

Friday 9th October 2020 - Newsletter 5

A message from Miss Towler...

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been another busy week in Team TPA. The children have been busy learning lots about their new creative curriculum topic 'Go Global'.

Overleaf I have shared some dates for this term. With the current situation things have had to change slightly and we are not able to invite you into school as we would normally. As always, if anything changes we will let Parents and Carers know.

Have a lovely weekend,

Caroline Towler, Headteacher

Our weekly attendance:

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

See this week's figures:



Reception: 100%

Jupiter: 99.52%

Saturn: 97.41%

Neptune: 99.34%

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 Brooke**, our teacher of art and design. Mrs Brooke is responsible for leading art and design throughout the school and is in school every Wednesday afternoon. She currently has the pleasure of teaching Teams Saturn and Neptune. Later in the year she will also teach Team Jupiter.



What do you enjoy about your role?

I love bringing different forms of art into the classroom and seeing the excitement this brings to the children. Giving the children the opportunity to try out different techniques such as clay work and collage, through to textile art and printing.

What is special about working at Tadcaster?

The children are all so enthusiastic and excited at learning new skills. They are truly happy to be in their art lessons and love seeing their artistic skills develop into some wonderful artwork.

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

I hope we can continue to produce the vibrant and skilled artwork displays around school and hopefully manage to have an open day event at some point this year, where parents/guardians, family and friends can come and celebrate the wonderful achievements of their children.

What's Happening this term

As you know many of the things we would normally do in school can't quite happen at the moment. This means that our termly plans are a little more slimline. Should we be able to add any more events to this list we will update you in a future newsletter.

Dates	Event
Monday 12th October	Virtual Harvest Festival assembly delivered by Rev Lucy from St Mary's Church to the children in Years 1 - 6
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.
Monday 9th November	Zoom Parent Forum meeting - how are we doing at TPA? All parents welcome. More details to follow.
Wednesday 11th November	Team Reception Parent Evening phone call appointments. More information to follow
Thursday 26th November	Tri golf session (Team Saturn)/ Orienteering session (Team Neptune). Both sessions to be delivered by our sports cluster lead, Andy Jackson.
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 18th December	Break up for Christmas holidays

Keeping Children Safe online

Many of our pupils access computers, laptops, game consoles and mobile phones at home, all of which have access to the internet. Sometimes it feels hard to keep a step ahead as everything related to technology changes so rapidly. To support your child we are sharing the following link to some excellent parent guides from the National Online Safety (NOS) website: <https://nationalonlinesafety.com> or @natonlinesafety on Twitter.

New technology for TPA

In a few weeks time we will be increasing the number of Chromebooks (laptops) that we have in school. From the end of October we will have 30 more Chromebooks delivered which means that we will have the grand total of 66. This will have a huge impact on learning and will definitely improve our IT offer in computing lessons throughout school! We can't wait!

