

Friday 22nd November 2019 - Newsletter 20

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

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been another busy week in school with the Christmas preparations underway and lots of exciting learning too. One particular highlight was when our Year 6 children visited Robert Wilkinson Primary Academy for a special 'meet the author' event. This was an inspiring trip which allowed our pupils to learn how Dan Smith, James Nicol and Marie Basting became successful authors.



Thank you so much to those parents who were able to come along to our Parent Forum this week. The morning slot was particularly well attended and was really informative. It gave our Chair of Governors - Stuart Lewis, Mrs Bartlett and myself the opportunity to reflect on what is working well for parents and which areas they would like to see develop. Please see overleaf for some more detailed feedback.

I do hope you have a lovely weekend and as always, thank you for your ongoing support.

Best wishes,  
Caroline Towler  
Headteacher

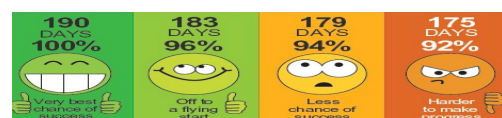
## Last week's attendance

Our school attendance target is **97%**.

Please see last week's attendance figure:

Reception: **100%** \*Top team attendance\*

Jupiter: **73.9%** Saturn: **96.7%** Neptune: **100%** \*Top team attendance\*



## Tadcaster Primary Academy cares - fundraising updates

For Children in Need, school raised the grand total of £123.60, by dressing up or down and donating cake for a good cause! Thank you for your support with this.



Our recent Poppy Appeal raised £73.60. for the Royal British Legion. Thank you for donating to this worthy cause.

Our ShoeBox appeal helped us to send off over 20 boxes for those children less fortunate in the Ukraine. Many thanks to everyone who paid £1 for the box and filled it up to help others.

Our Halloween disco raised £180.75 towards good causes for school. We will let you know shortly how this money will be spent to improve our school. Thank you!

## Parent Forum Feedback

This week we held our Parent Forum to find out more about how you as Parents and Carers are feeling about school. This was some of the feedback we received.



### What's going well:

**Communication:** Regular newsletters are informative and have helped improve communication. On the whole the ParentHub app was seen as useful for updates as well. Parents of KS1 children shared that they have enjoyed looking at their children learning on the 'Seesaw' app. Parents of Early Years children also shared their positive thoughts about the 'Tapestry' app which allowed parents to add to their child's learning journey.

**Behaviour expectations:** Our new behaviour expectations system was well received by the parents who attended our meeting. It was felt that 'Wow' phone calls were a positive way of celebrating our children's successes and equally any 'unacceptable' behaviour conversations had been useful as well so that parents were clear about their child's behaviour at school. Parents also shared that their children had spoken positively to them about our new behaviour policy.

**Learning opportunities:** We heard positive feedback regarding the specialist provision now on offer with parents sharing that they were pleased the children were enjoying music, PE and art sessions with our specialist teachers.

### How can we improve?

**Communication:** To ensure all notifications are timely as the odd message on ParentHub had been last minute. Perhaps now look at sending out newsletters to family groups rather than one for each child. Newsletters potentially could go to fortnightly to help save paper but that it was still preferable to have paper copies rather than on ParentHub alone.

**Behaviour expectations:** We had one query regarding having just the positive behaviour aspect of the chart up in class rather than the wobbly or unacceptable behaviour choices on display. The majority of feedback shared that this was felt it helped children to make good choices. It was also discussed about the fact that some of our children have access to online games out of school that are beyond the children's ages. School was asked how we could avoid this happening out of school and we discussed supporting families with online safety education.

**Learning opportunities:** Look to see if music opportunities could be developed for families to get access to free tickets to see music performances. This is something that York schools potentially have access to however not something that we get offered as a North Yorkshire school.

	Dates for your diary for the next couple of weeks
Monday 25th November	Selby and District Foodbank assembly
Friday 6th December	Christmas Fair organised by TPAC
Tuesday 10th December	EYFS Christmas celebration
Wednesday 11th December	Last swimming session for team Neptune
Friday 13th December	Christmas dinner and Christmas jumper day (more details to follow)