

# Towngate Primary Academy

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Dear parents and carers,

26.04.19

We would like to wish all pupils, parents and carers a warm welcome back to Towngate for the beginning of our summer term. We hope you had a wonderful half term break in the sunshine!

## Usborne Sponsored Read Event

Over the Easter Holidays the children were tasked with participating in the Ready, Steady, Read event through Usborne Books. This has been a fantastic event to promote literature and enhance our current reading provision and resources in school. We are thrilled to see so many children participating, enjoying, and developing their love for reading! Please can we ask that all sponsor forms and sponsor money is returned to school as soon as possible. Thank you for your support with this!

## Early Years Places

We still have places available in Nursery and Reception for September 2019. We are holding an open event for potential new parents and pupils during our INSET day on **Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May between 9 - 11am**. Please feel free to share this information with your friends, families or neighbours within the local community!

## Town Hall – Last Choir Standing

Thank you to all the parents and carers who joined us in our annual event at Ossett Town Hall. It was a pleasure to watch all pupils perform on the stage, from both Towngate and Cawthorpe Community Academy. Thank you to those parents who shared their lovely comments about the event and the performances with the academy staff. Please can we ask that you complete the comment slips sent home with your child to enable us to share your views with the children.

## PTA Fashion Show

Our wonderful PTA have organised our very own fashion show which will take place here at Towngate on **Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July at 6pm**. This will involve a pop-up shop selling high street brands, with at least 50% off the retail price! Funds raised will contribute towards resources for the children here at Towngate.

## Election Days

As you are aware, school will be closed on **Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May** due to the academy being used a polling station. We have also been made aware that the academy will also be used on **Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May** for a polling station.

## Value of the Month

As mentioned in our previous newsletter, our value of the month is **simplicity**. Please can you discuss this value with your children at home.

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

Foundation stage have had a very busy start to our new term.

We would like to welcome all the children starting in F1 this week. F1 have been thinking about castles as part of their topic work this week and we have been using shapes to make our own castle pictures.

F2 have been practising our writing this week. We are trying hard to write clear sentences and to punctuate our work. We have also focused on finding one more and one less in our number work.

We were all very proud of the children's singing in their performance on Thursday morning.

Well done everyone!

Mrs Kimbley

### Key Stage One

In Key Stage One this week, we are extremely proud of all the children for taking part in the Last Choir Standing event at the Town Hall. All the staff were thrilled to see how confident the children were and we hope the children enjoyed this experience of singing and performing to a live audience.

Also this week, we have started our topic on Local Area and we want to thank all those children for bringing their homework back to school. We have found out so many interesting facts about Ossett and how it has changed in the last 100 years. Did you know Ossett had a train station and a cinema? The children's work will be displayed in the classrooms to share with friends. Thank you for taking the time to complete projects, the children have really enjoyed sharing their information in class as a speaking and listening activity.

Miss Lockett

### Key Stage Two

Year 6 enjoyed a Wakefield Museum Workshop this Friday, where they learnt about the history of elections and how these have changed over the years. Year 6 have also come back to school with a positive attitude, prepared to give 100% effort towards the final push before our SATs assessments in May.

Year 5 have enjoyed learning about their new topic, the USA – they will be exploring the similarities and differences between the USA and the UK. If anyone has visited the USA and has any photographs, please feel free to bring them in and share them with us! In Year 4, the children were thrilled to share their winning Last Choir Standing performance with the local community during our competition this week. Lower Key Stage Two children have introduced their new English topic – myths and legends – and look forward to creating their own during this half term!

Welcome back everybody!

Miss Atkinson





## Special Mentions



### 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	5	82
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	1	75
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	3/4	60

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

### School Attendance

Whole School	96.35%
Nursery	94.69%
Reception	96.43%
Year 1	94.62%
Year 1 / 2	94.12%
Year 2	99.05%
Year 3	94.69%
Year 3 / 4	91.98%
Year 4	97.78%
Year 5	100%
Year 6	99.52%

Our whole school attendance target is 97%.

Well done Year 5!

Your commitment to attending school is exemplary!



Attendance this week across school has dropped below our target of 97%, which is very disappointing. Let's work together to achieve our 'Perfect Attendance'.

### Perfect Attendance

Mrs Johnson has introduced an exciting team approach to achieving 'perfect attendance' across all classes in the academy. For every session all pupils attend, they receive a letters to spell the words, 'Perfect Attendance'. Once perfect attendance has been achieved, the children in the class will receive a reward or special treat!



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Inspire self belief, instil moral values and ignite a love for  
life-long learning.



## Thursday 2nd May 2019

9am until 11am

Towngate Primary Academy's Early Years Foundation Stage Unit would like to open its doors and offer a warm welcome to potential new parents and children.

Come and spend some time in our creative and imaginative Early Years Foundation Stage and see for yourself the array of exciting learning opportunities on offer to our pupils here at Towngate Primary.

Spend time exploring the setting and meet our team of dedicated and enthusiastic teaching staff.



Please contact us to book your place.

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## Nursery & Reception places available for September 2019



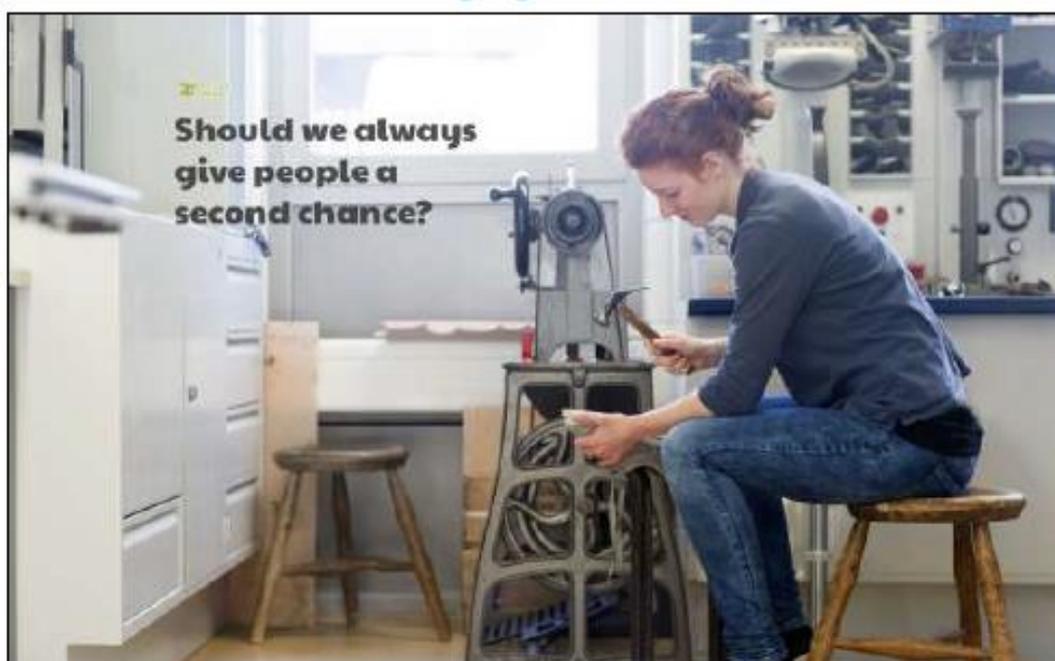
## Picture News

Take a look at this week's Picture News, 'Big Question' to discuss with your child at home during the course of this week!



22<sup>nd</sup> April 2019

What's going on this week?



More than 1,200 ex-offenders now work for the Timpson group, which includes the shoe-mending and key-cutting chain. After 15 years' recruiting prisoners, Timpson is now stepping up its plans, aiming to recruit another 150 this year. "It's a great way of finding amazing people," says James Timpson, the chief executive and great-great-grandson of the founder, "We look for staff everywhere, but a lot of people who have been in prison are desperate for an opportunity".

*Things to talk about at home...*

- 🌱 What do you think of the company's idea to hire people who have recently left or are still in prison?
- 🌱 Have you ever been given a second chance when you made a mistake?
- 🌱 Do you think people always learn from their mistakes?
- 🌱 Do you think we should all give second chances if people want them?

*Please note any interesting thoughts or comments here...*

