

Friday 20th September 2019 - Newsletter 14

A message from Miss Towler...

Dear parents and carers,

Thank you so much for your support last week for our grand library opening. It was a really lovely reading themed afternoon and was a pleasure to have so many of you join 'Sir Trumpsalot' and myself in opening our wonderful new library. We have now appointed 4 new librarians from Year 5 and 6 and are looking forward to getting the lending aspect of our library sorted shortly.

I am very much looking forward to lots of fun at Kingswood this weekend with Key Stage Two. I anticipate returning with lots of tired children on Sunday afternoon. A huge thank you to Mr Parkinson, Mr Sands and Mrs Watson who have agreed to give up their family time and come along to ensure the children have a great weekend.

Enjoy what I am sure will be a lovely sunny weekend.

Best wishes, Caroline Towler

Headteacher

What a great library opening ceremony!

Please see our press release which we anticipate being shared shortly in the local papers:

Families at Tadcaster Primary Academy were welcomed into the school's fabulous new library space which both children and staff have been working hard over the last few months to create.

On Friday afternoon, there was a fantastic turn out to see the official unveiling of the library which has been imaginatively decorated by the pupils with the support of Louise Brooke, Ebor's Visual Arts Lead. Each team had chosen a favourite book to celebrate their love of reading, from 'Room on the Broom' to 'Mr Big' to 'Holes' to 'Paper Dolls' the library walls have been transformed.

York based children's author, Karen Langtree sent a personal video message to the school and she sent along her trusty knight 'Sir Trumpsalot' to cut the ribbon and deliver an inspirational speech about the importance of reading.

Headteacher, Caroline Towler said, 'I am so proud of how hard the whole school team have worked to make our library such an inviting and relaxing place to enjoy reading. Our families were really impressed with the transformation and the children are excited to start using this very special space.'



Attendance at Tadcaster Primary Academy



Our school attendance target is 97%. Please see last week's attendance figures:

Reception: **91%**

Jupiter: **97%**

Saturn: **98%** (Wow -Top team attendance!) Neptune: **92%**

We are traffic lighting our weekly attendance, as you can see in last week's attendance above. Those that are green are hitting the target we are set as a school and those that are red or orange are below that target.

This week we have attached an attendance postcard to the newsletter which has been published by our academy trust to remind families of the importance of good attendance. Already some of our children's attendance has fallen below 90% which means that their attendance will potentially be classed as persistent absentee level by the end of the school year. Persistent absence is tracked by the local authority and nationally by the Government. To avoid this happening we politely remind families not to take term time holidays and avoid booking medical appointments during the school day.

Payment for trips

As a school we are really struggling to make costs for trips that we carry out. In most cases we receive less than half of the contributions to cover the costs of coaches and the places we visit. As a result it means that school has to use budget that would normally go towards the running of the school. We always ask for a voluntary contribution and would welcome any small amount towards the cost if the amount requested can not be paid. We regularly subsidise our trips to ensure that the costs are not too high. In future we may have to cancel trips if we are unable to cover the majority of costs which we would really rather avoid. We would really appreciate your support in this matter.

Dates for the next couple of weeks

Date	Event
Friday 27th September	Children can be collected at 2.30pm
Monday 30th September	Individual Photographs for all pupils

Reminder: UCI Cycling World Championships - Friday 27th September

Tadcaster is already looking ready for the Cycling World Championships, with bunting and bikes decorating the main street and beyond. **As roads will be closed around school on Friday 27th September at 3.15pm we are allowing families to collect their children at 2.30pm next Friday afternoon.** If you are unable to collect your child before 2.30pm we will still be open until 3.30pm as normal.

We have now reached over 138 twitter followers!!! Big thanks to everyone who is now

following! @TadPrimaryAcad 