

Friday 17th December 2021 - Newsletter 13

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

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a fantastic term we have had! It has been wonderful to see the children mixing together as one big school family on the playground, at dinner time and in assemblies. We really had missed the fact that we had not been together as one group for such a big part of the last couple of years.



There have been many highlights throughout the Autumn term that are all down to the amazing staff team who work incredibly hard at TPA. Team Saturn loved taking part in the Yorkshire Schools' Dance festival. Music Club's performance at Tadcaster Christmas market was fantastic. Team Venus' Nativity was a big success and Key Stage One and Two's wonderful performance of 'It's Christmas' at St Mary's Church had rave reviews. It certainly has been a term of performances. Team Neptune loved learning about their inner chimp at the Chimp Management production of Professor Lightbulb in York and Team Saturn enjoyed their visit to Tadcaster library last week. Team Venus and Jupiter were whizzes in their balance bike training sessions and we are busy getting ready for this to start up after our Christmas break. We have enjoyed visits from our local NY policing team, Tadcaster Fire Station, Reverend Lucy from St Mary's Church and the engineers (and their robot friend!) from MPAC Lambert in Tadcaster.

Team Venus have settled in brilliantly to school life this term and have picked up school routines so quickly! It has been lovely to see them playing with the rest of the school on the big playground. They have had a fantastic dress up day to help them think about people who help us and have loved their weekly sessions in Pond and Beyond.

We have adopted a new whole school phonics programme, welcoming parents of children from Early Years and Key Stage One into school to look at how we teach phonics. Well done to the staff team for getting their heads around a whole new programme at the start of term and for making phonics lessons so fun and engaging.

We have loved our whole school Time Travellers topic which has been a great success. Team Jupiter have enjoyed learning about Guy Fawkes and the Gunpowder plot, Team Saturn have really enjoyed the Swinging Sixties topic and Team Neptune whizzed all the way back in time to learn about the ancient Maya civilisation.

Our TPAC team have made fabulous contributions to school life by organising our Christmas Movie and Games Evening, Team Venus' Dazzling Darren Magic Show, putting together some fantastic raffle prizes and organising a visit from Santa after creating an amazing grotto all to raise money for the school! Huge thanks to them.

Thank you for all your support this term. Your enthusiasm and positivity is very much appreciated.

From everyone in Team TPA we wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! We will see you back in school on Tuesday 4th January 2022!

Best wishes,  
Caroline Towler,  
Headteacher



## Twitter at TPA

Please click on the link below to see if your child is appearing on Twitter right now!

[Tadcaster Primary Academy](#) 🌈 (@TadPrimaryAcad)

## Safeguarding everyone in our school community

At Tadcaster Primary Academy we work together to support the whole community. We stand against racism and will not tolerate any behaviour which is offensive towards children or adults within the school gates or beyond. If you ever experience or witness racism or any other form of abuse on the school grounds please do not hesitate to contact Caroline Towler (Safeguarding Lead) or if outside of school call 101 and ask for the local neighbourhood policing team.

**SAY  
NO TO  
RACISM**

#Togetherwewillstampoutracism

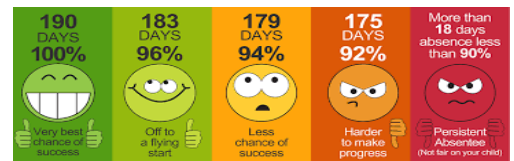
**Our school attendance this week is: 94.59%**

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

**This week's whole school attendance is: Venus Reception:**

**99.37% Top team attendance :)**

**Jupiter: 93.50% Saturn: 94.78% Neptune: 92.31%**



**Our school attendance this half term is: 96.11%**

**This half term's whole school attendance is: Venus Reception: 97.01%**

**Jupiter: 97.65% Top team attendance :) Saturn: 96.47% Neptune: 94.05%**

**\*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.**

## 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 4th January    | Return to school for all.  |
| Tuesday 11th January   | Dance Club for KS1 and KS2 - We have received lots of interest in this club so we will be in touch with those children that have secured a place.                  |
| Wednesday 12th January | First swimming session for Team Saturn (pm) See letter that was shared last week. Please remember to make payment on ParentPay and to turn in the permission slip. |
|                        | KS1 Music Club with Mrs Oldfield<br>KS2 Art Club with Mrs Brooke<br>Please see information that has been shared last week. .                                       |
| Thursday 13th January  | Drama Club for KS2 - please see information that was shared last week.   |

**More dates for the diary will be added next term!**

## Extra curricular clubs for next half term



We are really pleased that so many families have signed up for extra curricular clubs for next half term. The response to the Music, Art, Dance and Drama extra curricular clubs has been fantastic. Please note that booking has now closed for these clubs. **We have gone beyond our maximum numbers for our dance club and so we will let all families know if their child has a place in the first week back after Christmas.**

For drama, music and art club we will be able to accommodate all those who booked up to last Wednesday's deadline.

**Please note: Clubs start in the second week of term, week commencing 10.1.21.**



### ELFy Selfie!!



Healthy Selfies are back but this time with a little cheeky twist! It would be great to see a picture of how you are keeping healthy and active over the festive period. If you want to add in to the photo a cheeky elf then please do. This can be anything from walking with your family, playing for your local community club, trampolining, rollerblading, building a snowman (hopefully!) or playing football in your garden.

Please tweet our school a photo and a quick explanation of what you have been doing and help spread the festive cheer!

Example:

@TadPrimaryAcad All the family going for a festive bike ride even with our little elf #healthyselfie

If you are unsure of how to use twitter on a computer/laptop or mobile device please follow this step by step guide -

<https://www.wikihow.com/Make-a-Twitter-Account>

Mr Jeff

