



TOWNGATE PRIMARY ACADEMY



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Dear Parents & Carers

Welcome back to the Academy for our new school year. I hope you have had an enjoyable summer.

Dates for your diary:

Wednesday 6 th September	Nursery "Stay and Play" session
Friday 8 th September 9.00	Our first celebration assembly of the year, followed by a parents and carers coffee morning. All parents and carers etc are welcome. Year 5 and 6 Drugs awareness session. A separate letter will be sent out to parents of children in this class.
Tuesday 12 th September 3.15-4.15	Class 1, 1/2, 2 "meet the teacher". An open session where the teachers will talk to parents about routines, homework, expectations etc, and an opportunity to ask questions.
Thursday 14 th September 3.15-4.15	Class 3a, 3b, 4, 5, 6 "meet the teacher".
Thursday 14 th September	Year 5 Wakefield Museum Workshop visit – 1940s life
Friday 15 th September	Year 6 Wakefield Museum Workshop visit – who was Charles Waterton? School Council and Eco Team election results will be announced in assembly.
Monday 18 th September	Start of extra-curricular clubs. All children to sign up again even if attended regularly last year.
Friday 22 nd September	Jeans for Genes day – All children can come in jeans in return for a donation to this charity.
Tuesday 26 th September	Year 3 classes Wakefield Museum Workshop visits – Industrial Wakefield Year 4 visit to Thackray museum
Thursday 28 th September	Year 5 visit to Eden Camp
Friday 29 th September	Year 5 MacMillan Coffee Morning after assembly. Key stage one visit to Doncaster Wildlife Park.
Saturday 30 th September	Ossett Scarecrow festival in the Town Centre. Please vote for one of our Scarecrows if you are in the area!
Tuesday 17 th October 3.15-4.15	Year 3 and 4 open evening "How to help your child with reading at home"

Thursday 19 th October 3.15-4.15	Year 5 and 6 open evening “How to help your child with reading at home.”
Friday 20 th October 9.00 – 9.30	Harvest Festival as part of our assembly. Break up for the holidays
Monday 30 th October	Children return to school. Parents evening 3.15 – 19.00
Thursday 2 nd November	Parents evening 3.15 – 17.00

Extra-curricular Clubs

A letter will be coming home shortly regarding signing up for extra-curricular clubs. These are on a first come first served basis with limited numbers. You will receive confirmation from the school office if your child has been successful in obtaining a place.

Behaviour policy

We have launched our new school rule “Ready, Respectful, Safe” with children today, exploring what this looks like around school at different times of the day.

Please see a summary of the behaviour steps we have been training staff and children on in school, for when we notice that children are not being Ready / Respectful / Safe.

Steps to manage behaviour	Actions
Redirection	Gentle encouragement, a nudge in the right direction, small act of kindness.
Reminder	A reminder of Ready, Respectful, Safe delivered privately if possible. De-escalate and decelerate where reasonable and possible and take the initiative to keep things at this level. Remind learner of past times when they have made right choice.
Caution	A clear verbal caution delivered privately, making learner aware of their behaviour and clearly outlining consequences if they continue (time out).
Time out	Give the learner a change to reflect away from others. Speak to the learner privately and give them a final opportunity to engage. Offer a positive choice to do so. Parents should be informed by class teacher. Any learning time lost to be made up at break / lunch.
Internal referral	Learner will be referred internally to paired class / sent inside if outside for ten minutes. Any learning time lost to be made up at break / lunch. All internal referrals must be recorded by behaviour officer, and parents informed.
Formal meeting	Two incidents of internal referral in a half term or a single serious breach of behaviour – a meeting with the class teacher, learner, and behaviour officer to set targets that will be monitored over the course of two weeks. If the breach happens outside, the child must immediately be brought inside to SLT / learning mentor.
Examples of breaches of the Behaviour policy which may result in immediate internal / fixed term exclusion and a formal behaviour meeting.	
Sustained bullying / victimisation.	
Violent or dangerous conduct affecting staff, members of the public or other learners.	
Sustained disruption to learning or wilful damage to property.	
Drug / alcohol incidents as detailed in this policy.	

Treacle Bear day

Just to let you know we raised £221.35 from our Treacle Bear day for Wakefield Hospice.

Class 3a

Can children in class 3a please line up with the other children on KS2 playground on a morning to come into school. Thank you.

A Message from our PTA

Thank you to everybody who attended the Summer Fair at the end of the summer term. We were really pleased to see so many of you, despite the uncertainties with the weather, and hope you enjoyed it. The Fair raised £949.70 which is amazing and we are very grateful to everyone who donated items for the tombolas, brought in baking and turned up to spend money on the day. We will be able to add to resources in school to enhance the childrens' learning.

We are always pleased to hear from anyone who'd like to join the PTA. Whether you can commit to every meeting or can help out occasionally, we'd be pleased for you to join us. There will be a PTA meeting early in the new term in September to plan our activities for the forthcoming year. The date will be publicised once it's confirmed and we'd love to see you!

Thank you all for your support with all our events over the year.



The Firefighters Charity

We will be sending home with your child a collection bag for you to fill with any unwanted adults and childrens clothing, paired shoes, handbags, coats (no bric-a-brac) – if you fill your bag you can use any additional strong bin liner. Monies raised go towards the Firefighters Charity and also school funds to buy resources. Please can these be brought into school on the morning of Thursday 21st September or Friday 22nd September only. Any bags after this date will not be accepted. Thank you in advance of your kind donations.

Change of Contact Details?

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

Yours sincerely

Mr Walker
Principal