

Towngate Primary Academy

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A warm welcome from Mrs Berry

Dear parents and carers,

It gives me great pleasure to introduce myself as the new Headteacher of Towngate Primary Academy.

I feel incredibly privileged to work alongside you, the parents and carers; our pupils; Governing Board and a fantastic team of staff to begin the new school year with positivity and ensure we continue to hold our children at the heart of everything we do.

As many of you may be aware, I was previously in the role of Assistant Headteacher here at Towngate Primary Academy, working closely with the pupils, parents and carers of our school community. This is an exciting time for Towngate and I am thrilled and committed to continuing the hard work and dedication of all staff in moving our school forward on its journey.

During my first week as Headteacher, I have been overwhelmed with the kindness, support and well-wishes that I have received from yourselves; myself and the staff have thoroughly enjoyed welcoming our pupils back into school and have many exciting plans for the year ahead. I am immensely proud of how the children have returned this week: their enthusiasm and behaviour has been exemplary!

I look forward to meeting you all in the upcoming weeks and thank you, in advance, for your ongoing support, care and commitment.

Kindest regards,

Mrs Annabel Berry
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

All the staff in Foundation Stage would like to say how proud they are of all the children for the way they have started the new school year. We have already been working so hard, developing our own work through our continuous provision and learning how to use our equipment in our outdoor area. Well done everyone!

Mrs Kimbley – Early Years Coordinator

Key Stage One

In KSI this week, we have invested time in the afternoons to building our team spirit. Each afternoon the whole of KSI have split into groups of mixed ages to complete a number of challenges to test their cooperation, resilience, tolerance and empathy when working with others. All the staff in KSI are extremely proud of what we have seen this week. We have observed kindness, courage, encouragement, happiness and laughter. What a fantastic start to the year. Well done KSI. I am very proud of you all!

Miss Lockett – Key Stage One coordinator

Key Stage Two

Key Stage Two have had a fantastic start back this week!

We have enjoyed our first Methodist assembly learning the story of King Solomon, which has helped us learn about the importance of our decisions. Year 5 have showed great enthusiasm towards their new topic about World War 2, and we are already greatly looking forward to our school trip. In Year 3 and 4 this week the children have enjoyed reading 'Have you filled your bucket today?', a story about friendship. They have made their own buckets for others to fill with kind words. This week, Year 6 noticed some very strange activity going on in school... Ms Broadbent happened to find a secret note - hidden in her plant pot - which was written in ancient hieroglyphics. Naturally, this has caused huge confusion and Year 6 are now beginning their very own narratives to discover the mystery of the ancient note!

Miss Atkinson – Key Stage Two Coordinator





Special Mentions



Celebration Assembly Star of the Week

	Star of the Week
F2 : Mrs Kimbley	Noah & Lily
Year 1: Miss Johnson	Joshua & Kiera
Year 1 / 2: Miss Lockett	Jacob & Oliver
Year 2: Miss Lane	Isaac & Ava
Year 3: Mr Hellam	Nicko & Amelia
Year 3 / 4: Miss Sissons	Robbie & Isla
Year 4: Miss Johnstone	Archie & Holly
Year 5: Miss Atkinson	Tegan & Dylan
Year 6: Miss Eke	Alex & Tyler
Miss Brown & Mrs Johnson:	Ruby & Jessica

Well done to this week's Star of the Week achievers; your hard work and commitment to learning have been noticed and celebrated in this week's assembly.

Congratulations to you all!

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	Year 2	116
2 nd Place	Year 1/ 2	110
3 rd Place	Year 6	67

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



School Attendance

Whole School	95.52%
Foundation Stage	98.32%
Year 1	89.15%
Year 1 / 2	94.95%
Year 2	99.05%
Year 3	94.69%
Year 3 / 4	93.93%
Year 4	94.79%
Year 5	97.88%
Year 6	97.63%

Our whole school attendance target is **97%**.
Take a look at our attendance figures this week!

This week we have not quite reached our attendance target; thank you to all the children who have come to school all week!

Upcoming events	
Wednesday 12 th September	'Meet the teacher' - Year 3, Year 3/4 and Year 4 An open session where the teachers will talk to parents about routines, homework, expectations and an opportunity to ask questions.
Thursday 13 th September	'Meet the teacher' - Year 1, Year 1/2 and Year 2
Friday 14 th September	'Meet the teacher' - Year 5 and Year 6.
Friday 14 th September	School Council and Eco Team election results will be announced in assembly.
Monday 17 th September	Start of extra-curricular clubs. All children to sign up again even if attended regularly last year. Please find updated club letter attached.
Tuesday 18 th September	Year 5 Trip to Eden Camp
Friday 21 st September	Jeans for Genes Day - All children can come in jeans in return for a donation to this charity.
Friday 28 th September	Macmillan Coffee morning held in school hall. Parents and carers are welcome to attend. Please note: there will be no achievement assembly on this day.
Saturday 29 th September	Scarecrow Festival in Ossett Town Centre; Please vote for one of our Scarecrows if you are in the area!
Tuesday 16 th October	Parents Evening 3.15pm - 5.00pm
Thursday 18 th October	Parents Evening 3.15pm - 7.00pm
Wednesday 24 th October	Harvest Festival

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.



Academy defibrillator

As I'm sure many of you have noticed, the Academy now has its very own defibrillator this is thanks to a very generous family within our Academy. The staff and I would like to personally thank Mr and Mrs Tate for their generosity and kindness in doing this.

Early Years places

We have places in our Academy nursery and foundation stage, if you know of any friends within the local community please share this information with them. If you wish to discuss taking one of these places, please speak to Mrs Kimbley our Early Years Leader.

We look forward to working with you over this academic year,

Mrs A Berry
Headteacher

Miss L Eke
Deputy Headteacher

