

Friday 11th September 2020- Newsletter 1

A message from Miss Towler...

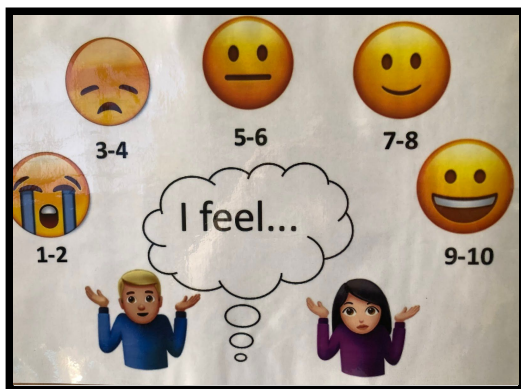
Dear Parents and Carers,

Well what a wonderful week it has been! We are so pleased to be back together again in our school team. Your children have done you proud, behaving brilliantly and settling so well into their new class teams. It has been wonderful to see the children back in class learning and to see our staff team back together again too. Despite the fact that there has needed to be some changes to school life, we have worked hard to try and keep things as normal as possible. At the moment I am unable to carry out school assemblies as a whole, however I have made sure to carry these out individually in class which is definitely an advantage of having a smaller school to make this possible. School lunches in the classrooms are going well and the children have loved their school dinner takeaways this week. One child even said it was like having a Tad Kebab! Thank you to everyone who has got to grips with our new school dinner ordering service on Parentpay. We are getting our head around all these changes in school and appreciate all your support in helping school run so smoothly.

Best wishes,
Caroline Towler, Headteacher

Promoting our Children's Wellbeing

At a time when so much change has happened everywhere life can be difficult for everyone. For many children they have experienced feelings of worry and so it is important that we encourage our children to talk. This year we are supporting this by incorporating daily 'check ins' for our pupils throughout school. As part of this they will be encouraged to share how they are feeling by offering an emotion and a number that represents this. Often the children's check in will be held first thing in the morning but may be revisited through the day. For example the child might share, 'I am an eight today and am feeling excited because I'm back at school with my friends and teachers which I've missed.' Equally they might feel a lower number/ emotion because something has upset them or is worrying them. They may choose to share this in front of their class or have time to discuss this with a member of staff in their class or our Pastoral Lead, Miss Bell. In all classes there is a display to help children understand these emotions which include child friendly emojis and a range of vocabulary they might choose. We are sure that this will help towards encouraging our children to communicate how they feel and will improve their wellbeing.



Our Daily Mile



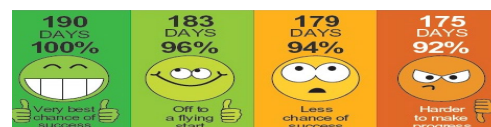
From Year One to Year Six our children are loving the new 'Daily Mile'. Every afternoon Teams Jupiter, Saturn and Neptune get the opportunity to enjoy time outside running. This is great for their wellbeing and of course is helping them keep active and healthy by spending time outside in the fresh air. Currently they are working their way up to a mile and are doing brilliantly! We know this is a really positive initiative which they are loving! Even our teachers are getting stuck in!

Our attendance this week:

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

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

96% Saturn: 97% Neptune: 99%



Improving our School Environment

You may remember that before the summer I shared that the decorators were coming into school. Well we have had a busy summer and now our school entrance and hall have been redecorated along with external school doors. See the pictures below. You may also remember that in the final week of term before lockdown we were going to have our 'Welcome to Tadcaster' learning celebration event. Sadly we didn't get to carry that out because of the circumstances but we wanted you to see the banner and some of the artwork the children created for this exhibition. The classrooms and shared spaces are looking really smart and tidy ready for the start of the school year, something that was so important when welcoming back all the children again.

