

Friday 25th September 2020- Newsletter 3

A message from Miss Towler...

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a great week in school. The children are certainly back into the swing of things now and have really impressed us with their great attitudes. The children have been busy learning and recording this in our new school exercise books. These are very posh and glossy and the children and adults love them!

Have a lovely weekend,

Caroline Towler, Headteacher

Our weekly attendance:

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

See this week's figure:

Reception: 100% :) *Top team attendance*

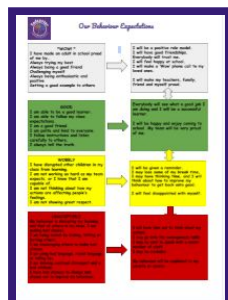
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School Dinners at TPA

Over the next few weeks we have some tasty hot dinner options for those children who would like to have a school dinner. We would really like to encourage parents to take a look on Parentpay at our lunch menu and order your child's meal choices. Don't forget that all children in Reception, Y1 and Y2 can have **free meals** and for the rest of the school they are £2.20 each. Children can choose from a sandwich or jacket potato, both with a choice of fillings or the daily hot meal option. Next Thursday 1st October we will have our census day meal. All children in Reception (FS2), Y1 and Y2 will be given a taste of the meatballs and pasta choice. Please let us know if you don't want your child to have a try. It is fine if you would like to send them in with a packed lunch as well.

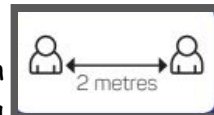
Our School Behaviour Expectations



It is now a year since we introduced our behaviour expectations chart at TPA. We are really pleased at how effective this system has been at promoting great behaviour choices and ensuring that where children need support with their behaviour there are clear sanctions and next steps in place. Every child begins the day on 'Good' and in class they have their name on the green section on the chart. If a child really impresses an adult in school for their great learning behaviours and attitudes they will be moved up to 'Wow'. Last year the children were invited to come and phone their parents from my office to share the good news. Unfortunately in the current situation we are unable to carry out these calls, however the children's great attitudes will always be celebrated in class and given one of our Wow stickers so you can share in the positivity. On the rare occasion where children need support with their behaviour and have gone onto 'Unacceptable' we will always update parents so that you are fully aware. The children at TPA always show such fabulous behaviour, which is something we are incredibly proud of.

 Please follow [@TadPrimaryAcad](https://twitter.com/TadPrimaryAcad) to see your children enjoying their learning at school

Keeping our children and adults safe at school



During the current situation we have put many things in place to ensure your children and the adults working within school are as safe as possible. In the lockdown period a comprehensive risk assessment was put in place to ensure that the children who were accessing school and the adults working within it were kept safe. Now that we have all children and our full staff team back in school we have a new risk assessment in place. This is another detailed document which strictly adheres to any government guidance released and is reviewed on a regular basis. Our school team was consulted as part of the process to develop the risk assessment and every member of the team had training on the protocols in place. As you know, we have staggered start and finish times in place and new drop off arrangements so that children are dropped off at the school gate/ EY entrance with parents social distancing. In school all staff wear face coverings (visors/ face masks) when moving around the building and some members of staff use visors when teaching in class. Within the KS2 classrooms the layout has been rearranged so that the children face the front of the class (not in table groupings) and in all classes there are regular cleans taking place on touch points (handles, surfaces, switches). At lunchtime the school dinners are delivered outside the classroom door and then these are brought into the classroom by the staff working within the class. Our children can eat their dinners from environmentally friendly disposable containers with disposable bamboo cutlery. Break times are staggered so that classes have different times on the playground and where the KS2 bubble are out at the same time at lunch they alternate who uses the field or playground so that the children are kept separate. Children wash their hands frequently throughout the day including on entering school in the morning and after every outdoor break. After lunch thorough cleans are carried out in each team's toilet area and rubbish is disposed of. As you can imagine all of these measures are ensuring that your children are as safe as possible whilst they are at school. Our TPA staff team have been incredible, working hard to ensure that these routines have as little impact as possible on the learning time in class.

Meet Team TPA



Every week we are going to shine the spotlight on a different member of our fantastic TPA team. **This week we are chatting with Mrs Bartlett**, our Early Years Lead and member of the Senior Leadership team. Mrs Bartlett is also our Curriculum Lead and is responsible for leading the development of the curriculum that is in place at TPA. She is our longest serving staff member having worked at Tadcaster Primary Academy for over 30 years. She has had the pleasure of teaching hundreds of pupils, many of which include parents of the children in our school!

What do you enjoy about your role?

That it's so different everyday. I am passionate about Early Years - I love how fast the children learn and how much they make me laugh, but no two days are the same when you work with little people! I'm so proud of each and every one of them as they leave Foundation Stage knowing I've helped them on their journey. I also really enjoy getting to catch up with their progress later in school in my other roles.

What is special about working at Tadcaster?

For me it's the fact that, having been here so long, I know all the families really well and can bring a level of understanding that I wouldn't otherwise have. I've watched children grow up and then return as parents of their own children. It's hugely satisfying when a family comes back and I hope it means they were happy with us and want the same for their children.

If you could have one wish related to your role what would it be?

Well I'm obviously going to say more time in the day! But mostly I wish that every child who leaves our school has a true understanding of how lucky they've been to be a part of the TPA family because it's a really special place.