

Friday 8th November 2019 - Newsletter 19

A message from Miss Towler...

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that you all had a wonderful half term break and that your children have enjoyed the various activities that this time of year brings. We had a fabulous Halloween disco last night which was very much enjoyed by all the children. The conga, the hot dogs and the decorations went down a storm! Thank you so much to all our TPAC volunteers who made the evening such a success. They put hours and hours into preparing events like this and without them it just wouldn't be possible to run them. Thank you from the children and staff at school - I have no doubt that our parents and carers will really appreciate their efforts too. Thank you TPAC!

It has been a lovely week for me seeing the children again after a little time out of school and sharing the stories of my exciting adventure in Shanghai.

Best wishes,
Caroline Towler
Headteacher

Finding out your views

You may remember that before the summer break we asked your views about what you felt was going well at school and what you would like to see improve in our 'coffee and a chat' parent forums. We really appreciated your input and on the back of our discussions made some changes.

We have arranged two more dates for Parent Forums this term and ask that parents come along where possible to these sessions so that you can share what you think is working well and what we could make even better at TPA.

Please add these dates to your diary if you are able to drop in for a coffee and a chat.



***Tuesday 19th
November 9.00am**

***Wednesday 20th
November 5.00pm**

Children in Need - next THURSDAY

Next Thursday we will be raising money for those children that are less fortunate than ours by asking our children to donate money and to come into school in

non-uniform or even themed with a nod to Pudsey bear if they prefer (see picture for ideas!). We will also be holding a bun stall at breaktime so we are asking parents and carers for any bun, cake or biscuit



like to. Thank you.

contributions to help raise extra money. Maybe this would be a great opportunity to get our junior bake off stars doing a bit of baking at home? Children can then bring any spare coins in from home to purchase a bun or two if they would

Last week's attendance

Our school attendance target is **97%**. Please see last week's attendance figure before half term:

Reception: **91%**

Jupiter: **93%**

Saturn: **97% *Top team attendance***

Neptune: **87%**



Attendance at Tadcaster Primary Academy

Last half term we monitored the attendance of our pupils in preparation to share your child's attendance since September. In the next few weeks school will be contacting those parents who have children with attendance that currently stands below 90% which the government defines as Persistent Absentee level. These families will be contacted by school to discuss their child's attendance and in some cases to create an action plan to look at how school and families can work together to improve this figure. School's are legally obliged to keep record of attendance and to communicate with families where attendance is a concern. We also have to report attendance figures to our academy trust and the local authority. As always we ask that our families try to ensure children are **in school, on time, every day**. Thank you for your support with this.

Dates for your diary

Date	Event
Monday 11th November	Rev Simon Biddlestone to deliver Remembrance assembly
Thursday 14th November	Children in Need - see information overleaf
Friday 15th November	Teacher Training Day - Children out of school
Tuesday 19th November	Parent forum 9am - parents please come along if you can
Wednesday 20th November	Y6 Author event in York (see letter sent out previously)
Wednesday 20th November	Parent forum 5pm - parents please come along if you can
Monday 25th November	Selby and District Foodbank assembly
Friday 6th December	Christmas Fair organised by TPAC
Tuesday 10th December	EYFS Christmas celebration (details to follow)
Wednesday 11th December	Last swimming session for team Neptune
Friday 13th December	Christmas dinner and Christmas jumper day (more details to follow)
Wednesday 18th December	Christmas play Y1 - Y6 at school, 5.30pm (parents and carers welcome)
Thursday 19th December	Christmas play Y1 - Y6 at St Mary's Church, Tadcaster 2pm (parents and carers welcome)
Friday 20th December	2.30pm Christmas Carols around the tree in school - parents welcome to attend. Break up for Christmas holidays. Return to school Monday 6th January
Happy Christmas!	