

Friday 16th October 2020 - Newsletter 6

A message from Miss Towler...

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we edge closer to the end of the half term it poses as a good opportunity for me to reflect on how well our team has coped being back at school. I am incredibly proud of the children and the way in which they have shown such resilience. From our youngest pupils right through to Year 6 I have been very impressed with their excellent attitudes. At a time when so much has changed it is wonderful to see the children adapt to the new routines and expectations with ease. Well done Team TPA!

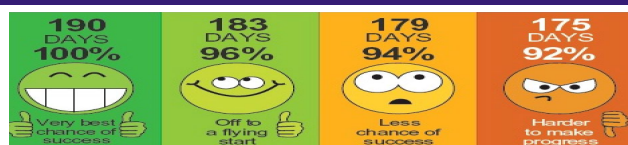
Best wishes,

Caroline Towler, Headteacher

Our weekly attendance:

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

This week's whole school attendance is: **98%**



Reception: 100% Top team attendance :) Jupiter: 99% Saturn: 98% Neptune: 97%

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 me...Miss Towler, the Headteacher.**

What do you enjoy about your role? I feel incredibly fortunate to lead Tadcaster Primary Academy. We have a very dedicated staff team, who really value the children's contributions. Every day is very different in my role...one day I might be meeting with Governors to discuss how we can improve our school and then another I will be looking at the school budget to see how we can provide the best opportunities for the children. From delivering assemblies, to writing risk assessments and greeting families at the gate - my job is very diverse!



What is special about working at Tadcaster? It is a very special school, made even more special by the children within it. We have a great team ethos where everyone works together to make it a fantastic place to be. I have worked in many schools but TPA is definitely my favourite! :)

If you could have one wish related to your role what would it be? That everyone could see what a fantastic school Tadcaster Primary Academy is. I would love more children and families to join our school team and at the moment a group of governors, staff and myself are working together to develop strategies to promote our school within our local community and beyond.

Parking near school

Please can we ask parents to be mindful of local residents and not to park over householders driveways or close to the school gate on Sandfield Terrace when dropping off or collecting children. We have had feedback from local residents that some parents are reversing up local residents driveways or blocking them. We ask that families don't drive onto Sandfield Terrace and instead, if driving to school, park up and walk to the school gate. We want to ensure that our children and families are kept safe at all times. Thank you for your understanding in this matter.



Our Whole School Creative Curriculum



Here, Mrs Bartlett, our Curriculum Lead, shares more information about the work that has gone into our school curriculum this year and how we are ensuring that the pupils have great learning opportunities.

The Creative Curriculum we are developing at TPA is being designed not just to meet children's learning needs but to motivate and inspire them. We have given a lot of thought to the experiences we believe our children should have by the time they leave TPA and have tried to incorporate these into the plans for each class. These experiences may be quite simple, like meeting an author or more elaborate like performing on a real theatre stage or making friends with children from a school with a different cultural context, but all of them are intended to increase children's knowledge and understanding of the world they live in, to inspire them and promote their aspirations for the future and to increase their confidence and wellbeing as they grow up to take their place in society.

Post Coronavirus, we want to give children many varied first hand experiences to bring their learning to life and to complement the experiences they share with you and their families and it is on this basis that we are building our TPA curriculum.

Bonfire Lunch - Thursday 5th November.



Delicious
Catherine Wheel
Pepperoni Pizza

Scrumptious
bonfire toffee rice
crispy squares

Don't forget to book your school dinners!



Please help our school kitchen and the school office by remembering to order your child's lunch before the day they will be eating. Full menu choices are displayed on Parent Pay.

What's Happening this term - UPDATED

Dates	Event
19th - 23rd October	Black History Month focus - as part of Black History Month this month we will be looking at some key figures who have had an inspirational impact on the world. Each team will choose an individual or two who has made a difference in a special way and learn all about them.
Monday 26th October - Friday 30th October	Half Term holiday
Monday 2nd November	Team Neptune Parent Evening phone call appointments. More information to follow.
Tuesday 3rd November	Team Saturn Parent Evening phone call appointments & Team Neptune Parent Evening phone call appointments. More information to follow.
Wednesday 4th November	Team Jupiter Parent Evening phone call appointments. More information to follow.
Thursday 5th November	Bonfire Lunch - We will have an exciting Bonfire Night themed lunch today for the children to enjoy. This will include Catherine Wheel pepperoni pizza, Bonfire Toffee Crispy Squares. Delicious!
Monday 9th November	Zoom Parent Forum meeting - how are we doing at TPA? All parents welcome. More details to follow.
Wednesday 11th November	Remembrance Day learning in school and a special assembly to mark the many lives lost in the wars.
	Team Reception Parent Evening phone call appointments. More information to follow
Friday 13th November	Children in Need - To raise money for this cause we are asking that children bring in a donation and wear non-uniform of their choice. We will then quarantine the coins for 72 hours, count them up and send them off to Children in Need.
Thursday 26th November	Tri golf session (Team Saturn)/ Orienteering session (Team Neptune). Both sessions to be delivered by our sports cluster lead, Andy Jackson.
Friday 27th November	Training Day - children not in school
Monday 30th November	Flu vaccination for pupils in Reception - Y6. Vaccinations will be carried out in a space adjoining each classroom not collectively as a school.
Friday 11th December	Christmas Jumper Day - children can wear a jumper of their choice and make a donation. We will be serving our Christmas Dinner on this date as well.
Friday 18th December	Break up for Christmas holidays

