

Friday 18th September 2020- Newsletter 2

## *A message from Miss Towler...*

Dear Parents and Carers,

Well another week has flown by in school and the children have once again blown our socks off. They have shown great attitudes to their learning and have been so sensible at following all our safety measures. We have enjoyed the summer sunshine this week, both at playtimes and in our daily mile.

Hopefully there is a bit more to come over the next few weeks before the colder months arrive.

Best wishes,

Caroline Towler, Headteacher



## Reconnection curriculum at TPA

Over the last two weeks we have been settling back into school after a long period away from the classroom. As part of our learning the children have enjoyed exploring the book, *Here we are: Notes for living on Planet Earth* by Oliver Jeffers which has helped them to think about our world and the children's place on planet earth. With such a lot going on because of the current worldwide challenges this book has helped our teaching team encourage the children to reflect. We are incredibly proud of how settled the children are in class. It is almost as if they have not been away for so many months. We still recognise the importance of supporting the children through this challenging period so have planned a very specific curriculum with this in mind. A lot of this is based on change and coping with this. It also considers how children can deal with challenges and showing resilience when these come our way.



## We love reading!

As you know listening to the children read is so important for them to develop their decoding and inference skills. We wanted to make sure that the children were busy reading as much as possible and so have quarantined our reading books now so that our children can bring books home. Thank you to every family who has sent books back after the summer. We are sending new books home on a Monday evening along with the children's reading diary. We ask that the children read every night with adults signing the diary to confirm this. When your child is ready to swap their book this can be brought back on Friday. We will then quarantine the books and then new books can be sent out. In school our children will have a school based book that they can read and this will be kept safely with their own things. Sometimes we may send more than one book home if the books are a quicker read.



## School Dinners

Don't forget to log onto Parentpay to order next week's delicious school dinners. Remember these are free for children in Reception, Year 1 and 2. For Years 3 - 6 they are £2.20 each. The children love having them delivered in our eco friendly containers and the bamboo cutlery is very popular too!

## Our weekly attendance:

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

See this week's figure:

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

**Jupiter: 98%    Saturn: 98%    Neptune: 94%**



## In loving memory of Mark Hick

Many of our families will be aware of the sad news that Mark Hick lost his fight with pancreatic cancer earlier this month. Mark was daddy to Charlotte, one of our wonderful Year 6 pupils. He will be remembered for his enthusiasm and great sense of humour. He supported Tadcaster Primary Academy by doing lots for school - he was part of the epic cycling team that raised money for the school gym equipment on the playground and he frequently helped on the school floats for Tadcaster Carnival.



The Hick family would love to raise money on behalf of Macmillan and so if you would like to support this charity we ask that you drop any spare money you have in an envelope and then post it through our letterbox where there will be a box waiting to collect them. We will then share any money donated with Mrs Hick who will send it on to Macmillan cancer charity. As we can't have a Macmillan coffee morning because of Covid it would be lovely to still



donate to this very good cause. The Hicks are also holding a cake sale in their

front garden 11am to noon on Saturday 26th September on Auster Bank Crescent if anyone would like to drop by.

## 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 introducing our Sports teacher Mr Jeff who teaches PE throughout school.

### What do you enjoy about your role?

I really enjoy inspiring children to be active and healthy and working with different age ranges of children, seeing their progression and development over the years.

### What is special about working at Tadcaster?

The children are so amazing. They are so willing to

listen and learn and have great attitudes, always wanting to be the best they can be.

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

I would love the children to share more about what they do outside of school in terms of sports or activities, to get other children even more involved in a range of sports.

## PE Kit days

Children must come into school wearing their PE kits on the following days:

**Mon:** Teams Jupiter and Neptune

**Tues:** Team Saturn

**Fri:** Teams Jupiter, Saturn, Neptune

\*Please ensure your child **does not** wear earrings or tape over their earrings on their PE days.



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