

Friday 15th October 2021 - Newsletter 6

## A message from Miss Towler...

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week we welcomed our Ebor Peer Review Team into school. We were really pleased with the outcomes of the visit and the children and staff team were fantastic.

I will share more about the process and the feedback next week. The visitors shared that the children were wonderful and that our school really is lovely. We certainly would agree! Thank you to those parents that gave up their time to share how they feel the school is doing. I know the team was impressed with your positive feedback!

Have a lovely weekend, Caroline Towler, Headteacher



## Don't forget to book! Friday 22nd October - Halloween Lunch



**THE FOOD EXPLORERS**

**HALLOWEEN SPECIAL**  
**22<sup>nd</sup> October 2021**

**Creepy Cheese and Tomato  
Pizza**  
**Casket Chips**  
**Spooky Sweetcorn**  
**Vampire Vegetable sticks**  
**Bat Butter Icing Cup Cakes**

**We hope you can join us...**

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 **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)

## PLEASE BOOK: Early Reading and Phonics Meeting for Parents and Carers of Y1/2 pupils - Tuesday 19th October at 5pm with Mr Ramzan

We will be holding our introduction to Phonics Meeting on Tuesday 19th October in school at 5pm. Parents and Carers in Y1 and Y2, please remember to book your place on the Google Form link that is shared here. 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/NM9JN2XubDVWP4sB6>



## Our school attendance this week is:

Our school attendance target is 97%.

This week's whole school attendance is: **94.5%**

**Venus Reception: 91.02%** **Jupiter: 98.5%** **Top team attendance :)**

**Saturn: 94.17%** **Neptune: 93.98%**

\*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.



## Years 1-6 Harvest Festival at St Mary's Church - Thursday 21st October

This week we sent tickets for the Harvest Festival which will be held next week. This week we sent out tickets with your child for our Harvest Festival. This year's Harvest Festival will be held at **St Mary's Church on Thursday 21st October at 2pm.**

We are really looking forward to coming together to celebrate the Harvest as one big TPA family. So we can get an idea of how many parents and carers will be joining us next Thursday, please can we ask that you complete the form link below.



<https://forms.gle/1uhAuLQnwupkNHff6>

Please note that we are unable to give out additional tickets and that each child has been given one ticket which will admit two adults. Parents and carers are welcome to wear a mask at the Harvest Festival if they should wish to.

The Harvest Festival will start at 2pm and we ask that parents and carers arrive at the church **no earlier** than 1.45pm. We will walk the children back to school at the end of the Harvest Festival where they can be collected from their classrooms. We can't wait!!

## Is your child an aspiring young artist? Enter the competition below - your child could win an amazing trip to the Houses of Parliament!

Our Find Your Balance: A day in my digital life art competition, in partnership with Google, is asking children to draw a picture showing how they find a healthy balance in their online and offline lives.

We are looking for a colourful and creative picture that shows how your child makes sure the internet works for them. It could also reflect how you share - and balance - your digital lives at home.

The top 50 entries will be displayed in the Houses of Parliament in London - and the winners will be invited to attend an event in Westminster to see their artwork on display. Two national winners (one aged 5-7, one aged 8-11) will have their trip to London paid for (please see the terms and conditions for full details). Check out the information below.

<https://parentzone.org.uk/findyourbalance>

## Our vision and values

We have been exploring what we want for our school in the future and in our Parent Forum we asked parents to share which values they thought were important for our school. We had some great ideas and it was a really productive discussion.



Please see below to see what parents and carers shared was important to them:

**Respect and Kindness** - parents felt it was important for their child to be taught kindness/respect as one of our values of the school.

**Brave/Courageous** - One parent felt these were good values to teach the children to take safe risks, explore and to put themselves out there to reach their goals.

Some parents felt the word 'achieve' makes them think of children who are good at academic subjects and 'score well in a test' and would prefer an alternative word choice.

**Curiosity** - this was mentioned as being important to parents as they felt it was important to be curious to help children become lifelong learners.

**Resilience** was important to parents as they felt children needed to be able to take on challenges and be able to use their voice to articulate their feelings and emotions.



## Encouraging our children to have aspirations to become scientists and engineers



Tadcaster Primary Academy were delighted to have Adam Mattison, Mechanical Assembly Team Leader and Ben and Sam from MPAC Lambert in Tadcaster come to talk about STEM and engineering careers. They kindly gave us a robot to use in our lessons which the children were really impressed with and are looking forward to using it. Three children were given the chance to have a go at using it in today's assembly which was great to see.



We are keen to inspire our pupils to believe that they can be anything they want to be and many of our children will have been inspired to be engineers after this week's assembly.

## UPDATED: 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 18th October - Friday 22nd October	<b>Black History Week</b> - we will be learning all about significant individuals who have made an impact on Britain and the wider world.
Tuesday 19th October	<b>Yorkshire Cricket After School Club (final session)</b> - 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.
	<b>Early Reading and Phonics meetings for Parents and Carers in Year One and Two</b> - 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.
	<b>TPAC Tea and biscuits get together</b> - Please join TPAC, our PTA (Parent/Teacher Association) to find out more about how you can help raise funds for our school to increase the children's experiences in school. Please click on the link below to book your place: <a href="https://forms.gle/hrrhEdHUGBVLcTaL6">https://forms.gle/hrrhEdHUGBVLcTaL6</a>
Thursday 21st October	<b>Cross Country Event</b> - A group of children from Key Stage Two will take part in this sports competition held at Riverside Primary School. <b>CANCELLED BY ORGANISERS</b>
	<b>Harvest Festival</b> - please try to send your child in with a donation of non perishable food to be shared between The Salvation Army and Selby Food Bank (throughout the week of Monday 18th October). Please then join us at St Mary's Church, Tadcaster ready for a 2pm start. We will come together for Harvest songs and celebrations. Two tickets per child.
Friday 22nd October	<b>Halloween Lunch - CHANGE IN MENU</b> Cheese and tomato pizza, with wedges, salad sticks and spider cup cake <b>Break up for October half term.</b> Return to school on Monday 1st November.
Tuesday 2nd November and Wednesday 3rd November	<b>Parents Evening Appointments</b> - We plan to have these as face to face meetings - more on this next week
Friday 5th November	<b>Diwali</b> - Whole school Festival of light learning theme <b>Bonfire themed school lunch</b> - More details to follow.
Thursday 11th November	<b>Remembrance Day</b> - We will be welcoming Rev Lucy Brencher from St Mary's Church into school for our Remembrance Day assembly.
Friday 12th November	<b>Children in Need</b> - together we can change young people's lives. We will be raising money for a good cause. More details to follow.
Monday 15th November - Friday 19th November	<b>Anti-bullying week</b> - Anti-Bullying Week will take place from 15th to 19th November 2021 and it has the theme <b>One Kind Word</b> . The week will begin with <b>Odd Socks Day</b> and your children are encouraged to come to school wearing odd socks on Monday 15th November.
Friday 19th November	<b>Training Day</b> - School closed to children

