



TOWNGATE PRIMARY ACADEMY



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Dear parents

Upcoming events in the academy next week:

Monday 4 th December	Children from across the academy will be undertaking road safety training through Wakefield Council. PTA Christmas Fayre – after school in the school hall. Please ensure that any children attending the fayre are supervised by parents / carers. DRAMA Club – cancelled due to the Christmas Fayre
Tuesday 5 th December	KS1 Dress rehearsal for children in school.
Wednesday 6 th December	Flu Vaccinations for children in year 1-4. Christmas production – KS1 at 2.00pm
Thursday 7 th December	KS1 productions – 10.00am; 2.00pm
Friday 8 th December	NSPCC are visiting the celebration assembly on Friday to thank us for our fundraising and support this year. NSPCC will run a parent workshop straight after assembly in the library for interested parents about the work they do and how you can support children in keeping them safe.

Snowy weather

Yesterday we had our first snow of the season. This is both exciting for children and can be a little worrisome for parents! Here is some information that will be useful regarding snowy days.

School opening: We always do our very best to keep school open, as we appreciate just how difficult it can be for parents with short notice closures. If school is to close, I will notify Ridings FM as early as possible on the morning, and we will put the information on our school website. In the very unlikely event of school having to close during the day, we will send a message out via our usual message system and put the information on the website. Please don't ring school until you have checked these systems, as the phone lines can very quickly become deluged on snowy days, and we need them to be kept open so staff are able to inform us if they are having a problem getting in. In the **very** unlikely event of school closing during the day, again we will message parents and put a notice on the website.

Going out in the snow: It is one of childhood's great experiences to go out with friends in the snowy weather. If the weather is snowy, please ensure your child comes with wellington boots, coats, scarves and gloves. We will not let children out at playtime and lunch if the snow is coming down and the playground is dangerous. Teachers may choose to take children out in small groups at other times in the day when they can be more closely supervised if they judge it to be safe, to enable children to enjoy the snow if they wish. Teachers will make sure that their children are well supervised. Any boisterous, unkind or dangerous behaviour will result in children not being allowed to go out in the snow. Please ensure your children are supervised on a morning when you bring them to school, to ensure they are not putting themselves at risk on ice / in snow.

Staying off school: As always, please avoid keeping your child off school unless absolutely essential. Snowy weather can make the journey to school longer, but arriving late is still better than not arriving at all.

