



Friday 11th December 2020 - Newsletter 12

A message from Miss Towler...

Dear Parents and Carers,

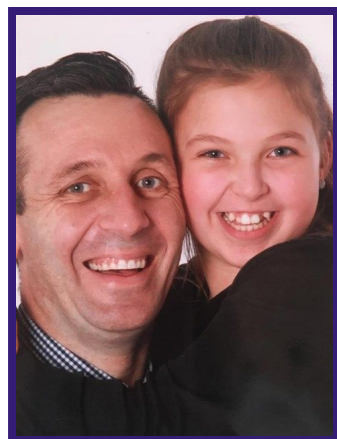
Well it is officially one more week and then our school community will have a well deserved rest after what has been a very busy autumn term. We have such a lot to be proud of – everyone has worked so hard together to ensure that our children are happy, safe and learning in school. What more could we ask for?



This half term we have been focussing on the theme of keeping safe in our weekly virtual assemblies. Ask your children what they have learnt about stranger danger, keeping safe on dark nights and being safe on bikes and scooters. A special mention to Summer in Team Neptune who is the Chair of our School Council. After hearing about the importance of wearing a helmet she came to school on her scooter, wearing a fab pink helmet! A great Y6 role model to the rest of the school.

Thank you for all your contributions to our Reverse Advent Calendar. We have been so impressed with how many donations have been received. Keep them coming! With one week to go we know we will soon be handing over so many food items and hygiene products for families who really need them.

Have a lovely weekend, Caroline Towler, Headteacher



Good luck Charlotte! We are so proud of you!!

This Sunday, Charlotte in Team Neptune will be carrying out her next fundraising extravaganza by taking part in a Santa Dash around Tadcaster in aid of St Gemma's Hospice. You may remember that Charlotte sadly lost her daddy at the beginning of this school year. She is continuing to blow us away with her determination to raise money for good causes in memory of her daddy, Mark. She raised a whopping £5,420 for Macmillan Cancer by holding a Macmillan Coffee Morning in her garden!

Charlotte will start her dash from Auster Bank Crescent at 10.30am where she will be running, walking and maybe even hopping her way through Tadcaster! She will head from Auster Bank down Leeds Road, back down Station Road, around Kirkgate then back up through town to finish the 5k outside her house. Phew!! Charlotte has a team of Santas running, singing and skipping along with her. She has already raised £1,000 for St Gemma's Hospice in memory of her daddy. Charlotte would love any support, clapping and cheering her along the way so please get involved. If you would like to donate to this great cause please see the link: [Click here to help Charlotte raise lots of money!!](#)





TPAC Christmas Raffle - Message from the Chair of TPAC (our Parent Teacher Association) Katherine Wells

It's such a shame we can't have our Christmas Fair and amazing Santa's grotto this year, but at least you don't have to miss out on the Christmas hamper raffle! We have not one but **TWO** hampers of festive goodies including Prosecco, sweets, mulled wine, luxury biscuits, beer and chocolates. There are also some little extras to win in addition to the main hampers. Raffle tickets cost £1 a strip. You can buy raffle tickets online through PayPal (message TPAC via their Facebook page and they'll share the PayPal details with you) or at the school gates (COVID precautions will be followed) at pickup next week (date to be shared). Please do buy some tickets as school relies on our fundraising to provide extra treats for children across all the age groups. Winning tickets will be drawn on Thursday 17th December at 6pm. Good luck Team TPA!

Meet Team TPA - A special thank you and goodbye ♥♥♥♥

Every week we are shining the spotlight on a different member of our fantastic TPA team. **This week we are chatting with Mrs Shinnars**, who has been our cleaner caretaker for the last 4 years. She has decided to retire this year and we thank her for everything she has done over the years and what has been a challenging few months for all cleaning teams. Mrs Shinnars will be really missed but will always be welcome back in the TPA family. Make sure you come back soon Karen! Xx



What have you enjoyed about your role? I have loved everything about my job. I have enjoyed the caretaker and the cleaner role. Everyday there is a new challenge and the last few months have been a lot more thorough as we have to clean and clean again. I am very proud that our children are all well and that we haven't needed to close the school at any point.

What has been special about working at Tadcaster? Everyone is so friendly and has been lovely to me. I have lived in a house backing onto the school Early Years outdoor area for thirty years now and so have always known the school well. All my children (who are now grown up) have been to Tadcaster Primary Academy or Tadcaster East as it was known in the past. They, like me, have all got fond memories of the school.

If you could have one wish what would it be? I would love to be able to come back to read as a volunteer which I have done many times in the past. I would also enjoy the challenge of working on some of the outdoor area including the willow weaving now that I might have some more free time.

Our school attendance:

Our school attendance target is 97%.

This week's whole school attendance is: 98%



Reception:100% Jupiter:100% Top teams attendance :) Saturn:95% Neptune:98%

***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.**

Whoops...last week there was a typo for our whole school attendance. This figure should have read as 95%.

What's Happening this term? UPDATED!

Dates	Event
Week beginning -Monday 14th Dec	Christmas performances to be shared online - This year we will be sharing mini Christmas performances for each team so that you can watch them from the comfort of your own home. We are unable to sing at the moment so Mrs Oldfield, our music teacher, has been teaching the children some wonderful musical percussion pieces and your child's class teacher has been busy helping the children learn some Christmassy pieces too.
	Christmas Assembly - Rev Lucy will be hosting a virtual Christmas online assembly.
Friday 18th Dec	Break up for Christmas holidays at usual end of day times
Monday 4th January 2021	Happy New Year - We look forward to seeing our children and families back in school after a well deserved rest!

Thank you for your feedback

Thank you to all our families who returned the parent survey this week. We have had over 30 surveys returned so far for the 105 pupils we currently have in school. The feedback has certainly blown us away... we couldn't have imagined how overwhelmingly positive these surveys would be and there are some lovely quotes from parents which we will be sharing along with the outcomes next Friday.



Keeping Safe Online Update - Computing Lead Mr Ramzan

Child Friendly Technology

With Christmas approaching, children have tech on the top of their list for Santa! When buying new technology, it's difficult to find out what is safe and what is not.

Please follow the link to find more about child friendly tech.

<https://www.internetmatters.org/resources/monitoring-apps-parents-guide/>

Spread a little Christmas cheer!

