



# TOWNGATE PRIMARY ACADEMY



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Dear Parents/Carers

## **Events in the Academy this week**

### **End of Key Stage Assessments**

This week the Year 6 children undertook their assessments. The results will be available at the start of July. All the academy staff would like to say a huge “well done” to all the children for their commitment to learning, sensible attitude and hard work. We know you could not have tried any harder, and we are all really proud of you. A huge thank you as well to staff and parents who have worked with the children this year to help them get ready for their assessments.

As part of the process we were monitored by the Chair of Governors, and were selected by the Local Authority for a monitoring visit on Wednesday. Both parties were satisfied with the arrangements for the tests and the way in which they were conducted.

Year 2 have also been taking some of their assessments this week. These will continue over the next couple of weeks. Teachers report that children are working very hard on these and are enjoying the challenge, and not just because they are working in “special booklets!” Keep up the hard work Year 2.

### **Bikeability**

Year 5 have been continuing their bikeability and road safety work in school working with staff from the Road Safety Team at Wakefield Council. The second group will be starting their two day course tomorrow and continuing it on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> May.

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## Year 4 Big Build

Year 4 have been working with a local engineer as part of the EOCT Big Build. On Thursday they went for a walk in the local community, exploring aspects of engineering around Ossett.



## Upcoming events in school

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> May

Year 6 swim to Kingswood challenge sponsorship challenge.

## Supervision of children before Academy opening times

Please note that before Academy opening times it is important that where parents are present they supervise children to ensure they are safe. Please ensure that if you are waiting with your children in KS1 that you do not allow them to climb on fences or onto the retaining wall by the edge of the playground. This is for their safety, and they are not allowed to do this when under the supervision of Academy staff. Children should not hold the buzzer buttons continuously or repeatedly press them. These are very expensive to mend, and we have already had to pay to have them repaired once this year. Where we overspend the repairs budget this unfortunately has to come out of other areas of the school budget.

## Holidays in Term Time

When making school aware of your intention to take your child/ren on holiday during school time, you can either do this in writing or via email to : [admin@towngateacademy.co.uk](mailto:admin@towngateacademy.co.uk) for the attention of myself. This will ensure that it is responded to quickly and efficiently.

## School Menu

We are able to advise that the school menu in place at the moment will be continuing until October half term in the next academic year.

You can pay for school meals or trips via SCOPay (our preferred method of payment) or send money or cheque payable to Towngate Primary Academy in a sealed envelope with your child's name, class and the amount contained clearly written on the front. These envelopes should be handed in at the school office – please do not give this to class teachers. All children who have not yet registered for this service have been issued with a letter with their log on details but should you require another copy please let the school office know.

## Family Links/Parenting Course – starting Friday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2017 (9.30-11.30am)

Unfortunately due to lack of demand, the course will now be held at the Castle Childrens Centre in Sandal. Those parents who expressed an interest will be contacted by the course facilitator directly to discuss whether you can still attend or not.

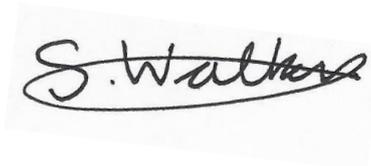
## Request for Equipment

Miss Higgins, our Attendance and Behaviour Officer, would like to request if anyone has any of the following unwanted items in good reusable condition they would like to donate to school:

- Dressing up clothes
- Toy Cars
- Outdoor games
- Board games
- Material
- CDs (Disney/NOW compilation)

If you are able to assist please let Miss Higgins or the school office know.

With kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "S. Walker". The signature is written in a cursive style and is enclosed within a faint, light-colored rectangular border.

Mr S Walker  
**Principal**