

Friday 1st July 2022- Newsletter 33

A message from Miss Towler...

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you so much to all those Reception families who were able to join us today for our Sports Day events. Team Venus Reception were fabulous in the morning, showing positive attitudes and having lots of fun.

It was a real shame about the change in weather and that the Key Stage One and Two children missed out on their Sports Day. We look forward to inviting Parents and Carers next Friday morning at 9.15am for our rescheduled Sports Day. I really hope that families are able to join us.

Have a lovely weekend,

Caroline Towler, Headteacher



Moving on up year groups! What is happening next week for Transition?

Next Wednesday and Thursday our Year 6 children will visit Tadcaster Grammar School. For our current Reception to Year 5 children, they will arrive as normal to their classrooms and then will be taken to their new classes after registration. Reception will go to Year 1 (Team Jupiter) with Mr Ramzan and Mrs Bairstow and will be taught alongside the current Year 1 pupils who will become the new Year 2. The current Year 2 children will move to Team Saturn with Mr Parkinson, Miss Bell and the current Year 3 children. Year 4 and the current Year 5 will be with Mr Sands in Team Neptune.

In the afternoon, Swimming for the current Year 5 will take place as normal with Mr Sands and Miss Bell. The new Year 5 (current Year 4) will have an afternoon with Miss Blythe. The new Year 1 and the new Year 2 children will have Art and Music sessions with Mrs Brooke and Mrs Oldfield as will the new Year 3 and Year 4 children.

From 11am our new Reception cohort will be invited to come into school for a stay and play session with their parents. This will offer a great opportunity for children and Parents to meet our new Early Years Lead and Assistant Headteacher, Mr Foster. After they have stayed for lunch Parents and Carers will leave the children to enjoy their afternoon learning with Mr Foster and the Early Years Team.

On Thursday, the children will start the day registering with their usual classes and will then move up to their new year groups after registration. For our current Nursery children they will come into school at the normal time of 12.30pm for their Nursery session.

This week's whole school attendance is: 94.58%

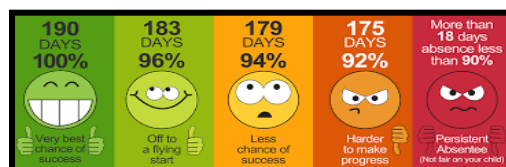
Our school attendance target is 97%.

Top team attendance is: Jupiter: 98.00%

Venus Reception: 95.00%

Saturn: 96% Neptune: 89.87%

Please remember to contact school before 9am if your child is going to be absent every day of your child's absence. Please can we remind families to not book term time holidays.



UPDATED: Dates for your diary for the coming weeks

Dates	What's happening at TPA?
Monday 4th July	NEW: Extra Curricular KS1 and KS2 Dance Club with Drew from YDS 3.30pm - 4.30pm
Wednesday 6th July	Extra Curricular KS1 Music Club with Mrs Oldfield 3.30pm - 4.30pm Extra Curricular KS2 Art Club with Mrs Brooke 3.30pm - 4.30pm Extra Curricular Reception Craft Club with Team Early Years 3.20pm - 4.15pm
Wednesday 6th July	Transition Dates - Children will move to new year groups Year 6 at Tadcaster Grammar School Reception cohort from September 2022 to come for 'Stay and Play' from 11am. Please see further information already shared.
Thursday 7th July	Transition Dates - Children will move to new year groups Year 6 at Tadcaster Grammar School Extra Curricular KS2 Football Club
Friday 8th July	Rescheduled: Key Stage One and Two Sports Day (Y1-6) at 9.15am TPAC Event: Family Fun Night 3.30pm - 6.30pm (Please note some of our stalls will be now open from 3.30pm to ensure that families can get involved at the end of the school day.)
Monday 11th July	Skipping School sessions delivered to Years 1-6
Tuesday 12th July	Year 6 Celebration Awards Evening - A special farewell to our Year 6 Dream Team. 6.30pm - 7.30pm. More details to follow.
Monday 18th July	Judo Taster Session - Years 1 - 6
Wednesday 20th July	Musical Showcase Evening - On this evening there will be an opportunity to celebrate some of the fabulous learning going on in school as part of our Y1 - Y6 Music and singing sessions. 5.30pm. 2 tickets per family will be shared closer to the date.
Thursday 21st July	Rev Paulie from St Mary's Church to visit Year 6.
Friday 22nd July	Team Venus Reception 9.15am - Mini Musical performance for Parents and Carers. More details to follow. End of term - School closes for the Summer for children



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YOUR PARENTS SAY

I love the 'family' feel of the school and I feel that my son thrives there. I always highly recommend it to other people.




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 him at home and in the wider community.

We are extremely pleased with the level of education and personal support my daughter receives at school. She is very happy here.

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Come and see for yourself!

We'd love to show you around - get in touch and we'll give you a tour.
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Our Governing Body Needs You!

Please see the message below from our previous Chair of Governors, Stuart Lewis. Stuart currently is responsible for curriculum on our Governing Body. In this piece he shares why Parents and Carers should definitely consider becoming a Governor at Tadcaster Primary Academy.



The last few years have seen enormous changes in our school: we've become an academy, we have changed head teacher, we have come through lock-down and we have had a new Early Years lead and Assistant Headteacher. That the school - pupils, parents and staff - has come through this is testimony to the resilience of everyone. I have been privileged to witness how everyone has coped with these changes and I have also been a minor player in ensuring that the school has remained unscathed and possibly stronger because it has coped.

I have been associated with Tadcaster East Community Primary School and now Tadcaster Primary Academy for a few years now as a governor. I have enjoyed that role hugely. I have learned an enormous amount: how primary schools work, are financed, set standards for pupils and staff, gain the confidence of the community they serve and above all, put children at the centre of all they do (often despite government edicts). Schools - and especially primary schools - are no longer solely about reading, writing and 'rithmetic: they are about the first stage of the development of children into responsible adult citizens able to fulfil their potential and who are curious about their world.

Where do governors fit into this grand scheme? Governors have the responsibility to hold schools to account - i.e. make sure they are doing what they say they are; ensure that public money is used to give the children the best possible education possible within financial constraints; and most importantly, work with and support staff in their unstinting efforts to make every child's time in school an enjoyable and fulfilling experience.

That maybe sounds as though to be governor, you need to be a pretty special person! You don't! The overriding qualification needed to be a governor - especially a parent governor - is a desire to contribute to all children in the community being given the opportunities and skills to grow to their maximum potential - and for them to enjoy doing it.

I'm stopping being a governor at TPA - only because I now spend a lot of my time away from the area. Would I be a governor again? Definitely! Would I be a governor at TPA again? Most certainly (if you'd have me!) Why don't you think of becoming a governor? Speak to Miss Towler or Mrs Lee (current Chair of Governors). You all have the essential qualification: you are a parent!

Best wishes to Tadcaster Primary Academy - its pupils, its parents and its staff. Thank you for having me!

Stuart Lewis



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Team Venus Reception - Mini Musical Performance

On **Friday 22nd July** there will be an opportunity to celebrate some of the fabulous musical learning going on in Team Venus Reception. Parents and Carers will be invited to come into school at 9.15am to watch a Mini Musical Performance in the school hall. We really can't wait to show off the children's fabulous learning. Make sure you add the date to the diary!



Friday 8th July

**New
time!**

3.30-6.30pm



Raffle prizes:

Amazon vouchers, Betty's gift set, Spa voucher, Clip'n'climb voucher, APC School jumper, Fire station visit, Lazenby's jewellery voucher, kids Amazon echo dot, No1 Private Hire voucher and more...

