

Friday 6th December 2019 - Newsletter 22

A message from Miss Towler...

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been another great week in school with lots going on. Our Key Stage One and Two rehearsals of 'The Christmas Jigsaw' is coming along brilliantly and we are sure you will be impressed with the children's acting and singing at their two performances. Please see the additional Christmas sheet that is coming out today with information about this and has tickets for family members who would like to attend.

I look forward to seeing many of you this evening at our Christmas Fair which starts at 6pm. Santa's Grotto is looking truly amazing and I am sure the children will love it.

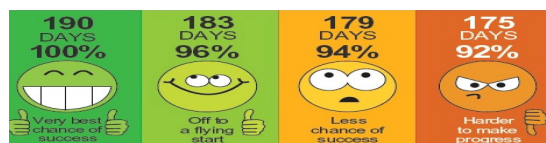


Best wishes,
Caroline Towler, Headteacher

Last week's attendance

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

Please see last week's attendance figure:



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

Saturn: **99%**

Jupiter: **94%**

Neptune: **95%**

Hello from our school SENDco



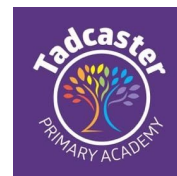
First let me introduce myself: My name is Valerie Steunou. I work as a SENDco (Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator) in all the Ebor Selby Hub schools and I joined the Tadcaster team in September 2019. I am in school every Tuesday. I support and advise the teachers on how best to help children with any additional needs and work alongside a variety of external agencies to make sure that all children receive the support they need. I also collaborate with parents who have such an important contribution to make in school's understanding of their children.

At Tadcaster Primary Academy, our system for SEND (Special Educational Needs and Disabilities) identification and provision is designed to ensure that every child who may find learning more of a challenge receives the appropriate support to progress and reach his/her potential.

If you have any questions regarding SEND and would like to speak with me, please communicate with the school office or Miss Towler and we can arrange an appointment.

Best wishes, Valerie Steunou (SENDco)

Our School Focus - 2019 - 2020



Every year we set ourselves targets to achieve to ensure that we are providing the best education for our pupils. Our School Development Plan sets out these targets for the year. Over the coming terms you will see more information about this. This year we have a range of different targets which include:

- Develop our curriculum offer to give children the greatest opportunities for learning in an engaging way. Include opportunities for specialist provision in sports, music and art.
- Develop the pastoral provision we offer to help support the wellbeing of all pupils. Appoint a Pastoral Lead to oversee the provision school offers.
- Implement a new behaviour expectations policy which offers clarity and consistency for the way we deal with behaviour including rewarding the positive behaviour choices.
- To develop writing throughout school to improve outcomes particularly so that pupils achieve higher levels.
- Develop our provision and school systems for pupils with special educational needs and disabilities.
- Develop our approach to teaching maths by using the teaching for mastery approach.

Updated dates for your diary

Date	Event
Friday 6th Dec	Christmas Fair organised by TPAC at school at 6pm
Tuesday 10th Dec	EYFS Christmas celebration (details already shared)
Friday 13th Dec	Christmas dinner and Christmas jumper day (Please order on ParentPay by FRIDAY 6TH DECEMBER if you would like your child to have a Christmas dinner and they are in Y3 - Y6)
Wednesday 18th Dec	Christmas play Y1 - Y6 at school, 6.00pm. Children to arrive at school at 5.30pm. Tickets shared today.
Thursday 19th Dec	Christmas play Y1 - Y6 at St Mary's Church, Tadcaster 2pm. Tickets shared today.
Friday 20th Dec	Years 1 - 6 Christmas Party morning children can wear own Christmas clothes/ Christmas jumper.
	2.30pm Christmas Carols around the tree in school - all parents welcome to attend. Mince pies and refreshments available as well as a fantastic raffle. Children can leave at 3.00pm with an adult.