

# Tadcaster PRIMARY ACADEMY Newsletter

#### Friday 26th November 2021 - Newsletter 10

#### A message from Miss Towler...

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a week we had last week! We spent lots of our time reflecting on Anti-Bullying and the importance of spreading the message of One Kind Word. We wore odd socks, at the beginning of the week, to celebrate that we are all unique and that it is good to be different. By the end of the

week we were wearing spots and Pudsey ears to help raise lots of money for Children in Need. I was blown away with the contributions we had from so many families (both in cake and monetary form)! Well done everyone, as we raised £132.01 (and a Euro!) towards this very good cause. Please see the pictures over the page...

My week was very much topped off with a wonderful proud moment as Team Saturn danced their socks off at the Yorkshire Schools Dance Festival themed around the Power of Together. It is during times like these, that we reflect on how far we have come since the challenges of Covid that prevented us from doing the things we really love in school. From the Harvest Festival in St Mary's Church, to last weekend's dance festival and this Sunday's Christmas market, we really are making the most of being together.

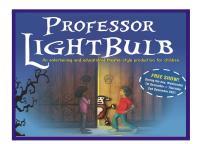
Have a lovely weekend with your family, Caroline Towler, Headteacher

## Team Neptune – Professor Lightbulb

Team Neptune have a fantastic opportunity to watch a special production by the brains behind Chimp Management, next week. Families may remember that during the last academic year we had a session led by Kimberley from Chimp Management, who talked about the science behind the brain's decision making processes. This all links in brilliantly with the work we do to ensure we support our children to consider our feelings and reflect on the choices we make.

Next Wednesday, Team Neptune will attend a special production at Hob Moor Primary called 'Professor Lightbulb'.

We are sure it will be a great opportunity for the children in Y5/6.



# Join us at Tad Christmas Market

This Sunday at 1pm our school choir will be representing TPA at the Christmas market. Our Key Stage Two, after school Music Club, have been rehearsing for this special event. Please come down and join us at 'The Ark' in Tadcaster where we will be singing our hearts out to some Christmas tunes and classics such as 'Away in a Manger' and our school song, 'We are Back'.

You will also see our school featuring in the Christmas Tree competition, at the market as well. Big thanks to

Mrs Bairstow for organising this and ensuring that the children in EYFS and KS1 could contribute their festive baubles that they designed so thoughtfully.



This is all great publicity

for our wonderful school which we love singing about...quite literally!

More details about the market are here: <u>Tadcaster Christmas Market</u>



	s mean that dates need amending.
Dates	What's happening at TPA?
Sunday 28th November	Tadcaster Christmas Market - KS2 Choir to perform outside at The Ark, Tadcaster.
Wednesday 1st Dec	<b>Team Neptune - Chimp Management Production at Hob Moor Primary -</b> More details shared via ParentHub and letter. Please ensure you complete the reply slip.
	Key Stage Two Music and Art After School Clubs (Session Five)
Thursday 9th December	<b>TPAC: Christmas Movie Night (Years 1-6)</b> Games at 5pm and Polar Express movie time at 5.45pm, letter shared today.
Friday 10th December	<b>Christmas Jumper Day</b> – your child can come to school wearing their own choice of Christmas jumper or just a bright and cheerful one with perhaps some added tinsel. Donate a £1 coin or anything you can afford and raise money for a great cause: Save the Children.
	<b>Christmas Dinner</b> - there will be a change to the advertised meal choice and the children will be given the opportunity to enjoy turkey and all the trimmings! Please ensure you book your meal choice in good time to help the kitchen prepare.
Tuesday 14th December	Early Years Christmas Extravaganza for parents and carers (school hall) 2pm - More details to follow.
Wednesday 15th December	Christmas performance in St Mary's Church, Tadcaster (Y1-6) 2pm - More details to follow.
Friday 17th December	Visit from Father Christmas - More details to follow.
	Christmas Sing Around the Tree at 2pm - More details to follow.
	Break up for the Christmas holiday

### Children in Need

Huge thanks for helping us raise £132.01 for this great cause. Thank you for all the cake donations. They went down a

real treat! :)









## Christmas Jumper Day – Friday 10th December



Don't forget to wear your Christmas jumpers (or brightly coloured ones) to help us raise money for Save the Children. Bring in a few spare coins to

give to this great cause.



# Our school attendance this week is: 96.45%

Our school attendance target is 97%.

This week's whole school attendance is:

Venus Reception:98.75% Top team attendance :) Jupiter: 98% Saturn:92.98% Neptune:96.9%



\*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.

**Team Saturn Rock Yorkshire Schools Dance Festival** On Saturday 20th November, Team Saturn performed alongside other dance groups at the University of York's Central Hall building for Yorkshire Schools Dance Festival. After many weeks of rehearsing, it was fantastic to finally showcase our dance medley in front of parents and carers. The theme for the performance was 'The Power of Together' and with the help of Hannah from York Dance Space, the children captured this beautifully in their poignant performance. Mr P enjoyed choosing the songs that worked so well with the theme, such as 'Come Together' and 'You've Got the Love'.



Throughout the day, the children rehearsed their own performance and attended several workshops with professional dance teachers. All in all, it proved a memorable experience for our children who were privileged to be chosen to be part of the finale, leading the dancing which our families got stuck into as well! Thank you to the parents and carers who spent their Saturday afternoon with us being wowed by Team Saturn's and other performers' routines. Take a look at Twitter to see some of the videos and photographs of Team Saturn's performance: <u>Yorkshire Schools Dance Festival</u>









A snapshot of our week!













