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Dear parents and carers,

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School lunches

Today you will receive a letter regarding the school dinner suppliers we will be using here at Towngate from next half term. Please can we ask that any monies currently owed must be paid to the school office or via SCOPay by **Friday 29th March, 2019**. Please note, there will be an increase in the cost of school lunches to £2.20 per day, equating to £11 per week.

Key Stage One Inspire Afternoon



This week, the children enjoyed making clay masks as part of their topic about Africa. It was absolutely fantastic to share this exciting opportunity with the parents and carers who could come along. If you would like to share any feedback on this event, please do not hesitate to do so! Thank you to the staff in Key Stage One for organising this event.



Hibernation Day

Just to remind all parents and carers that next Friday will be our 'hibernation day' in school; children are welcomed to come to school in their pyjamas or comfortable clothes and any donations will go towards the upkeep of our school pet, Shelly.

Parents' Evening

Thank you to the parents and carers who joined us at parents' evening this week. It was fantastic to see so many families in attendance and hear such wonderful comments about the children, school and teachers!

Picture News

Please find attached this week's Picture News poster. Picture News is a resource used in school to promote discussion around current issues. Each week there is a homework activity with an image and a question. We would encourage you to talk about this at home with the children. There are no right or wrong answers, it is a forum for discussion.

Kindest regards,

Mrs A Berry and Miss L Eke
Headteacher and Deputy Headteacher



Events in our academy this week:

To view more photographs of events happening within our academy, take a look at our Twitter account @TowngatePA

Early Years

This week F1 have been practising really hard to learn their Last Choir Standing song. F2 were their audience this week and all staff and children cheered loudly as they were amazing. Some superstars in the making I think. Well done F1.

This week in F2 we have been thinking about spring and have enjoyed our spring walk to appreciate our immediate environment. We have also enjoyed our local walk to Kingsway Methodist Church. We learnt about special times and special places. Staff were impressed with the children's visit. Well done!

Please take a look on twitter to enjoy our local walk with us.

Mrs Kimbley

Key Stage One

This week we had our amazing inspire afternoon where parents and carers came and joined us for our African clay mask art session. After some basic instructions we were impressed by the creativity of the children and parents. It was a great, messy, fun afternoon but the skills the children displayed in sculpting the clay were fantastic.

Here are a few of the comments

"Well organised lesson to do joint activity in school. Good craft and imaginative creation."

"Thoroughly enjoyed making clay masks - it should be a weekly event. Can't wait for the next session!"

Thank you to all those who could attend.

Miss Lockett

Key Stage Two

Year 6 have enjoyed their second mindfulness workshop continuing to learn strategies to help feel relaxed and have worked hard exploring angles in their maths work this week. As part of their science topic, Year 5 have explored how time is measured by making their own sundials and testing them on the school playground! Year 4 have really enjoyed their science learning this week experimenting with string telephones to find out about how sound travels. Year 3/4 have enjoyed learning hockey skills during their games lesson this week. In their English work, Year 3 have been writing a balanced argument based around their class text - Robin Hood. All of LKS2 have enjoyed their local walk to the church this week and were amazed by the stories in the stain glass windows.

Miss Atkinson





Special Mentions



Celebration Assembly Star of the Week

	Star of the Week
F2 : Mrs Kimbley	Adam and Archie
Year 1: Miss Johnson	Isla and Lyla
Year 1 / 2: Miss Lockett	Billie and Aaliyah
Year 2: Miss Lane	Isaac and Kellan
Year 3: Mr Hellam	Kieran and James
Year 3 / 4: Miss Sissons	Suzie and Maia
Year 4: Miss Johnstone	Ellie and Ruby
Year 5: Miss Atkinson	Jaimee and Eli
Year 6: Miss Eke	Madison and Rohan
Pastoral Team	

Well done to all our stars of the week! We are all very proud of your achievements.

Marble Winners

We celebrate excellent teamwork in our academy by awarding class marbles during learning time, transition time, playtime and lunchtime. Here are our marble winners for this week!

	Class	Marbles awarded
1 st Place	Y6	146
2 nd Place	F2	129
3 rd Place	Y2	115

Congratulations to our winners this week – keep up your fantastic collaboration and teamwork!



School Attendance

Whole School	97.02%
Nursery	94.16%
Reception	96.87%
Year 1	96.40%
Year 1 / 2	96.09%
Year 2	97.28%
Year 3	98.33%
Year 3 / 4	97.11%
Year 4	97.39%
Year 5	97.37%
Year 6	97.46%

Our whole school attendance target is 97%.

Well done Year3 😊



British Values
18th-24th March

Rule of law

There are rules and laws about where and how cars park around our schools to keep us all safe. It is important we follow these rules and encourage others to do the same.



Picture News

at Home

18th March 2019

What's going on this week?



Children at Russell Scott Primary in Tameside have launched a campaign which involves patrolling the street outside their school and giving out fake parking tickets to anyone who stops on yellow lines or with their engine on. The fumes that come out of the back of car exhausts are bad for the lungs, especially for young children. The children are known as "Junior PCSOs" (a PCSO is a police community support officer).

Things to talk about at home...

- 🌿 How do you travel to school?
- 🌿 What is the parking outside your school like?
- 🌿 Do you think that having 'Junior PCSOs' would work well at your school?
- 🌿 Do you think there should be consequences for people who park where they shouldn't or leave their engine on?

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments here...



Date	Event
Wednesday 27 th March	FI First Steps Together (session 3)
	Choir performance at Holy Trinity Church. Parents are welcome to attend from 1.30pm
	Good speaking competition
Thursday 28 th March	Early Years INSPIRE morning (9am-10am)
	Year 5 INSPIRE morning (10am-11am)
Friday 29 th March	'Shelly Hibernation Day'. Children are invited to come to school in their pyjamas / comfortable clothes with a suggested donation of £1 and celebrate a hibernation day with our Academy tortoise 'Shelly'.
Week commencing 1 st April	Assessment Week across the Academy
Monday 1 st April	Year 6 INSPIRE afternoon
Tuesday 2 nd April – Wednesday 3 rd April	Year 3 Kingswood residential
Wednesday 3 rd April	Recycling assembly
	Good speaking competition today
	Year 3 INSPIRE afternoon
	FI First Steps Together (session 4)
Thursday 4 th April	PTA 'EGG'stravaganza event from 3.15pm
	Children are welcome to bring decorated eggs to school today
	Year 4 INSPIRE afternoon
Friday 5 th April	Easter Bonnet Parade including decorated egg competition
	Break up for the holidays
Tuesday 23 rd April	Children return to school following the holidays.

