

Friday 1st October 2021- Newsletter 4

A message from Miss Towler...

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you so much to those parents who joined Miss Blythe and myself to discuss our school in our Parent Forum on Wednesday evening. We had a really productive meeting, establishing what is going well but also what would make our school even better. We also spent some time discussing the vision for our school and the Parents and Carers that joined us made some valuable suggestions that we will use to help shape the future of TPA. We plan to have another meeting in the near future so look out for details about it in our weekly newsletter. We will also be sharing the focus of our discussions so watch out for the feedback in next week's newsletter.

Have a lovely weekend,
Caroline Towler, Headteacher



Our school attendance this week is:

Our school attendance target is 97%.

This week's whole school attendance is: **94.21%**

Venus Reception: 94.12% Jupiter: 95.17% Top team attendance :)

Saturn: 93.64% Neptune: 94.02%

***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.**



SAFEGUARDING AT TPA

If you are concerned about the safety of a child at Tadcaster Primary Academy, please contact our Designated Safeguarding Lead, Caroline Towler or the Designated Safeguarding Governor who is Kerry Lee, via the School Office on admin.tad@ebor.academy.

If your concern is urgent and out of school hours, please contact: MAST on 01609 780 780

Our school is proud to say that we take the safety and welfare of all of our children in our community seriously. We continue to want to work in partnership with all parents and carers to support you with this.



Caroline Towler
Designated Safeguarding Lead



Kerry Lee
Designated Safeguarding Governor

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 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 by coming along to our meeting at 5pm. Sign up details on the next page.
Tuesday 5th October	Yorkshire Cricket After School Club - Key Stage One and Two Cricket club 3.30pm to 4.30pm. Only for those children who have been signed up on the Google Form. Please note if you have signed your child up to this club you will receive confirmation of their place via ParentHub.
Thursday 7th October	Individual class photo day 📷 Census Day lunch - An opportunity for all children in Reception, Year One and Two to have a school dinner as part of our school meal taster day. Hot dogs 🌭 and wedges 🍟 are on the menu! Yum!
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 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 shortly.
Friday 22nd October	Halloween Lunch - more details to follow soon 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 - Whole school Festival of light learning theme Bonfire themed school lunch - More details to follow.
Thursday 11th November	Remembrance Day - We will be welcoming Rev Lucy Brencher from St Mary's Church into school for our Remembrance Day assembly.
Friday 12th November	Children in Need - together we can change young people's lives. We will be raising money for a good cause. More details to follow.
Monday 16th November - Friday 19th November	Anti-bullying week - Anti-Bullying Week will take place from 15th to 19th November 2021 and it has the theme One Kind Word. The week will begin with Odd Socks Day and your children are encouraged to come to school wearing odd socks on Monday 16th November.
Friday 19th November	Training Day - School closed to children

Early Reading and Phonics Meeting - Monday 4th October at 5pm with Miss Towler, Mr Ramzan and Miss Blythe

We will be holding our introduction to Phonics Meeting on Monday 4th October in school at 5pm. Parents and Carers in Reception, Y1 and Y2, please remember to book your place on the Google Form link that is shared here and that was shared on ParentHub earlier this week. This will be a great opportunity to see phonics in action and to learn the terminology we will be using with your children:
<https://forms.gle/GPDU4BtX3zDcng8s9>



Congratulations to our new School Council

Last week we held a ballot so that the children could elect new School Councillors. We were very proud of how well they tackled their first challenge - managing and listening to over 20 children in their class teams discussing their choice of playtime activities. The children had some great ideas and the School Council fed these back to the rest of the school brilliantly.



Yorkshire Schools Dance Festival

We are pleased to announce that Team Saturn are being given a very exciting opportunity to take part in Yorkshire Schools Dance Festival - The Power of Together which is a celebration of young people's dance. This is a fantastic event which is being staged across two weekends and is presented annually at the University of York. It will involve around 1200 young dancers from 58 schools/groups, performing to an audience of over 2500. The dancers that will take part will range from 4 to 19 years of age. Our Year 3/4 pupils will take part in a performance which they will spend the next few weeks practising every week. The children are also lucky enough to have the opportunity to work with York Dance Space to choreograph the routine and lead rehearsals. Some of our families may remember a previous time that school worked with YDS, when the children in our current Year 6 performed their Mr Big piece at the theatre in York.



Drop off and collection arrangements from Monday

Please don't forget that from Monday the children will be dropped off and collected at their classroom doors rather than at the school gates. This will be great to have everyone back together on the playground again. Please can we ask that in the morning when the children line up outside the classroom door, that parents leave them to do this without standing too close.

At the end of the day please could parents come through the school gate and then line up near the classroom door to collect your child. The children will not be released until an adult comes to collect them. If it is a different arrangement to normal (not parents and carers picking up) please let the teachers know the arrangements or contact the school office.

Thank you.



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



#HelloYellow

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