

Friday 6th November 2020 - Newsletter 8

## A message from Miss Towler...

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a busy first week back after the half term and the children have settled back into their routines brilliantly. I am so pleased that we have continued to remain open to all our children at a time when the nation has gone into lockdown. This is a really good opportunity to thank our wonderful staff team at TPA. Their dedication and commitment to your children always shines through. This week Mr Parkinson, Mr Sands and Mr Ramzan held their parents evening meetings with a difference and I know these were positively received. If your child has not had their phone call parents evening appointment yet and they are in Years 1-6, please message your child's teacher via Seesaw or contact school on [admin.tad@ebor.academy](mailto:admin.tad@ebor.academy). Mrs Bartlett will be holding the F2 meetings next Wednesday and F1 meetings will be held in the new year.

As always thank you for your ongoing support,

Caroline Towler, Headteacher



## Parent Forum - we need your help!

We will be holding a parent forum on Monday evening next week and **would really appreciate parents taking the time to join us in shaping the future of our school**. We have only had very limited interest expressed so far and to ensure that this meeting goes ahead we ask that you give some of your time to chat about our school. If you are available on Monday 9th November at 5pm on Zoom please contact [admin.tad@ebor.academy](mailto:admin.tad@ebor.academy) to book your place. Once you have let us know you are going to be joining us, we will share the details for the online meeting. If you are unable to join us on Monday but would be interested in taking part in another meeting please let us know. This meeting will include discussions on: How the school has dealt with Covid 19, plans for remote learning & parental involvement in school.

## Our school attendance:

Our school attendance target is 97%.

This week's whole school attendance is: **97%**



Reception:100% Top team attendance :) Jupiter: 96% Saturn: 97% Neptune: 97%

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



Thank you to all parents that have avoided driving to the school gate or car park. This is really important to ensure that we keep our children safe especially as our drop off arrangements are now different.

## Children in Need - Friday 13th November

Next Friday we will be supporting Children in Need by inviting your child to wear something yellow, something spotty or non-uniform. We are also asking that you send in a donation of any amount to support this good cause which we will quarantine before sending the money off. The theme this year is 'Together we can change young lives' and during the day we will be considering the importance of working together to help others.



### Remember to arrive on time - keep our children safe

Thank you to all those parents that ensured that your child has been in school at the correct time in the morning. Please can we remind parents to make sure that they drop off and collect no earlier or later than their child's allocated time. **It is really important that we don't mix groups of children.** Please see a reminder of the timings below:

**Bubble Two-** (Y3-6) Drop off at 8.40am and collect at 3.30pm

**Bubble One** - Reception & Y1-2 Drop off at 8.50am and collect at 3.20pm

**Families with children in both bubbles** Drop off at 8.55am and collect at 3.10pm

## Meet Team TPA

Every week we are shining the spotlight on a different member of our fantastic TPA team. **This week we are chatting with Mrs Bedford, our school cook.** Mrs Bedford has worked at Tadcaster Primary Academy for the last 4 years. It is her 4 year anniversary next week!



**What do you enjoy about your role?** Every day is very different. I love having the opportunity to cook meals for our children and enjoy thinking about what we can create for our special themed lunches that we have throughout the school year. When I know the choice is something the children love I enjoy it even more! I have always loved cooking and regularly bake lots at home.

**What is special about working at Tadcaster?** It is a close knit community school which feels like one big family. I enjoy coming to school everyday to be amongst the school team and to see the children.

**If you could have one wish related to your role what would it be?** That more children had school dinners. We work really hard to create tasty meals and I would love it if more children had the opportunity to give them a try. The children in Reception, Years 1 and 2 get free meals and can even have a choice of sandwich or jacket potato if they don't fancy the meal choice on offer. It would be wonderful if all these children had school meals.

## Remembrance Day

On Wednesday 11th November 2020 we will be taking the time to reflect on those that have fallen in the war to protect our country. As part of the day we will be having a very special virtual assembly with a two minutes silence and we will also have some of our learning linked to Remembrance Day.



## What's Happening this term? UPDATED

Dates	Event
Monday 9th November	<b>Zoom Parent Forum meeting</b> - how are we doing at TPA? All parents welcome. More details to follow.
Wednesday 11th November	<b>Remembrance Day</b> learning in school and a special assembly.
	<b>Team Reception Parent Evening</b> phone call appointments.
Friday 13th November	<b>Children in Need</b> - To raise money for this great cause we are asking that children bring in a donation and wear non-uniform/ or something yellow or spotty. We will then quarantine the coins for 72 hours, count them up and send them off to Children in Need.
Monday 16th November - Friday 20th November	<b>Anti-bullying week</b> - Throughout the week we will be reflecting on the importance of being able to speak out if someone is unkind. Our weekly assembly focus will link with the theme and Miss Bell, our Pastoral Lead, will be talking with pupils throughout school about standing up to bullies.
Thursday 26th November	<b>Tri golf session (Team Saturn)/ Orienteering session (Team Neptune).</b> Both sessions to be delivered by our sports cluster lead, Andy Jackson.
Friday 27th November	<b>Training Day</b> - children not in school
Monday 30th November	<b>Flu vaccination for pupils in Reception - Y6.</b> 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 <a href="https://www.hdft.nhs.uk/fluconsent/">https://www.hdft.nhs.uk/fluconsent/</a>
Friday 11th December	<b>Christmas Jumper Day</b> - 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	<b>Break up for Christmas holidays</b>



### Congratulations to our new School Council

It has been even more talked about than the US election...forget Biden and Trump and think TPA School Council! This week we have completed the final school council elections and we are now pleased to be able to share the successful team members. Through a democratic process the children were asked to put themselves forward if they were interested in being a school council member. The children delivered speeches to encourage voters to select them and then the teams were asked to carry out a secret ballot to choose the successful school councillors. Watch this space in future weeks as I will be handing over some of our newsletter space to our little people very soon! **Well done to McKenzie and Delilah in Team Jupiter, Riley C and Charley in Team Saturn and Noah and Summer in Team Neptune! We know you will be brilliant!**

### Important Remote Learning information

Please ensure that you read the letters being sent home tonight and sign the form on the back page. Please return asap.