

Friday 24th September 2021- Newsletter 3

A message from Miss Towler...

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had another great week in school. It has been positive to hear the children talking so passionately about their learning and we are fully embedding our school routines and expectations. It is great to see so many children remaining on 'Good' and even moving up to 'Wow' for their great attitudes towards each other and to their learning. In assembly we have spoken lots about what characteristics and values we want for TPA and the children have explored some key words that mean a lot to them. The words respect, resilience and team were used time and time again. Please don't forget to book your place on our first Parent Forum of the year to contribute to the discussions and help shape our school. Your opinions really do matter.

Have a lovely weekend,
Caroline Towler, Headteacher



Parent voice - How are things going at our school?

Parent Zoom Meeting - Join our new assistant Headteacher, Miss Blythe and myself to discuss how things are going at school. We will also look at our school vision and values and the future of our school. If you are interested in joining us for the online Parent Forum please can you email admin.tad@ebor.academy and request the joining details.



An update on Mrs Crook

As you will be aware I shared earlier in the week that Mrs Crook, our Year 5 /6 Teaching Assistant, had been unwell and was in hospital.

Fortunately I have a positive update as Mrs Crook is now out of hospital and feeling much better. Mrs Crook has shared that she had the symptoms of a stroke but thankfully it was actually a hemiplegic migraine which has very similar symptoms.

Thank you for your kind messages, gifts and well wishes. We are so pleased that Mrs Crook is now on the mend and hope that she will be back in school soon once she is fully recovered.



Our school attendance this week is:

Our school attendance target is 97%.

This week's whole school attendance is: **90.76%**

Venus Reception: 90.59% Jupiter: 92.31%

Saturn: 92.5% Top team attendance :) Neptune: 87.61%

*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.



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

Dates for your diary



Please see dates for this term's diary. We will always try to give you as much notice as possible if circumstances mean that dates need amending.

Dates	What's happening at TPA?
Monday 27th September - Friday 1st October	Walk to School Week - Please help with this initiative by encouraging your child to walk to school to stay healthy and active and to help improve our environment! We would love to see lots of our children walking all or part of the way to school.
Wednesday 29th September at 5pm	Our Vision for TPA - Parent Forum Zoom Meeting - Please join Miss Towler and Miss Blythe to discuss how things are going at TPA. We will also look at our school vision and values and how this will shape the future of our school. If you are interested in joining us for the online Parent Forum please can you email admin.tad@ebor.academy and request the joining details
Monday 4th October at 5pm	Early Reading and Phonics meetings for Parents and Carers in Reception, Year One and Two - please find out more about how we teach our children phonics and also learn about how you can help your child with early reading and phonics.
Thursday 7th October	Individual class photo day - all children will have an opportunity to have their photo taken. Census Day lunch - An opportunity for all children in Reception, Year One and Two to have a school dinner.
Friday 8th October	World Mental Health Day non-uniform day - Children are encouraged to come into school wearing something yellow for #sayhelloyellow World Mental Health Day . We will be exploring how we can talk about improving our mental health and having lots of fun along the way.
Monday 18th October - Friday 22nd October	Black History Week - we will be learning all about significant black individuals who have made an impact on Britain and also the wider world.
Thursday 21st October	Harvest Festival - please send your child in with a donation of non perishable food to be shared between The Salvation Army, Tadcaster and Selby Food Bank. We plan to have the usual Harvest songs and celebrations and will be giving more details about how this will look very soon.
Friday 22nd October	Break up for October half term . Return to school on Monday 1st November.
Tuesday 2nd November and Wednesday 3rd November	Parents Evening Appointments - We hope to have these as face to face meetings and will let you know shortly about our plans.
Friday 5th November	Diwali - Festival of light learning theme Bonfire themed school lunch - More details to follow.

Swimming Sessions at Tadcaster Swimming Baths

We are pleased to share that we have booked in our swimming sessions at Tadcaster pool and so the children in Team Saturn and Team Neptune will get the opportunity to start up these sessions again this academic year. We will share more details nearer the time but are able to confirm that Years 3 and 4 (Team Saturn) will be swimming in the Spring term and Years 5 and 6 (Team Neptune) will be swimming in the Summer term.



Kingswood Residential - Friday 24th June - Sunday 26th June

Children in Years 4, 5 and 6 will be given the opportunity to take part in our annual Kingswood residential at Peak Venture, Sheffield. It is great to be able to plan trips again and we are sure that the children will love this opportunity. If your child is keen to take part and they are in Y4, 5 or 6 please look on ParentHub for the information to book your child a place.