



TOWNGATE PRIMARY ACADEMY



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Dear Parents & Carers

Events in the Academy this week

Wakefield workshop – year 3: children were visited by Wakefield Museum to learn about life in Industrial Wakefield



Year 5 went to Eden Camp on an educational visit to learn about the Second World War as part of their history project work.

On Friday, key stage one will be visiting the Yorkshire Wildlife Park as part of their topic work. Children to arrive in school for 8.30 am please, traffic permitting we hope children to be back in school for 3.30 pm.

Upcoming events

Friday 29 th September	MacMillan Coffee morning after assembly at 9.45 am hosted by year 4. We hope you are able to attend to support this very worthwhile event.
Wednesday 4 th October	Network Rail will be delivering an assembly to the children all about staying safe around railways and trains.

National lottery grant

We are really proud to announce that the school, in conjunction with the PTA, have been successful in two national lottery grant bids. The first bid will fund a dedicated sports coach to work with the children in Key stage 1 on the “kidnetics” sports programme. This programme was run successfully last year and is an enhancement to the PE curriculum, and will commence next half term.

The second bid will fund a sports coach to work across the playgrounds at lunch time for five days a week for the rest of the year. The aim of this is to engage as many children as possible in active lunchtimes, develop peer relationships and encourage positive playtimes. We were able to start the programme this week.

Scarecrow festival

On Saturday 30th September Towngate Primary Academy will be entering some scarecrows that the children have made into the scarecrow festival at the front of Ossett Town Hall, if you can please go along and cast your vote for one of our scarecrows!

E-safety agreement

Please can all parents and carers ensure that the attached e-safety agreement is signed and returned. This is an annual form, and we do need to keep these updated.

A Visit to the Cinema Theme Dinner

Please see attached leaflet regarding our special menu available on Thursday 5th October, if your children usually fetches a packed lunch from home and would like a school dinner on this day (free for universal or free school meals, £2.05 for Years 3 upwards) please either let the school office know or order with class teacher on the day!

Jeans for Jeans Day

We are pleased to let you know that we raised an amazing £176.50 for Jeans for Genes day last Friday!

Firefighters Charity

Thank you to everyone who donated their unwanted items to the Firefighters Charity, we collected 108kg of items which raised £32.40!

Out of School Activities slip for Miss Sidebottom

Miss Sidebottom is still collecting information on any outside clubs your child attends such as sports clubs, swimming, brownies etc. If you have not already, please either complete the reply slip sent home last week or e-mail Miss Sidebottom on dsidebottom@gawthorpeacademy.co.uk to advise the name of the club and how

long they have attended. Thank you to everyone who has sent this information in. This is being collated so that Miss Sidebottom can:

- Build a directory of local clubs to sign post children to;
- Build a relationship with local clubs and use their specialism for staff development in school and also possibility of them coming into school to run a club;
- So that we can celebrate children's achievements out of school that the children might not have told us about .

After School Clubs - Reminder

Can we please remind parents that all of our extra-curricular clubs (drama, choir, multi-sports, netball & football) finish at 4.15 promptly – please ensure that you are here in good time to collect your child.

Dates for your Diaries!

Our PTA will be organising the following events if you can please make a note, unfortunately this means that some of our extra-curricular activities will not take place on some of the days – **nearer the time please ask your child to check with class teacher for smaller intervention groups that may run on the same day.**

Halloween Disco – Thursday 19th October (No KS2 Multi Sports this day)

Christmas Fair – Monday 4th December (No Drama club this day)

Christmas Cinema Night – Wednesday 13th December (No Netball club this day)

Valentines Disco – Tuesday 13th February (No Choir or KS1 Multi-Sports this day)

Easter Egg Hunt – Wednesday 28th March (No Netball club this day)

Summer Fair – Friday 13th July (No football club this day)

Yours sincerely



Mr S Walker
Principal