

Friday 4th December 2020 - Newsletter 11

A message from Miss Towler...

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a whirlwind of an autumn term and of course we have now started the final countdown for the Christmas season. As always we are super proud of the children and their fantastic attitudes to school.

You will have spotted that lots of the scaffolding has now been removed round the back of the building and the school roof is all sorted. We have some final works to be carried out when our new hall window arrives and then we will be as good as new!

Please see information regarding Christmas plans within this week's newsletter.

Have a lovely weekend,

Caroline Towler, Headteacher

Our school attendance:

Our school attendance target is 97%.

This week's whole school attendance is: 97%



Reception:100% Top team attendance :) Jupiter: 95% Saturn:91% Neptune:97%

*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.

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 Griffin, who works in our school office.

What do you enjoy about your role? This role keeps me very busy and sometimes it even feels like there are not enough hours in the day! I do love the variation of my job - one day I can be dealing with the school budget and the next out with the children on the playground which I really enjoy.

What is special about working at Tadcaster? I love being able to walk to work as I live down the road from school. Our school team all work really well together. No matter what the day throws at you there is always someone there to keep a smile on your face.

If you could have one wish related to your role what would it be? That my children, who came to TPA a few years ago, could have benefitted from the improvements that have taken place in school over the last year.





Christmas at TPA!

As you will know, because of the current situation, we are unable to do some of the things that we normally would at Christmas. Here is the low down on what we can and can't do so that you can see what the next couple of weeks will look like. We will try our best not to seem too much like Scrooge and make sure school will still feel Christmassy but safe!!

Christmas Cards

As there is transmission risk and cards can not be cleaned down we are asking that parents do not send children in with Christmas cards for their classmates or the school. Instead we ask that you make a donation to a charity of your child's choice or contribute to our 'Reverse Advent Calendar' with the money you might have spent on Christmas cards.



Christmas Performances We love having our parents into school for the Christmas Performances and last year we really enjoyed the performance in St Mary's Church as well. As we are unable to have all parents into school like we normally would, we have put together some mini Christmas performances which we will share via video. We plan to share these in the final week of term. More details to follow regarding this.

Christmas Gifts We have been asked by some families if children can share Christmas gifts with the staff team. If parents are keen to do this then I will ask the teaching team to pop a box in class for any gifts to be put in and then these will be quarantined for 72 hours.



Reverse Advent Calendar Thank you so much for all the wonderful donations for our Reverse Advent Calendar. Lots of you have contributed non perishable food items and personal care products which will really help families in our local community at this difficult time. The boxes will be out every morning so feel free to add a donation. The items that we collect will be shared with the Salvation Army and Selby Foodbank.

Christmas Tree The Christmas Tree is now up in school and we have placed it in the hall in a space where all classes can see it from their cloakroom doors. This is definitely making school feel like Christmas is coming!



Twitter at TPA Please click on the link below to see if your child is appearing on Twitter right now! [@TadPrimaryAcademy](https://twitter.com/TadPrimaryAcademy) [@TadPrimaryAcademy](https://twitter.com/TadPrimaryAcademy)

What's Happening this term? UPDATED!

Dates	Event
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.
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. More details to follow.
	Christmas Assembly - Rev Lucy will be hosting a virtual Christmas online assembly.
Friday 18th Dec	Break up for Christmas holidays



Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day

Don't forget to book your child's dinner ready for Christmas Dinner. Please see the flyer above for more information. We will be having our Christmas dinner on Friday 11th December. Just book your child a school dinner (don't worry about the fact that it is not down as Christmas dinner on Parentpay). On this day we will not have sandwiches or jacket potatoes, just the option on the flyer above.



To add to the Christmas feel we will also be asking the children to come to school in a Christmas jumper. Your child can decorate any jumper with tinsel, baubles or if you have a ready made

jumper then they can wear that instead! Please bring along a donation to help support Save the Children (see link below for more information). [Save the Children](#)

Community News!

St Mary's Tadcaster
Christingle collection



Collect your Christingle kit
from St. Mary's church,
between 10am and 12noon
on Saturday 12th
December

We'll make our Christingles together at the service:
Sunday 13th December, 4pm
Zoom Meeting ID: 9861012744 code: 377646
Facebook.com/TadcasterBenefice

You are invited to:
Tadcaster Benefice
Virtual Christingle



*Pick up a Christingle
kit from your local
church during their
collection session on
Sat 12th*



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