

Friday 3rd May 2019 - Newsletter 1

A message from Miss Towler...

Dear parents and carers,

Well it has been a lovely first week at Tadcaster Primary Academy. Thank you to those parents who have said hello or have popped into see me in the office. The children have really impressed me with their fantastic attitudes and I am very much looking forward to a fun filled summer term.

We are hoping that the dates for the diary section on the back of this newsletter will be really helpful. If you have any queries regarding any of this information please contact the school office. Look out for next Friday's coffee morning date. I would love to meet up with parents to find out your views of school.

On behalf of all the staff at Tadcaster Primary Academy have a wonderful Bank Holiday weekend and see you back at school on Tuesday 7th May.

Best wishes,

Caroline Towler
Headteacher

Loving our learning at Tadcaster Primary!

Look at the fun we have been having in some of our teams this week...



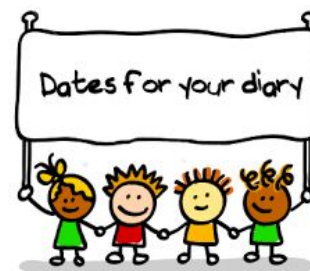
Meeting the Tad tortoise in Early Years



Some of Jupiter team getting artistic!



Dates for the diary



Monday 6th May - Bank Holiday Monday

Tuesday 7th May - Class group photographs (please ensure children have their full school uniform including school jumper)

Wednesday 8th May - Swimming session 2 for Saturn team

Friday 10th May - Coffee and a catch up - Meet Miss Towler at 9.00am

Monday 13th May - Thursday 16th May - **Key Stage Two SATs week.** Breakfast provided at 8.00am Monday to Thursday. Please ensure children are in school everyday.

Monday 13th May - Thursday 23rd May - **Key Stage One SATs taking place during these two weeks.** Please ensure children are in school everyday.

Wednesday 15th May - Swimming session 3 for Saturn team

Wednesday 22nd May - Swimming session 4 for Saturn team

Monday 27th May - Friday 31st May - Half term holiday

Wednesday 29th May - Swimming session 5 for Saturn team

Wednesday 5th June - Swimming session 6 for Saturn team

Thursday 6th June - British Library visit for Year 4 and 5 children

Tuesday 11th June - Countryside Day, Harrogate for Saturn and Neptune teams

Wednesday 12th June - Swimming session 7 for Saturn team

Wednesday 19th June - Swimming session 8 for Saturn team

Wednesday 26th June - Swimming session 9 for Saturn team

Friday 28th June - Training Day - children not in school

Wednesday 3rd July - Swimming session 10 for Saturn team

Wednesday 10th July - Swimming session 11 for Saturn team

Wednesday 17th July - Swimming session 12 for Saturn team

Thursday 18th July - Kingswood full payment due.

Friday 19th July - Break up for summer holidays

Coffee and a chat with Miss Towler



At Tadcaster Primary Academy we passionately believe in building strong and meaningful relationships with parents and carers. It is vital as a school that we take the time to get to know our families and use every opportunity to develop our partnership. With that in mind we are really excited to provide a chance to have a 'coffee and a catch up' **next Friday 10th May at 9.00am.** We are really keen to hear directly from you how you are currently thinking and feeling about your child's time at school. We are aware that we only continue to improve and grow by listening to our families. With this in mind we hope that you accept this warm invite to come in and meet with Miss Towler.

Mad Science After-School Club

There are still places available for Mad Science this coming term starting on Thursday 16th May! You can register your children online at <https://northengland.madscience.org/> on a first come, first served basis. If you have any problems or queries with booking please call Mad Science directly on 01772 628844





Countryside Day

The children in **Saturn** and **Neptune** classes are being given the exciting opportunity to attend Countryside Day which is held

every year at the Great Yorkshire Showground in Harrogate. This year it is on the **11th of June**. Countryside day offers a great opportunity for children to experience first-hand activities such as wood carving, dry stone walling, bread baking, wicker weaving, observing birds of prey, plants and insects and all things associated with British countryside.

It really is a great day out and because the tickets are free, we only have to find money for the coaches. This year the cost is £7 per child which represents excellent value. You can make the payment for this trip on Parent Pay.

British Library Visit

Our **Year 4 and 5** children have been invited to visit the British Library at Thorpe Arch to see



what goes on behind the scenes of a national library. This visit will take place on the **6th of June**. We hope that this visit will be as informative as last year. In previous years, schools were invited to delve into the miles of storage, find out how books are digitised and meet a robot or two. A creative writing workshop was run and children generated their own imaginative piece of writing. In the afternoon the students met with author Tom Palmer who talked about his influences. We are sure that the library will offer similar exciting activities this year. The cost of this trip will be £5 and you can make the payment on ParentPay.

Attendance at Tadcaster Primary Academy

At Tadcaster Primary one of our most important priorities is that every member of our school community is in school, on time, every day! We know that it is so important to ensure that all of our team members are learning together in order to give them every opportunity to succeed. We ask that children are in school for 8.50am and remind parents that if children arrive after 9am to use the front school entrance. Any arrivals after 9am are classed as late, something which we want to work hard to avoid.

We want to say a huge thank you to all our parents and carers for your continued support around attendance. We are aware that as parents you put so much effort into working in partnership with us to ensure that your children are at school on a daily basis. This includes making sure that holidays are not booked during term time. Our current whole-school attendance for this year stands at 95%, just short of the whole-school target of 97% that we are aiming for across the year. Thank you again for all that you do to work with us to keep your children's time in school such a high priority.

