



## TOWNGATE PRIMARY ACADEMY



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# NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents

Events in the academy this week:

**EOCT Choir concert – Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> March**

Children from the academy choir performed in the concert at Holy Trinity Church



Well done to all the children from the EOCT choir who performed last week in Holy Trinity Church, and thank you to the staff for organising the rehearsals and visit. Wakefield Express have contacted us to say that they will be featured in this Friday's edition. We have also received some lovely comments about the concert:

*I did attend the TRINITY CHURCH concert but arrived a few minutes late I'm afraid, (I went to the wrong Church first). However I thoroughly enjoyed the concert and thought the children were amazing. Loved to see how much the children also enjoyed it too. You did a fantastic job teaching them to sing so heartily and it was clear how much they enjoyed themselves. Thank you once again for inviting me, I was so delighted to see their little faces enjoying singing to entertain us all.*

**Councillor Janet Holmes - HORBURY & SOUTH OSSETT WARD 8.**

*Thank you for the invite to the wonderful performance yesterday. Both Janet Holmes and I really enjoyed it! The children were a joy to listen to and we found the Easter Performance uplifting! Please do let me know if there are any further events or support EOCT require.*

***Melanie Jones - Labour Party Candidate for Horbury and South Ossett***

*I have just got back from Trinity Church to watch the EOCT Choir performance with Towngate Primary Academy. It was fantastic and once again all the children were impeccably well behaved from what I could see.*

**Mr Robson – Member of the Local Governing Body for Towngate**

**World Book Day – Friday 16<sup>th</sup> April**

After only two previous attempts, hampered by the snow (!), we finally managed to hold our world book day dress up, which was themed around non-fiction books and role models. The children looked marvellous and it was really interesting to see which role models from the world of non-fiction they chose.

**Shakespeare Week and World Poetry Day**

This week has been Shakespeare week around school, and Wednesday was World Poetry day. The children have been focussing on telling stories, re-enacting sections of the plays and developing their Speaking and listening skills.



## F2 coffee morning

Mrs Kimbley and Ms Johnson have been holding a coffee morning in their classrooms today, hosted by the children for parents and carers. Thank you to all the family members who attended and made this such a special event.



## Upcoming events in the academy this half term

Date	Event
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March	Sports relief day – children can come to school in their sportswear, to take part in a range of activities, in exchange for a donation to Sports relief.
Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	Easter assembly in school for children – organised by the School council.  Children can also bring in any decorated Easter Eggs for decorate an egg competition; winners to be announced on Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> March.
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> March	Trophy and celebration assembly at 9.00 as normal for parents.  Children can also bring their decorated Easter Bonnets in; winners will be chosen for best dressed bonnet, and prizes given for decorated Easter Eggs.  <b>Children break up at the end of the day for the Easter holidays.</b>
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> April	<b>Children return to school after the holidays</b>

## **Hands up, Stand up, Shout up**

Children have been learning about keeping each other safe in assembly, thinking about what to do if one of their peers got something caught in their throat. We talked about what they should do if they see anybody having difficulty breathing, and we came up with a slogan “Hands up, Stand up, Shout up”. The school council are producing some posters for us to put up around the academy. Thank you to them for their contribution to making the school a safer place.

## **Change in dinner prices**

We have been informed by the catering firm who provide dinners for school that the price for children’s dinners on April 1<sup>st</sup> will be £2.10 per child.

**Bikeability**

We have been informed by Wakefield Council that the Bikeability programmes that were due to be run in April, May and June are now being provided by a new provider. They have cancelled the arranged dates for these months, and will be in contact to let us know the new dates. As soon as we have these I will let the children know when these will be.

**Office staff**

We have some new staff members who are working with us in the school office.

Mrs Gill is the Receptionist and Senior Administrator working on the school front desk. Miss Merritt is the Office Manager overseeing the buildings, HR and finance operations in the academy.