

Friday 13th November 2020 - Newsletter 9

A message from Miss Towler...

Dear Parents and Carers,



Thank you to all those parents who gave up their time to share how they feel things are going at school at the moment in our parent forum. We had a really productive meeting which helped us consider different aspects of school life. The meeting included a focus on communication, how school has dealt with Covid 19 and the future of remote learning. In next week's newsletter we will share a full account of the feedback from the meeting but please see some lovely quotes from parents below:

'Communication has really improved since three to four years ago and is working really well.

"The return to school was managed really well due to what was put in place."

'I felt very lucky to have phone calls and visits during lockdown. It was a huge positive effort.'

Thank you also to those parents that offered to help us out in our promotional video to spread the word about TPA near and far. We had a busy day of filming and hope to be able to share the finished video very soon. You may remember that we have now set up a special committee that is responsible for developing a strategy to increase pupil numbers. At a time when it is harder to show potential new parents around the inside of the school, our committee thought it would be a good way of showing off our wonderful school!



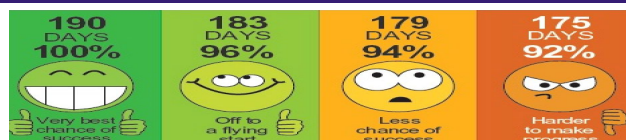
Have a lovely weekend,

Caroline Towler, Headteacher

Our school attendance:

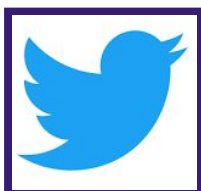
Our school attendance target is 97%.

This week's whole school attendance is: 96%



Reception:100% Top team attendance :) Jupiter:99% Saturn:92% Neptune:96%

*As Government guidance states, your child's attendance is compulsory in school and unless they are unwell or isolating we ask that you ensure they are in school, on time, every day. Thank you.



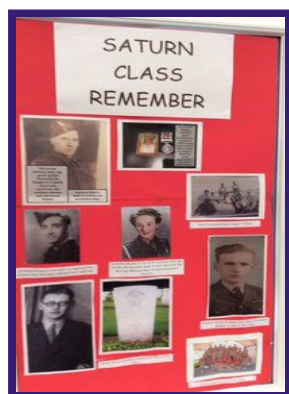
Twitter at TPA

Every week we share such a lot of the great learning that is going on in our teams on Twitter. Whilst at the moment you are not able to be in school, these pictures offer a great insight into what school looks like and what the children are busy with. Please click on the link below to see if your child is appearing on

Twitter right now! [@TadPrimaryAcad](https://twitter.com/TadPrimaryAcad)

Remembrance Day

On Wednesday 11th November 2020 we spent time reflecting on those that have fallen in the war to protect our country. As part of the day we had a very special virtual assembly with a two minutes silence and also linked much of the learning to Remembrance Day. Our 'Wall of poppies' that was created by the children is now hanging in the school hall - at a time when all the children can't be together their poppies certainly are. Special thanks go to Mr Pitts and Arron for their fantastic wooden poppies that they created. These now take pride of place on our scaffolding round the school. See some of the pictures below that have been shared on Twitter this week:



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



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 our Year 1/ 2 teacher, Mr Ramzan. Mr Ramzan is our Computing and Science Lead.**



What do you enjoy about your role?

I love teaching both Year 1 and Year 2 children in Key Stage 1. Every teaching day is different and I aim to create a happy, enjoyable learning experience for our younger learners. Computing is my subject leadership role and it's awesome to see children throughout school developing their skills ready for the wider world. From navigating our new Chromebooks to using iPads, creating digital art and music.

What is special about working at Tadcaster?

The children - they are amazing. That is what makes it special. The staff too! Working together is really important to help the children on their learning journey.

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

To celebrate the learning with both parents and children when it is safe to do so. It would also be great to restart Ready For Reading next year too. Hopefully sooner rather than later!

What's Happening this term? UPDATED!

Dates	Event
Monday 16th Nov - Friday 20th Nov	Anti-bullying week - At TPA we celebrate differences because everyone is unique. During Anti-bullying week on Wednesday 18th November we are asking the children to wear odd socks to show that it is great to stand out and to be different.
Thursday 26th Nov	Tri golf session (Team Saturn)/ Orienteering session (Team Neptune). Both sessions to be delivered by our sports cluster lead, Andy Jackson.
Friday 27th Nov	Training Day - children not in school
Monday 30th Nov	Flu vaccination for pupils in Reception - Y6. Vaccinations will be carried out in a space adjoining each classroom not collectively as a school. Consent needs to be given first. Please click on https://www.hdft.nhs.uk/fluconsent/
Friday 11th Dec	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 Dec	Break up for Christmas holidays

Anti-bullying week - 'Odd Socks Day, Wednesday 18th November'



Next week the children will be learning about what bullying is and how **'We won't stand for bullying but will stand up to it'**. We will give our children the opportunity to reflect on how it feels if someone is persistently unkind towards them and what we would do in our school if another child was treating them in the wrong way. Look out for more on this next week from our School Council.

