTA regarding Christmas events and fundraising, and also the form to complete to express an interest in the wrap-around care which we are looking at the viability of.

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



CHRISTMAS FAIR 2016

The Christmas Fair this year will be held on **Friday 2nd 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 25th 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.

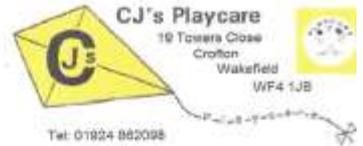
- **Teddies (good and clean condition please)**
- **General tombola items (eg new, unused gift items)**
- **Any other suitable item you like to donate for a raffle prize**
- **Cakes – homemade or bought, ideally with a festive theme (PLEASE BRING BAKING ON THE DAY OF THE FAIR)**

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 25th Dec to 1st 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 4th 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

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

Number of Children each day

M	T	W	T	F

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When would you start using the provision? _____