



TOWNGATE PRIMARY ACADEMY



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Dear Parents/Carers

Events in school this week:

Visit from the Mayor and Mayoress

We were lucky enough to be visited by the Mayor and Mayoress of Wakefield for the morning. The children learnt a great deal about the position and history of the Mayor, and he spent the morning walking around school meeting the children with mini-mayor for the day, Darcey Kay-Brook and the school Council.



Kidzaware sessions

Children in years 3, 4, 5 and 6 worked with the Kidzaware group on Tuesday, learning about disability awareness and understanding of people with different needs.

Upcoming events in school

Date	Event
Friday 3 rd February	Celebration assembly – prefects and head boys/girls will receive their badges. Year 3 will perform some of their music work.
Monday 6 th February Tuesday 7 th February	F2 visits to Cannon Hall farm
Wednesday 8 th February	Y5 visit to Ossett Co-op to compliment work being carried out about Fairtrade.
Thursday 9 th February	PTA Valentine’s disco – parent volunteers required! Copy letter attached for details, please speak to the office if you are able to assist. No Multi-Sports this day!
Friday 10 th February	Year 1 (Miss Atkinson’s class) will hold a coffee morning after assembly. Lost property will be available for inspection from 8.30 am, any items not collected will be disposed of via a textiles recycling company. Break up for the holidays
Tuesday 21 st February	Children return to school (NOTE – INSET DAY ON MONDAY)

Feature in the local papers

You may have seen Towngate was in the Yorkshire Evening Post and Wakefield express last week as one of the high performing schools in the local region. Please see the screen grab from the digital edition that was emailed to school. It is lovely for the staff and children for our Academy to be recognised in this way.



New roles in school

Congratulations to the following children on their selection for new roles in school:-

Head Boy – Thomas Smith Y6

Head Girl – Lauren Bragan Y6

Deputy Head Boy – Liam Grundy Y5

Deputy Head Girl - Poppy McClelland Y5

Prefects: Y6 - Ethan Day, Isabelle Thackrah, Hannah Watson, Heather Papworth, Y5 Darcey Kay-Brook, Luca Barraclough, Ruby Parrish, Eddie Hudson, Zackary Warhurst-Wright, Olivia Franks.

Parents are welcome to attend the assembly on Friday 3rd February at 9 am.

Contact with the Learning Mentor

Please note that Mrs Brown's working hours are 8.30 – 4.30 Monday to Thursday, 8.30 – 4.00 Friday. She does not work at weekends. Any messages or text received outside of these hours will be responded to and dealt with within her working hours.

Lost Resources

As you may be aware schools and academies receive a 'per pupil' funding. This means that we have limited financial resources. If children lose or damage equipment in school, we have no alternative but to replace this from existing funds. Please encourage your children to take a responsible attitude to school resources such as reading books, and we would appreciate all books being returned in good condition after use.

Sharing of information

In order to ensure that the office can run effectively, the Academy will share information about bumps, scrapes, first aid, minor incidents in class etc. with the primary contact on the contact list. We are not able to share information with all contacts as this becomes logistically difficult. Where separated parents have requested additional newsletters at the office then this will be continued.

Lateness and Attendance

Any children who are dropped off by parents at school late must be brought into school by a parent so they can be signed in. This is to ensure that accurate reasons for lateness are recorded, and also to ensure that children arrive safely in school. The Education Welfare Officer has noted that there are a lot of repeatedly late children at the moment which is a concern as when children don't get a good start to the morning it can affect their learning throughout the rest of the session.

When children are poorly, you may be required to provide medical evidence as to their illness. This is at the discretion of the Learning Mentor, working in conjunction with the Principal and Education Welfare Officer. Parents will be informed if that is required. This is a requirement of the Education Welfare Officer who has a responsibility for ensuring good attendance in all schools.

Medical appointments – where children have appointments, you may be required to provide evidence of the time and date to the office. Please consider when taking children for appointments to minimise the amount of time missed, that children come back to school if possible, or attend school before going. Dinners can be ordered over the phone if a child is not in school to order in the morning.

Sainsbury's Active Kids Vouchers

The Sainsbury active kids vouchers launches on 25th January, which helps school get active with either new cooking, sports equipment and experiences. We would be grateful for any vouchers collected to be posted in the posting box located in Reception.



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Dear Parents / Carers,

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

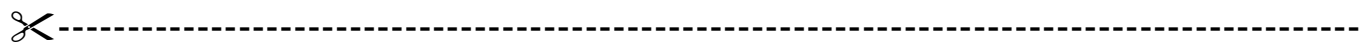
KS1 (classes 1, 1/2 & 2) 3.15- 4.30pm
KS2 (classes 3, 4, 5 & 6) 4.45 - 6pm

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.....