

Friday 22nd October 2021 - Newsletter 7

## A message from Miss Towler...

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have certainly enjoyed our final week of this half term with a great celebration in church for our Harvest Festival. Thank you to all the Parents and Carers who were able to join us on Thursday. The children did themselves proud walking down to St Mary's Church and performing with enthusiasm. It has been nearly two years since we last got together in the Church to sing and perform to loved ones. What a special moment it was for the children in Key Stage one and Two to be able to do this again. There was a lot of lovely praise from families and from St Mary's Church (see above). I hope that you have a lovely half term and we look forward to seeing you and your children back in school on Monday 1st November.

Have a lovely week, Caroline Towler, Headteacher

*'What an absolute delight the children from @TadPrimaryAcad are with harvest readings, poems and singing, and so polite. Anyone else got conkers stuck in their head?'*  
St Mary's Church

## Thank you TPAC!

This week we had our first TPAC (our school Parent Teacher's Association) meeting. Thank you for those that came along. We held our AGM vote and I am pleased to share that Kerry Hodsdon will be our new Chair, Caroline Wilson Jennings will remain as treasurer and Dawn Watson will be our new Secretary. We have also introduced a new role Head of Communication which Rachel Hughes has taken on.



Today your child will be coming home with a little Halloween gift which I am sure they will appreciate. This is a special gift for all our children and has been paid for by the fundraising carried out over previous years. There were lots of great ideas for how we could offer fun opportunities for the children to enjoy and for us to raise funds for school which would improve our school to benefit the pupils. There is still space for those families that were busy on Tuesday evening so please let us know if you are keen to make a difference to our school.



**Our school attendance this half term is: 94.85%**

**Our school attendance target is 97%.**

**This term's whole school attendance is:**

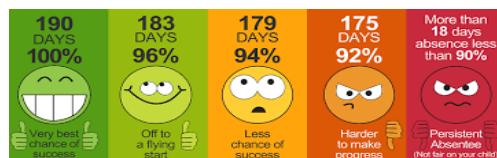
**Venus Reception: 97.87% Top team attendance :) Jupiter: 97.79%**

**Saturn: 92.29% Neptune: 93.21%**

**This week's whole school attendance is: 92.51%**

**Venus Reception: 97.44% Jupiter: 98% Top team attendance :)**

**Saturn: 86.09% Neptune: 91%**



**\*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.**

## Goodbye and Good Luck Mrs Griffin

We are sad to share the news that Mrs Griffin in the school office will be moving onto pastures new after half term. We wish her lots of luck in her new role and know we will miss her lots. Mrs Griffin has had a big impact on improving our school environment - she has had a real influence on improving the outdoor play and in developing our Pond and Beyond area. Thank you and good luck!

After half term we will welcome Mrs Barnham to our school team. She will take on the School Business Partner and School Receptionist Administrator role.




## Celebrating the Harvest Festival at St Mary's Church



Thank you for all your generous donations. These will be shared with Tadcaster Salvation Army and Selby Foodbank.



Happy half-term!

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



## 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?
Tuesday 2nd November and Wednesday 3rd November	<b>Parents Evening Appointments</b> - Your child should have brought home an appointment slip with the time you are available.
Wednesday 3rd November	<b>Key Stage Two Music and Art After School Club (Session One)</b> - Please sign up your child for Music and Art Club (see ParentHub message)
Friday 5th November	<b>Fire Service visit to EYFS and Fire Safety assembly with children in KS1 and KS2.</b>
	<b>Diwali</b> - Whole school Festival of light learning theme
	<b>Bonfire themed school lunch</b> - Thursday and Friday meals will swap this week. Hot dog, peas and chips & bonfire firework cupcake.
Wednesday 10th November	<b>Key Stage Two Music and Art After School Club (Session Two)</b>
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. Children will be asked to bring a donation to contribute to CiN. We will also be holding a cake stall - please send your child in with cakes and buns if you are able to.
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.
Wednesday 17th November	<b>Key Stage Two Music and Art After School Club (Session Three)</b>
Friday 19th November	<b>Training Day</b> - School closed to children
Saturday 20th November	<b>York Dance Festival</b> for children in Team Saturn (Y3/4) Children to meet at school at 7.30am. Information shared with Y3/4 families
Sunday 28th November	<b>Tadcaster Christmas Market</b> - KS2 Choir to perform



### Black History Week

It has been a great week learning more about significant individuals who have shaped our world. The children have explored lots of relevant texts which celebrate people from the black community. See what your children have learnt this week and what texts they have been reading.

