



TOWNGATE PRIMARY ACADEMY



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Dear Parents & Carers

Welcome back after half term. I hope you all had an enjoyable half term break.

Events in school this week

Careers week

Ms Eke has done a fantastic job of organising careers week, as part of our broad and balanced curriculum. Children have been visited by people from all walks of life and professions. Many thanks to the volunteers who have given up their time to work with the children. The children have been thrilled to meet a range of different visitors such as members of the fire service, police, hair dressing, RSPCA, miner, opticians and many more! We hope our visitors enjoyed and valued the experience as much as our children did and we look forward to organising another careers week next academic year.



Wakefield Museum visit

On Wednesday, Year 4 were visited by Wakefield Museum, looking at the industrial heritage of Wakefield. This is linked to their history work.



Methodist Visit

As part of our religious education curriculum in school Key Stage 2 were visited by the local Methodist church for assembly today, the children were engaged to see religious stories brought to life and look forward to the Methodists next assembly in two weeks' time.



Sleep Workshop

Ms Brown is looking at the viability of arranging a sleep workshop with a worker from CAHMS on Friday 24th November. This will look at strategies and support for parents who have got a child who is struggling with sleep. This will last for about an hour, and the time is to be confirmed, but initially Ms Brown would like interest from 10 parents/carers, if you are interested please contact the school office.

Upcoming events

Friday 3 rd November	Year 3 visit to Thackeray museum
Monday 6 th November and all week	The school book fair is open before from 8.30 am until 8.50 and after school until 3.45 pm and will take place in the library.
Tuesday 14 th November 5.00pm	Mrs Berry will be holding a Safeguarding parents information briefing; come along to learn about how our academy safeguards the welfare of our children and how you can support this.

Parents evening

Thank you to all parents who attended their appointments this week. If you were unable to attend or did not make an appointment please contact your child's class teacher who may be able to arrange a time to see you.

Payments for visits and reminders

A large part of the school office's workload involves processing money for educational visits and chasing up permission letters for children who have not brought them in. Unfortunately the office does not have the capacity to continue to do this; we will now routinely send out only once the visits permission letter and request for funds. Should your child not return this to the academy then unfortunately they will not be able to attend the visit; the office will not be chasing up permissions and monies. In addition, where parents choose not to pay the contribution towards the visit it may be that the visit becomes unaffordable and will therefore be cancelled.

Change of Contact Details?

Please remember to inform the school office if your address, telephone number or email address has changed, and also if any of the emergency contacts for your children have altered too.

Children arriving late to school

If you know your child will be late to school due to a medical appointment etc, please inform the school office before 9.20 am to make your child's dinner selection.

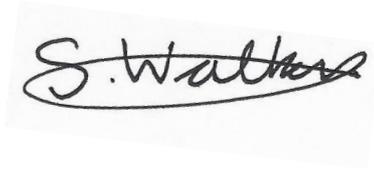
Christmas concerts, parties and other events

This week staff have been staying late for parents evenings. Next week we will hold our after school staff meeting to decide on dates for the festive season. I will make sure that parents receive these next week so that you have good notice for booking any time off you may need for Christmas concerts etc.

Christmas Shoebox Appeal

Just a reminder that the shoeboxes are due to be returned to school no later than 10th November, thank you to those who have already returned their donations.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink on a light-colored rectangular background. The signature reads "S. Walker" in a cursive style, with a horizontal line underlining the entire name.

Mr S Walker
Principal