

PRIMARY ACADEMY Newsletter

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A message from Miss Towler...

Dear Parents and Carers,

Please see the dates for Spring term overleaf. We are excited that we will be sharing our learning and that there are lots of opportunities for Parents and Carers to visit school to celebrate this. Hopefully the dates page on the reverse will prove to be a useful addition to your fridge door!

This week we have had visits from our Ebor executive team (see further information below) and also from Tadcaster Historical Society in team Jupiter. Ask your children what they are learning about in their new 'Welcome to Tadcaster' creative curriculum topic.

Best wishes, Caroline Towler, Headteacher

Our Ebor School Review

This week we had a really insightful visit from our Ebor School Review Team. There were lots of positives shared which was great to hear. Thank you to those parents who spoke with Mr Barber and Mrs Brown on arrival on Tuesday morning.

These were some of the positives that were identified by the Ebor team:

- → The leadership team have accurate views of the school and know what the strengths and areas to develop are
- → Early Years is a strength of the school and pupils get an excellent offer
- → Teaching across the school is Good
- → New specialist teachers have had a positive impact on the curriculum
- → Parents said they could see that our school is improving

Our suggested areas to further develop were:

- → Further develop consistency in marking and feedback in children's learning
- → Parents asked for teachers to be more visible on a morning so that parents could speak with their child's teacher if they wanted to
- → Further develop the playground opportunities for pupils at break times
- → Increase opportunities in writing in all year groups
- → Provide additional time for subject leaders to effectively monitor their subjects



Last week's attendance

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



Reception: 98% Jupiter: 99.5% *Top team attendance* Saturn: 99.2% Neptune: 92%



What's happening at Tadcaster Primary Academy in Spring term

Date	Event
Monday 3rd Feb	Visit from PCSO Hannah and PC Liz to talk about keeping ourselves safe
Monday 10th Feb	F1 parent information meeting 5-6pm
Monday 10th Feb - Friday 14th Feb	Keeping ourselves safe online week- This is a special focussed week to help the children learn more about computer safety. Parent workshops to be held on Safer Internet Day - Tuesday 11th February at 3.00pm and 5.30pm with more information on how to help your child keep safe online.
Thursday 13th Feb	TAG rugby competition for members of Team Neptune: Year 5/6
	Castleford Tigers Rugby Club working with Team Saturn: Y3/4
Friday 14th Feb	Star Sharing Assembly - all Parents and Carers welcome for pupils in Y1-Y6
Monday 18th Feb to Friday 22nd Feb	Half term holiday
Thursday 5th March	World Book Day - Children can dress up as their favourite book character. There will be lots of exciting book focussed activities for the children to enjoy and book prizes including a signed Dan Smith which book will be given out during the day. We can't wait!
	Castleford Tigers Rugby Club working with Team Saturn: Y3/4 Castleford Tigers Rugby Club working with Team Saturn: Y5/6
Friday 6th March	Training Day - Children not in school
Tuesday 10th March	FS stay & Play - Environments theme 2.15-3.15pm
Wednesday 18th March	'Celebrating our Learning' event at 2pm - Parents and Carers welcome. Come along and join us for this special open doors event to see what your children have been learning as part of their 'Welcome to Tadcaster' topic this term. We will also be unveiling our whole school art project inspired by Tadcaster.
Tuesday 24th March	Parents Evening - Nursery - Year 6. More information to follow.
Wednesday 25th March	Parents Evening - Nursery - Year 6. More information to follow.
Tuesday 31st March	NSPCC 'Speak out - Stay safe' team to visit school to discuss how children can keep themselves safe. Different talks to Key Stage One (Y1/2) and Key Stage Two (Y3 - Y6) followed by a separate talk for Y5/6. More information to follow.
Wednesday 1st April	Decorate an Egg Competition - children in Early Years up to Year 6 are welcome to bring in a decorated hard boiled egg with any theme they fancy! Competition prizes for each team. We are very eggcited!
Thursday 2nd April 2pm	Easter Service at St Mary's Church at 2pm Y1-Y6 - Parents and Carers welcome
Friday 3rd April	Star sharing assembly - Parents and Carers welcome from 2.50pm
Friday 3rd April	Break up for Easter holidays – return to school on Monday 20th April. Happy Easter to all our families at TPA!