



TOWNGATE PRIMARY ACADEMY



Executive Principal:
Mrs Sue Vickerman
Principal:
Mr Steven Walker

Whitley Spring Road
Ossett
WF5 0QA
Tel: 01924 302865

Website: www.towngateprimary.co.uk

Email: admin@towngateacademy.co.uk

headteacher@towngateacademy.co.uk

Thursday 19th January 2017

Dear parents/Carers

Events in School Last Week

Year 2 coffee morning

On Friday, Mrs Mitchell's class held a coffee morning. This was very well attended and the children and teachers reported that it was a very successful event. Thank you for coming in and we hope you enjoyed it.

Year 5 & 6 French day

On Friday, years 5 and 6 held a day of learning themed around French culture. The children enjoyed tasting a variety of French foods, sang French songs and learnt about French culture. As you can see we had a brilliant day and look forward to our next theme day!



Y5 Book Awards

Three children from Year 5 attended the EOCT Riveting Read shortlisting event at Ossett Academy on Wednesday.

Children from nine primary schools have read over 270 books and have shortlisted five. The children will now write letters to the five shortlisted authors to invite them to the EOCT Riveting Read Book Awards final on Friday 16th July at Highfields School.



End of Keystage assessment meetings

Thank you to parents who have attended the end of keystage assessment meetings this week for years 2 and 6. You will have received your revision guide books and discussed with the teachers plans for preparations for these very important assessments. If you were unable to attend, and would like to speak to your child's class teacher please do contact school to make an appointment with teachers. Parents in year 2 who have not collected revision guide books please do so when you collect your child from school, or contact the class teacher if you are unable to do so. We do hope you find the guide books useful, and that they will enable parents to support their children with their homework.

Upcoming dates for your diary next week:

Date	Event
Friday 20 th January	NO ASSEMBLY – no assembly this Friday as the hall is in use all day for the KS1 African Workshop.
Monday 23 rd January	WATERAID – as part of our programme of learning about the wider world and the impact of charities, Mrs Mitchell has organised for Wateraid to come into school to deliver an assembly to the children and then lead a workshop with year 6.
Tuesday 24 th January	School nursing team in to visit Foundation Stage (children with birthdays from Sept to Dec) – Height & Weight check. Year 3 – Wakefield Museum Workshop on 'Life in the Stoneage'
Thursday 26 th January	KIDZAWARE – workshops throughout the day learning about disability and bullying.
Friday 27 th January	Assembly as normal. Year 1/2 (Ms Lockett's class) will hold a coffee morning for parents and will be baking throughout the week to prepare for this. Y3 Boys Football match – in the afternoon children will travel to Gawthorpe on the minibus and partake in a football tournament, children will return to school for the end of the school day as normal.

Valentine's Disco

Please see the attached letter from the PTA with details about the Valentine's disco which takes place on Thursday 9th February – **please note there will be no Multi Sports afterschool club this day.**

Young Voices

This event has for several years been attended by the children in years 4 and 5. As not all children from these classes attended, we had an issue with the funding of the coach for the visit. This is partly because school had to repeatedly request slips be returned, meaning numbers were difficult to confirm.

As a result, next year's Young Voices event will be attended by the children from the school choir. Children in choir will be able to learn the songs in choir practice and sign up to attend the visit earlier. Children who wish to be part of the Young voices event are more than welcome to join the choir and should talk to Ms Pamment about arrangements.

A huge thank you to all the staff who attended this event, which as parents will know goes on until very late at night and is a big "ask" for staff who have families of their own. I am sure parents are very grateful to have such committed staff willing to undertake this.

Educational Visits

The school will no longer repeatedly request permission slips for visits. Educational visits permission letters will go out from school, with a date for returning. The office and teaching staff do not have the capacity to phone requesting permission. If your child does not return permission forms then they will not attend the educational visit.

The school cannot be held responsible for children not giving letters to parents. Teachers report that parents will frequently state that their child has not received a letter, only for it to turn up in a school bag. With younger children it is a good idea to check in their bag at the end of every school day. Please do speak to your class teacher or ask at the school office if you think your child may be missing a letter and we can reissue it to you.

Medication in school

Please note that if parents leave medication in school for administering to pupils they must make a note of when that medicine expires and bring in replacements in good time.

Contact details

The office have requested that any changes of contact details be passed to them as soon as possible. Many people receive new phones etc over Christmas that may result in a change of number. Please do let us know.

Parking

A member of the public phoned again this week to express concern about parking on Milner way. They stated that they'd noticed parents walking children on the road, which can have black ice on it. Please be careful when walking to and from school and when parking around the local area.

Yours sincerely



Mr S Walker
Principal



TOWNGATE PRIMARY ACADEMY



Executive Principal:
Mrs Sue Vickerman
Principal:
Mr Steven Walker

Whitley Spring Road
Ossett
WF5 0QA
Tel: 01924 302865

Website: www.towngateprimary.co.uk
Email: admin@towngateacademy.co.uk
headteacher@towngateacademy.co.uk

Dear Parents / Carers,

We are having a Valentine's disco on Thursday 9th February. Timings as follows:

KS1 (classes 1, 1/2 & 2) 3.15- 4.30pm
KS2 (classes 3, 4, 5 & 6) 4.45 - 6pm

Entry will be £2 to cover the cost of the DJ (please pay on the door), and we'll have a tuck shop with sweets and drinks for sale.

If your child is in KS1 and they want to get changed for the disco, please send their clothes in a named carrier bag. Please can you also ensure that any tuck shop money for KS1 children is sent in a named envelope or purse for safe-keeping. We would suggest that £2 maximum is sufficient for this.

We'll need some parent helpers so if you can help out on the evening please complete and return the slip below. A member of the PTA will then contact you

Thank you
Your PTA

✂-----

Valentine's Disco, Thursday 9th February

I can help out at the **KS1 / KS2** disco (please circle as appropriate)

Name.....

Contact Number.....

Parent of Class.....