

# Towngate Primary Academy

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Dear parents and carers,

15.2.18

What a fantastic half term we have had! As our final week of spring term 1 comes to a close, the children and staff are all ready for a well-deserved break! As always, the children have worked extremely hard this half term and all staff are extremely proud of each and every one of them. We would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our parents/carers and governors for your ongoing support.

## Reminder

We break up for the half term today. Monday 25th February is an INSET day. Children return to school on Tuesday 26th February.

## Huddersfield Giants

Today, many children in school were joined by their teachers on a 'whole school' educational visit to the Huddersfield Giants stadium and 'The Zone' in Huddersfield.

During the day, the children were split into groups and participated in a number of heart-pumping sporting activities! It was fantastic to see the children have such a fantastic day of sporting fun - and even see some of the teachers put through their paces! As always, the children in our academy were an absolute delight to take off-site. Thank you to Huddersfield Giants for hosting such a wonderful experience for our pupils, to Miss Lane for organising day alongside the Huddersfield Giants and to you, all parents and carers for your support in enabling this visit to go ahead!

## Value of the Month

As mentioned in our previous newsletter, our value of the month is **unity**. Please can you discuss this value with your children at home; there is further information about this value and work you can complete on our website.

## 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





## Special Mentions



### Celebration Assembly Star of the Week

	Star of the Week
F2 : Mrs Kimbley	
Year 1: Miss Johnson	
Year 1 / 2: Miss Lockett	
Year 2: Miss Lane	
Year 3: Mr Hellam	
Year 3 / 4: Miss Sissons	
Year 4: Miss Johnstone	
Year 5: Miss Atkinson	
Year 6: Miss Eke	
Pastoral Team	

Due to the Huddersfield Giants trip being held today, there was no celebration assembly this week.

### 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 <sup>st</sup> Place	Y5	124
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	Y1	111
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	Y2	99

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



## School Attendance

Whole School	97.58%
Nursery	97.78%
Reception	95.71%
Year 1	97.21%
Year 1 / 2	97.31%
Year 2	96.54%
Year 3	98.12%
Year 3 / 4	97.45%
Year 4	98.80%
Year 5	99.23%
Year 6	97.33%

Our whole school attendance target is %.

Well done Year 5 ! 😊





# Picture News

at Home

11<sup>th</sup> February 2019

What's going on this week?



The Department for Education has announced that employees from retailers including shoe shop Clarks and newsagent WH Smith will be trained to speak to children as part of a drive to improve early language skills. Staff will be taught to strike up conversation with toddlers and young people while they try on shoes or buy things from the counter, so they can practise talking and responding to questions. Training will take place this summer.

Things to talk about at home...

- Can you list all of the different ways you learn?
- Do you think people other than teachers should be trained to help you learn?
- Do you think when you leave school you will stop learning? Why?

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments here...

