



# TOWNGATE PRIMARY ACADEMY



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Dear parents

## Events in the Academy this week

### Christmas productions

Children have been working hard on their Christmas productions, and we premiered the key stage one show on Wednesday. We look forward next week to the other productions!



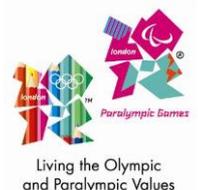
Please check your tickets carefully, as it appears some parents have ordered tickets for the wrong production (i.e. for the wrong class). If you have ordered the wrong ticket, please contact the school office as some shows have now sold out.

### Road safety training

On Monday, children from across the academy undertook the Roadsmart and Street Feet road safety training, as part of our programme of keeping children safe.

### Upcoming events in the academy (until the end of term)

Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	Early years Christmas concert  Early years stay and play for new starters in the afternoon.
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 4, 5, 6 Christmas dress rehearsal and concert
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 4, 5, 6 Christmas concerts
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas lunch in school  Year 3 French Nativity  PTA Christmas Cinema night after school
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 5 and 6 party day (children may come in their party clothes).  Choir will sing at the EOCT Christmas Carol concert in Ossett Town Centre from 1.30.



Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	EY and KS1 party day (children may come in their party clothes)
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 3 and 4 party day (children may come in their party clothes)
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	Last day of term – this is the last day for children at school before Christmas.
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> January	<b>Children to return to school</b>

### **Staffing – January 2018**

We are pleased to confirm we have recruited a full time, permanent teacher to the academy staffing from January 2018. Ms Scissons is an experienced primary teacher, and is coming to be the class teacher for class 3b. She has been in the academy this week, working with Mrs Mitchell on planning and transition information. Ms Mitchell will continue to support in year 3, and will be undertaking her planned role of teaching classes while teachers have their release time. There will be an opportunity in January for parents to come in and meet the teacher.

Ms Riley will be taking over as F1 teacher while Mrs Allen undertakes her maternity leave.

Congratulations to Ms White in year 4, who has been promoted to KS2 leader and maths manager. Ms White will be a part of the Senior Leadership Team from January.

### **Staying safe at Christmas**

Please see the links below sent to schools from Wakefield Safeguarding Children Board for circulation to parents:

Tips for autistic children at Christmas;

[http://www.autism.org.uk/christmas?mc\\_cid=a750381716&mc\\_eid=47fa98a057](http://www.autism.org.uk/christmas?mc_cid=a750381716&mc_eid=47fa98a057)

NSPCC how to set parental controls;

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/parental-controls/>

Choosing the right console game for your child

<https://parentzone.org.uk/article/choosing-right-console-games-christmas>

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/keep-children-safe-online-this-christmas-top-tips>

### **NSPCC fundraising**

Children in the academy raised £936 for the sponsored dance for the NSPCC. Thank you for your generosity to such a good cause.