

Friday 18th February 2022- Newsletter 19

Half term Bumper issue!

A message from Miss Towler...

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a fab week and we have really enjoyed celebrating our 'Beautifully different, wonderfully the same' learn through week. We loved welcoming Gaspard Zamble into school and he had a wonderful impact on the children's understanding of the wider world as he shared all about his West African heritage. My highlight has to be Monday's final 'dance off' where the children got to show off what they had learnt in their dance sessions. Even the staff got stuck in with the dance, performing in front of the children! Oh dear!

Have a lovely half term and see you back at school on Monday 28th February.

Caroline Towler, Headteacher



Next term's extra curricular clubs



It has been great to have a bit more normality this term and to have children in extra curricular enrichment clubs after school.

Please note this week's clubs were the final for this half term. We will start new clubs next term which will run from the week beginning 7.3.22. We are pleased to share that we have been able to organise

for Hannah from York Dance Space to continue running a dance club next term as well. Please complete the Google Form link below if your child would like to take part in any of the clubs shared below: <https://forms.gle/tGH6nUUCRCZYQS1p8>

Monday - Year 6 Booster Club (by invitation) with Mr Sands 3.30pm - 4.15pm

Tuesday - Key Stage One and Two Dance Club with Hannah from York Dance Space (limited numbers) 3.30pm - 4.30pm

Wednesday - Key Stage One Art Club with Mrs Brooke and Key Stage Two Music Club with Mrs Oldfield 3.30pm - 4.30pm

Thursday - Key Stage Two Drama Club with different teachers 3.30pm - 4.30pm



Our school attendance this week is: 96.12%

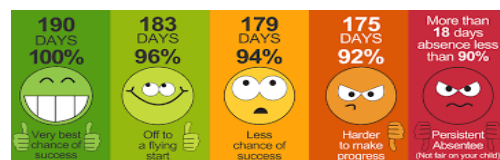
Our school attendance target is 97%.

Top team attendance is: Saturn: 96.96% Jupiter: 88.5%

Venus Reception: 98.12% Neptune: 100%

*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.



Rescheduled - Key Stage One and Two Disco

As you will know, our Valentine's Disco unfortunately had to be rescheduled this term. Our TPAC volunteers have got together to reschedule the disco and have shared the new date of Thursday 24th March 5pm - 7pm. If you have already paid for tickets we will just require you to complete a new form so we can confirm who will be collecting your child.



Farewell Mrs Barnham

Mrs Barnham, in the school office, will be sadly leaving us today as she has secured a position at a High School in Harrogate, Mrs Barnham's previous experience had included being a SENCO and so she will be going on to carry out this role in her new school. We have loved having her as part of our team and shall miss her lots. We wish her all the luck in this new post.

UPDATED: Dates for your diary for the coming weeks

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 28th February	Return to school to celebrate World Book Week! Extra Curricular Y6 Booster Club 3.30pm - 4.15pm
Tuesday 1st March	Team Venus and Team Jupiter meet an author ~ Jackie Docherty Team Saturn Swimming Session at Tadcaster Swimming Pool Final York Dance Space Dance session in PE for Team Neptune and Team Jupiter
Thursday 3rd March	World Book Day - Dress up as a character from your favourite book!
Tuesday 8th March	Extra Curricular KS1 and KS2 Dance Club with Hannah from YDS
Wednesday 9th March	Extra Curricular KS1 Art Club with Mrs Brooke 3.30pm - 4.30pm Extra Curricular KS2 Music Club with Mrs Oldfield 3.30pm - 4.30pm
Thursday 10th March	Extra Curricular KS2 Drama Club 3.30pm - 4.30pm
Friday 11th March	Training Day - school closed to pupils
Friday 18th March	Comic Relief
Thursday 24th March	Rescheduled: Key Stage One and Two Disco 5pm - 7pm
Friday 8th April	Break up for Easter Holidays
Monday 25th April	Return to school
Monday 9th May - Friday 13th May	Y6 SATs week - Please do not arrange appointments or holidays during this week for any Y6 pupils.

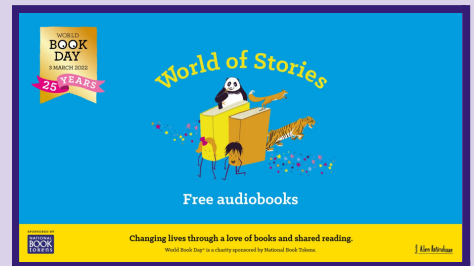


Children who are read to daily, hear 1.4 million words more than children who are not read to.



#Getcaughtreading

The people behind World Book Day have got 22 fantastic audiobooks for all readers to listen to on our World of Stories page, perfect for families to enjoy together! Click on the link below to find out more: <https://www.worldbookday.com/world-of-stories/>



World Book Day Plans - Stepping into a world of stories



When we return to school after half term we will be celebrating World Book week and we simply can't wait! On Thursday 3rd March we will be encouraging the children to dress up as their favourite story or comic book character. We will also be inviting authors into school to encourage the children to learn more about the power of writing and the amazing worlds that books help us explore. We will be setting the children a challenge to create a story box out of a matchbox. Please can you share any spare empty

matchboxes you have (ideally large size boxes).



Pupil Voice - Part Two

We asked a group of children in Team Neptune and Saturn what they thought about our school. Here is some of their feedback:

How would you describe our school to a stranger?

'Good', 'We accept everyone', 'We do fun things', 'Caring', 'Helpful', 'Our school is good because we don't tolerate racism, we don't judge people because of their skin colour, culture or religion'.

Do you feel safe in school?

-All children gave a resounding 'Yes'. We have a very loud fire alarm', 'Our gates keep people out of school', 'I feel safe, I know the teachers will keep us safe', 'Miss Towler says her number one job is to keep us safe'.

What difference does your PHSCE (Personal Health Social, Citizenship, Economic) education/RSE curriculum make to how you feel in your classroom?

'It makes us feel better and keep good mental health', 'It helps us deal with the big feelings.' 'We learn about things like LGBTQ people', 'Miss Bell runs our PSHE lessons. When Miss Bell comes everyone is so happy.'

If you felt you had experienced bullying or some kind of discrimination what would you do about that?

'I don't think I have ever experienced bullying, but if I did I would tell the teachers. 'I would tell my Parents and teachers and they would deal with it.' 'I know that if this happened in the past Miss Towler has always sorted things.'





HALF TERM HOLIDAY CLUB

We are excited to announce that we will be back with our half term holiday club for the February half term. The club is open to ages 6 and upwards.

The club will run from Monday 21st February to Friday 25th February

Children will have lots and fun and be able to take part in numerous activities based around Arts, Sports and Education.

There are 2 sessions per day and each session costs *£10.00 per Session times are as follows

AM = 9.00 - 12.30

PM = 13.00 - 17.00

We realise that this is a price increase from our previous clubs, this is due to us not being subsidised by any grants on this occasion. For our Easter and Summer Clubs we will hopefully be able to offer a reduced rate again.

Snacks and drinks will be provided but children must bring their own lunch.

To book a place on the Holiday Club please go to www.tadcasterbarn.co.uk

All staff working at the club are DBS checked and First Aid trained. Tadcaster Barn is a Covid secure environment and we are fully risk assessed and insured.

If you have any questions please get in touch with kirsty@tadcasterandrural.co.uk or call 01937 830524



photos courtesy of David Lindsay

***discounted rate available for FSD**