



# TOWNGATE PRIMARY ACADEMY



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25<sup>th</sup> January 2017

Dear Parents/Carers

Events in school this week

## **Monday – WaterAid**

On Monday, the school was visited by WaterAid, a charity involved in the provision of water to people who do not have access to clean water. They put on an assembly for the school then undertook a workshop with Year 6.

## **Tuesday – Wakefield Museum workshop 'life in the stone age' Year 3**

As part of their history topic Year 3 were visited by Kelly Powell from Wakefield Museum, who looked at life in the stone age. This is part of bringing our curriculum to life with artefacts and experts.



All the children enjoyed the visit, and when Ms Powell was leaving she commented how polite and well behaved class 3 were, and were a pleasure to meet!

### Thursday – Disability awareness from 'Kidzaware' company

Children in F2 and KS1 worked with a group of visitors from the Kidzaware company to explore issues around disability and acceptance.



### Thursday – Intra-School Sports

As part of her new role as PE co-ordinator, Ms Sidebottom with Ms Eke and Ms Oldroyd ran an intra-school sporting competition for classes across school. Each class took part in a series of different sporting events, accumulating points for their mixed class teams. The children really enjoyed taking part, and showed great team work and enthusiasm throughout the day.



## Upcoming events in school

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> January	Assembly as normal.  Year 1/2 Ms Lockett's class will put on a coffee morning in the library after the assembly.  Y3 Boys football - 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.
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> January	Visit from the Mayor and Mayoress of Wakefield into the Academy, to meet with children and lead an assembly.  Start of assessment week in school.
Tuesday 31 <sup>st</sup> January	'Kidzaware' – sessions with classes in key stage 2, looking at disability awareness.
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> February	Year 3 will perform in assembly, showing us some of what they've learned in their 'Wider Opportunities' classes this year.
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> February	PTA Valentines Disco after school  <b>No KS1 Multi-Sports this day!</b>
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> February	Break up for half term holidays  <b>Lost property will be out on display in the library from 8.30 am – any items not claimed will be sent to a textiles recycling company</b>
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> February	INSET day – school closed for children
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> February	School reopens for children

### Punctuality

Lateness levels, particularly in years 5 and 6 are increasing. Please ensure that your child arrives in school on time to start their learning promptly.

### Before/After school club

This week I sent out a letter about the before and after school club. At the moment, it appears that the club would not be viable and would run at a loss. The Local Authority have provided an additional response form; we would appreciate if parents would fill it in and return it **even if you are not interested in the club**. That will enable us to finalise the decision either way.

### **Sainsbury's Active Kids Vouchers**

The Sainsbury active kids vouchers launches on 25<sup>th</sup> 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.

### **Lost Property**

Lost property will be put on display in the school library on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February from 8.30 am until 10 am. Any lost property not reclaimed by this time will be disposed of via a textiles recycling company.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "S. Walker". The signature is written in a cursive style and is underlined with a single horizontal line.

Mr S Walker  
**Principal**

# Walk-in for Talking

## Speech and Language Therapy Spring 2017 Drop-in Sessions

Are you concerned about your child's  
speech and language development?

Has someone else (a relative, friend, teacher,  
health visitor) discussed your child's  
speech and language skills with you?

Does your child have a minor speech or language  
difficulty and you are not sure whether to ask for a  
referral to a therapist?

Would you like to see a speech and language  
therapist without making an appointment?

If the answer is "Yes" to any of these questions the  
Speech and Language Therapy Drop-in sessions  
are for you!

**PLEASE NOTE A MAXIMUM OF 16  
CHILDREN CAN BE SEEN IN EACH DROP IN**

Airedale Children's Centre The Square, Castleford WF10 3JJ	Castle Children's Centre Barnsley Road, Wakefield WF1 5NU	Cedars Children's Centre Barnsley Road Hemsworth
1.00—3.00pm on Wed 4th Jan Wed 1st Feb Wed 1st Mar	9.30—11.30am on Thurs 26th Jan Thurs 23rd Feb Thurs 30th Mar	9.30—11.30am on Thurs 11th Jan Wed 8th Feb Wed 8th Mar

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