

Friday 14th February 2020- Newsletter 30

A message from Miss Towler...

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been great to welcome parents into school this week for our F1 new starters meeting, Safer Internet Day workshops and Star Assembly. We are always happy to share more about both what we are doing as a school and what your children are learning. As parents requested more information about their child's learning in our parent questionnaire, it is good to be able to offer a greater insight into different aspects of school life. We are keen to have more parent and carer meetings/ workshops so if there is an area that you would like to know more about e.g. how we teach phonics, maths, reading please let the teachers or myself know.

I hope that our children have a wonderful half term break and see you back at school on Monday 24th February.

Best wishes,
Caroline Towler
Headteacher

Last week's attendance!

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

Please see last week's attendance figure:



Reception: 96% *Top team attendance* Jupiter: 95% Saturn: 95% Neptune: 92%

Date	Reminder: What's happening at Tadcaster Primary Academy
Monday 18th Feb to Friday 22nd Feb	Half term holiday
Monday 24th February	Leeds Rhinos Rugby club working with Team Jupiter - please make sure children have their outdoor PE kits with them
Wednesday 4th March	Year 6 SATs Parent Information Evening - see letter with further details for parents and carers of children in Year 6
Thursday 5th March	<p>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!</p> <p>Castleford Tigers Rugby Club working with Team Saturn: Y3/4 and Team Neptune: Y5/6</p>
Friday 6th March	Training Day - Children not in school

Our music curriculum at TPA by Mrs Oldfield (Music Lead)

What a fantastic musical half term we've had at Tadcaster Academy!

The F2s have been creating music from different regions of the world. We've listened to and played music from polar regions, the desert and the sea so far. The children are learning a range of new songs and they're using lots of percussion instruments. I'm so pleased with how carefully they're handling the instruments and how well they're learning all the names of them.

Jupiter (Y1/2) and Saturn (Y3/4) teams have been busy composing soundscapes of Tadcaster this half term. They made a list of all the sounds they can hear in Tadcaster and have created sounds using instruments and body percussion. Pictures representing all the different sounds have been put together to make a graphic score and the result is a fantastic piece of music including sounds like the clip clop of shire horses and the flow of the river.

Neptune (Y5/6) team have been investigating 'Trail blazing' composers. We've listened to the original Dr Who theme tune by Delia Derbyshire and learnt that this was one of the very first pieces made with electronic sound. We've looked at 'Winter' from the Four Seasons by Antonio Vivaldi and created our own piece by using a rhythm from his. We're now composing a piece of music based on ideas from Hans Zimmer's piece 'Earth' which uses layers of sound and different note durations. Neptune class have been having fun learning new songs with lots of actions to do at the same time which has really been getting our brains working!



What's going on in our local community?

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN TADCASTER

MOVIE AFTERNOON!

WEDNESDAY 19TH FEB, 3-5PM

At St Mary's church, Tadcaster


For children aged 0-11 and their grown ups



ADMISSION: FREE

WATCHING 'THE MIRACLE MAKER' (RATED U)

Popcorn and refreshments will be provided



Praise & Play

Mondays from 1.15 - 3.00

Boys' Sunday School, Tadcaster
(off Kirkgate, opposite St. Mary's Church)

Praise & Play is a free, fun-filled group for pre-school children and their parents / carers. We chat, laugh, make new friends and have fun while we play, have drinks and snacks, sing songs and share a Bible story together.

For more information contact Reverend Simon Biddlestone:

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St Mary's Tadcaster presents:

FAMILY FUN NIGHT

BEETLE DRIVE AND PIZZAS



AT THE BOYS' SUNDAY SCHOOL

5PM

SATURDAY 22ND FEBRUARY

ENTRY £3 PER FAMILY

This year's attendance so far: **TARGET: 97%** **ACTUAL: 95.66%**

Joint first place ~Reception: **96.39%** Saturn: **96.39%** *Top teams attendance*

Second place ~Jupiter: **95.17%**

Third place ~Neptune: **95.10%**

We are aiming for 97% attendance in all our teams this year.