

Friday 19th July 2019 - Newsletter 11

A message from Miss Towler...

Dear parents and carers,

Thank you so much for your support this term. I have loved my first few months at Tadcaster Primary Academy and am very much looking forward to the start of our new school year in September. TPA is a fantastic school made up of so many wonderful people - the children, the staff, our volunteers, parents and governors are all incredibly special individuals to work with.

Next year we will be looking at our curriculum offer, ensuring that it is both exciting and offers our children the best opportunities to become well rounded young adults by the time they leave us in Year 6. We will also be focussing on how we treat one another and what our expectations are for the behaviour of the pupils in school. Finally, we will be offering lots of opportunities to invite you into school to celebrate all that your child has achieved.

Thank you so much for all that you do to ensure your child is in school everyday. Have a lovely summer break and see you on Tuesday 3rd September!

Best wishes,
Caroline Towler
Headteacher

Attendance at Tadcaster Primary Academy

Please see this year's attendance figures. **Our target is 96%:**



Reception: 94.17%

Jupiter: 95.22%

Saturn: **96.19%** (Met our target!)

Neptune: 95.36%

It is so important that children don't miss a minute of their learning. Please can we ask that you ensure that your child **does not have time out of school for dental appointments** unless this is unavoidable. It is very difficult for children to catch up when they miss morning or afternoon sessions. Thank you for your understanding in this matter.

Thank you to all our volunteers

We just wanted to say a huge thank you to each and every volunteer who has joined us either to walk to the swimming baths, help read with the children, helped with the garden or been part of TPAC or contributed to it. We really appreciate the time you have given up to support our school. Thank you!



Thank you to our 121 followers which include many of our parents.

Please follow @TadPrimaryAcad



Please sign up to ParentHub



Thank you to those parents who signed up last week. We really are so close to getting all our parents on the app so that we don't need to pay for emails. Please let us know if you need any help accessing ParentHub. Next year we will be working hard to go paperless and so more and more information will come out on ParentHub. We don't want you to miss a thing!

School uniform reminder for Y1 - Y6!

Just a reminder that the children will need to remember to come back to school in black school shoes (not trainers, boots or sandals) from September. We would really appreciate your support in ensuring that the children do not wear trainers or other similar footwear. The children will not need to change their shoes when they arrive at school as they will stay in their black shoes all day. Please ensure children remember to bring their PE kit with trainers so they don't miss out on any of their PE.

What a year!

What a fantastic year it has been at Tadcaster Primary Academy! With a new school name in September, becoming a member of the Ebor Academy Trust family, Purple being the 'in colour' for our school uniform, a fantastic trip to Kingswood in September, Christmas fun with the grotto and showtime a plenty, and an inspirational Martin Luther King day it was a brilliant start to the year.

Since Easter it has definitely been very busy, with goodbyes to Mrs Bedford and Mrs Poole, welcome to Miss Towler, a new computer system to carry out our registers and monitor attendance, a new parent communication system - ParentHub, two parent forums and a new style weekly newsletter to improve communication. We also took delivery of 30 new Chromebooks to help the children improve their computing skills. Trips to Farmer Carl's farm, the Great Harrogate Showground for Countryside Day, the British Library at Thorp Arch, swimming for team Saturn, and a 'Moving on Service' at St Mary's Church all took place. Lots of TPAC hard work was carried out with 'Fun for a Fiver' night, Sports Day with Minster FM and our Year 6 leavers' celebration. We also enjoyed two cracking performances of Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs and a great Team Saturn dance project with the help of professional dancers from York Dance Space. The last few weeks have seen school achieve fantastic KS2 SAT results with some of the best in the local area and nationally. We also saw 100% of our Y1 children pass their phonics screener test and 80% of our Early Years pupils achieve a Good Level of Development (GLD).

Wow! It really has been a great year. Of course none of this would have been possible without the dedication and passion from our staff team, TPAC, volunteers, school Governors and our parent community. We thank each and every member of our school community. Tadcaster Primary Academy truly is the best!

We will welcome from September...

Our new starters in Nursery will be joining us from the first day back - we look forward to welcoming five children starting our school in Early Years. We will also welcome three enrichment teachers who will work with the children throughout school. On Wednesday's Mrs Louise Brooke, a visual arts specialist, will teach art and design to Jupiter and Saturn teams during the autumn term, alongside Mrs Rebecca Oldfield who will teach music. On Fridays we will welcome Mr Steve Jeff, who will teach PE to both Reception and team Neptune alongside our music specialist, Mrs Rebecca Oldfield. We can't wait to offer our children so many exciting opportunities which we know they will love. We are also pleased to share that we will benefit from the expertise of Valerie Steunou, who will support our children and families in her role as SENDCO (Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator). Ms Steunou will work with us on a Tuesday and is looking forward to meeting with our families very soon.