

Friday 25th March 2022- Newsletter 22

A message from Miss Towler...

Dear Parents and Carers,

A huge thank you to TPAC who have had a very busy week in school. On Tuesday night we had our monthly meeting where we review what we are offering the children and also how we can raise money for the children to have great experiences in school and out. On Wednesday morning they joined us in school to sell Mothers Day gifts and on Thursday night they gave up their evening to support our school disco for Key Stage One and Two. These opportunities wouldn't be available if it wasn't for the generosity of TPAC who give up their time and so a big thank you to them for the shopping trips, organising the DJ, wrapping gifts and much much more! It is very much appreciated. The disco was a great big success and the children had a lovely evening.

Have a lovely weekend,

Caroline Towler, Headteacher



Our school attendance this week is: 97.38% :)

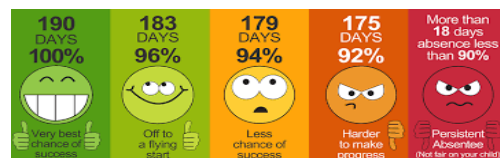
Our school attendance target is 97%.

Top team attendance is: Saturn: 98.93%

Venus Reception: 97.06%

Jupiter: 98.54% Neptune: 94.84%

***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.**



Easter Picnic - 8.4.22 - Book on Parentpay

HALF CHEESE SANDWICH

SAUSAGE ROLL & CHICKEN NUGGET

CRISPS

VEG STICKS

EASTER BAKE



Please note this is a change to the menu and so this will be the offer for all children who choose a school meal on the last day of term (8.4.22). The meal choice will not be the hot meal recorded on Parentpay.

UPDATED: Dates for your diary for the coming weeks

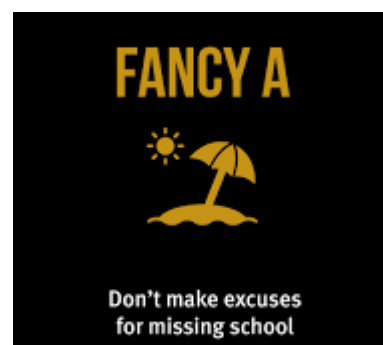
Please see dates for this term's diary. We will always try to give you as much notice as possible if circumstances mean that dates need amending.



Dates	What's happening at TPA?
Monday 28th March	After school Booster Club for Y6 - please collect your child from the front of school
Tuesday 29th March	Team Saturn Swimming Session at Tadcaster Swimming Pool
	Extra Curricular KS1 and KS2 Dance Club with Hannah from YDS 3.30pm - 4.30pm
Wednesday 30th 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 31st March	Extra Curricular KS2 Drama Club 3.30pm - 4.30pm
Friday 8th April	Easter Picnic school dinner option (see information in this newsletter)
	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.
May 16th May - Fri 27th May	Y2 SAT's will be held throughout May - Please do not arrange appointments or holidays for Y2 pupils.
Monday 6th June	New date: Children not in school due to Queen's Jubilee this year

Attendance reminder - please do not book term time holidays

Just a reminder that term time holidays should not be booked. After the periods of school closures over the last two academic years it is essential that children do not miss out on any learning time. Holidays will not be authorised and if your child's attendance drops to 90% Parents and Carers will be required to come into school for meetings to review attendance. This is a statutory requirement for all schools. Thank you for your support with this.



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)

Parent Voice - Tadcaster Primary Academy - Spring 2022.

What are we doing well?	What could we look at further?
'Children love coming to school'	Direct phone line to Nursery. <i>We do not have a receptionist within our Early Years team and as staff are teaching it is not possible for them to have external phone calls coming through during the day. Messages from the school office are passed onto the team and dealt with accordingly. Parents can communicate before and after school starts.</i>
'It has been fantastic to see the after school activities offered to the children improve. They have loved taking part in Music, Art and Drama. Such a lovely school with a close knit, family feel.'	It would be nice to be able to see 'Ready for Reading' return in Team Jupiter and for them to have the opportunity for 'Show and Tell' again. <i>Covid has prevented this from happening but the plan is to restart this in the next couple of months.</i>
'All staff are lovely and caring, always willing to take five minutes to chat about anything even if it is not a concern.'	After school and before school wrap around care provision. <i>This has to be financially viable for school to run as at least two staff would need to be paid to work on a daily basis before and after school. We aim to look at this in the near future but would need a minimum daily number of children to make this work. As we have found some of our after school clubs have had low numbers this is something that would need to be carefully considered.</i>
'We really do enjoy coming to this school. My child is settled and happy, making friends and speaks highly of her teachers, and I find everyone so friendly.'	Further guidance on how to support maths development (calculation strategies/ school progression) would be good. <i>This will be coming soon.</i>
'Communication is good.'	Longer nursery hours. <i>We are currently looking at this to see if we could offer full days. We will be in touch with families this term time to consider this further.</i>
'We are extremely pleased with the level of education and personal support my child receives at school. She is very happy here. I'd especially like to commend Miss Bell on her pastoral care work, she is extremely supportive and understanding of the children's needs.'	Worry that check ins might be intrusive. <i>Children start the day sharing how they are feeling so that if there are any worries these can be alleviated before learning starts. Children do not have to share any worries in front of others if they don't want to.</i>

<p>'I am so glad my children attend Tadcaster Primary Academy. The common sense approach to the pandemic over the last two years has shown that not only do they have my children's educational needs at the forefront but also their emotional wellbeing is a priority. I am sometimes surprised what I hear from other families who do not attend Tadcaster Primary Academy and in my opinion you have had the best approach. The morning check ins have proved to be very important and I think it's a great way for the children to be aware of other people's feelings. My child clearly feels safe to be able to talk about any worries/ problems and this has been shared with us and enabled us to support them at home and in the wider community. The after school clubs have been great this year. Both my children were surprised how much they liked dance. <i>My child</i> really enjoyed cricket too. Thank you for everything you all do to make such a wonderful school.'</p>	<p>The gate opening times- <i>Two parents asked about the time the gate is opened. The staff team always aim to be at the school gates for 8.40am. We will look again at the time school opens as this is no longer required to be quite as early. You will remember that this was put in place to avoid so many people coming to school at once because of the pandemic. Our aim is to return to the normal 8.50am start time in the coming months and the gate will then be opened from 8.45am. We will keep parents informed of our plans.</i></p>
<p>'<i>My child</i> loves coming to school each day. The staff are so supportive and were fantastic through the lockdowns and the return to proper school life. The pandemic and lockdowns were made a lot easier to get through with kids thanks to your support. Keep doing what you do!'</p>	<p>Clubs for younger children. <i>Our clubs currently run for children in Y1 through to Y6 but we will look at how the clubs that run could work if they were opened to Reception pupils.</i></p>
<p>'Very happy overall.'</p>	<p>Outside railings for Early Years. <i>This was unclear where abouts this was referring to.</i></p>
<p>'The school is wonderful. <i>My child</i> settled into reception really easily and loves coming to school every day. She is doing really well and learning so much. Miss Blythe, Mrs Roche and Mrs James are brilliant. The pastoral care is exceptional and the children seem to thrive on it.'</p>	
<p>'<i>My child</i> has loved his year so far with Mrs Blythe and Mrs Roche.'</p>	

**My child* has been used where child's own name was used

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about PHONE SCAMS

In a three-month period during 2021, no fewer than 45 million people in the UK experienced a suspicious attempt at being contacted via their mobile. Phone scams are a common form of cyber-attack where fraudsters engage directly with their intended victim through their smartphone. As our phones carry so many sensitive (and therefore potentially valuable) details about us, it's vital that trusted adults are alert to the tactics that scammers use to get access to user accounts, personal data and private information for financial gain.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

SMISHING

SMS phishing, or 'smishing' is one of the most common forms of mobile-based cyber-attack. Smishing is when a scammer texts their target, pretending to be a reputable person or organisation. They aim to trick the victim into supplying sensitive data such as bank details and personal information, so that they can then access the target's bank accounts and remove money.

IMPERSONATION

Fraudsters often impersonate someone else to trick the victim into actually transferring money directly. They might claim, for example, to be a friend or relative using a different number who urgently needs funds. Other common cons include sending fake texts informing the target that they have a package which requires a fee to be delivered, or that they have an unpaid bill to settle.

NUMBER SPOOFING

Here, the scammer takes impersonation one step further by cloning the phone number of a genuine company. So when the target receives a call or text, their phone recognises the sender's number as legitimately belonging to Amazon, HMRC, the NHS or the DVLA (who have all been impersonated in these cons). This makes the scam far harder to spot and the victim much more inclined to comply.

FAKE TECH SUPPORT

Attackers contact a target, pretending to work for their employers' IT support team. They then advise them to download some software to fix 'a technical issue' with their device. In reality, however, the software grants the scammers access to the victim's private data and sensitive information. This con is more common on desktop and laptop devices, but is still possible to accomplish on mobiles.

SIM HIJACKING

SIM hijacking switches control of a phone account from the victim's SIM card to one in the scammers' possession. Criminals use personal details pieced together from social media (birthday, address, pet's name and so on) to pose as you, then instruct your phone network to transfer your number to their SIM - giving them access to all calls and texts meant for you, including one-time login passcodes.

Advice for Parents & Carers

DO SOME DIGGING

If you've received a call or text asking for specific information, research the caller's number. There are several websites that allow you to enter a phone number and will then display any relevant information about it - this usually includes feedback and comments from other people, so you can easily see if that particular number has been implicated in potential scams.

TRY A CALL BLOCKER

If a suspicious call comes through on your mobile, you can manually block the number if you believe it to be dubious or a nuisance caller. Alternatively, you could consider installing a call blocker service on your phone. They automatically stop calls getting through from numbers which have been reported as suspicious, halting potential scammers in their tracks before they can reach you.

VERIFY THE SOURCE

Never disclose confidential details to an individual or organisation you're unfamiliar with. If the caller claims to represent a company you trust but is still asking for personal information or payment on an outstanding charge, end the conversation. Then find the company's genuine number on a bill or on their website and call them directly to confirm if there really is an issue you need to address.

BREAK OUT THE TECH

Lots of anti-virus software now also protects mobiles. Some anti-virus apps can detect phishing links in text messages and alert you to the risk. When you're out and about, try not to use public WiFi for sensitive transactions: it's far less secure than your home WiFi network. Instead, you could consider installing a VPN (virtual private network), which encrypts all data travelling to and from your phone.

REPORT INCIDENTS

If you or a family member does give out confidential information to a caller you aren't sure about, contact the actual company mentioned to check if the call was genuine. If they confirm that the call was not made by their organisation, you should report it as a potential scam via the Action Fraud website and (depending on exactly what information was divulged) consider involving the police.

BE WARY OF LINKS

If you get a message from an unknown number asking you to click on a link, report it as spam and do not open the link. One recent example 'warned' victims they'd been exposed to the Omicron variant and needed to click a link to buy a special test - only to find they had paid their money to scammers. Links can also install malware onto your device, so always treat them with extreme caution.

Meet Our Expert

Formed in 2018, Kryptokloud provides cyber security and resilience solutions to its customers. With offices in the UK, the company offers managed service operational packages including cyber security monitoring and testing, risk audit, threat intelligence and incident response.



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