

Friday 13th September 2019 - Newsletter 13

## *A message from Miss Towler...*

Dear parents and carers,

Well we have had another fab week in school. The children have really done themselves proud, being the very best they can be. I have had the pleasure of making several 'Wow' phone calls with some very happy children, who have enjoyed telling their loved ones about their good news. We are also really pleased with all those children who have stayed on 'Good' too!

This half-term we are focussing on the theme of 'community' in our weekly assemblies and in the work that Miss Bell, our Pastoral Lead, is carrying out with different groups of children in school. We want everyone to put kindness first and show respect for every member of our school community to make our school a wonderful place to learn.

Best wishes, Caroline Towler  
Headteacher

## Attendance at Tadcaster Primary Academy

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

**Reception: 100%** (Top team attendance)

**Jupiter: 98%**

**Saturn: 97%**

**Neptune: 92%**



## Thank you Sainsburys!

You can't miss the beautiful flowers which have been planted around the school site both in the planters at the entrance and on the playground. Miss Heptinstall, who runs our after school gardening club, has been working very hard to make our beds look beautiful. After a little plea for help from our local Sainsburys we have had lots of plants donated to school. We wanted to say a big thank you to Sainsbury's for their kindness from all of us at Tadcaster Primary Academy.



## Attendance focus

As you will be aware we have been focussing on improving our school attendance over the last few months. We have continued to reward termly 100% attendance and also handed out several certificates for 100% attendance across the whole school year. As a school we have to meet a government target of 96% and an academy Trust target of 97%. Unfortunately last year's attendance at TPA did not meet these targets with us achieving a whole school figure of 94%. Schools are measured on how proactive they are at ensuring that children are in school, on time, everyday. Please help us to make sure that your child's attendance is the best it can be by avoiding booking holidays in term time and not booking medical appointments during the school day. For those children who have attendance below 96% we will send out letter communication to inform families of this during the autumn term. As part of this we may ask parents to attend a meeting to discuss your child's attendance.

## Dates for your diary

We like to help you to be super organised so have added many of our key dates for the autumn term. Apologies for mentioning Christmas so early...14 weeks to go! Where we need to add or amend dates we will try to let you know as soon as possible.

Date	Event
Tuesday 17th September	Year 6 Information Event for Tadcaster Grammar School held at - Riverside Primary School, Tadcaster 6.30pm - 7.30pm
Thursday 19th September	Tadcaster Grammar School open evening for Year 6 children to view the school 5.30pm - 8.00pm
Friday 20th September - Sunday 22nd September	Kingswood residential for those pupils in Key Stage Two who have already signed up
Friday 27th September	Children can be collected at 2.30pm (see cycling event notice below)
Monday 30th September	Individual Photographs for all pupils
Thursday 10th October	Years 1 - 6 Harvest Festival at St Mary's Church, Tadcaster 2.00pm
Friday 4th October	Reception to Year 6 Flu Vaccination date.
Tuesday 15th October	Years 4 and 5 'Dance it Up North' at the York Theatre Royal - 2.00pm to 10.00pm (see letter already shared)
Tuesday 22nd October	Parents Evening Appointments F2 - Y6 (further details to follow)
Thursday 24th October	Parents Evening Appointments Y1 - 6 (further details to follow)
Friday 25th October	Halloween lunch for school dinners (further details to follow)
	Y1 - Y6 Star Assembly for parents and carers - 2.50pm
Friday 25th October	Break up for half term. Return to school Monday 4th November.
Tuesday 5th November	Bonfire Lunch (further details to follow)
Thursday 7th November	TPAC's Halloween Disco (further details to follow)
Friday 15th November	Teacher Training Day - Children out of school
Friday 6th December	Christmas Fair organised by TPAC
Wednesday 11th December	EYFS Christmas celebration (details to follow)
Friday 20th December	Break up for Christmas holidays. Return to school Mon 6th January

## UCI Cycling World Championships - Friday 27th September

You may have seen that on Friday 27th September there will be some disruption in the Tadcaster area with road closures for the UCI Cycling World Championship Events which are taking place between 21st and 29th September. On Friday 27th September, the race comes through Tadcaster via the A162/A659 (High Street)/Wighill Lane under a rolling road closure between 10:00am and 11:00am, but also between 3:15pm and 4:15pm. As the road will be closed, this will affect pedestrians as well as drivers and in order to avoid this disruption children can be picked up at **2.30pm** from school. It will also allow those children who are interested in cycling to watch this historic event.