

Friday 23rd September 2022- Newsletter 3

A message from Miss Towler...

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a shorter week this week with us returning back to school on Tuesday after the State Funeral of Queen Elizabeth II. Despite us having less days in school, we certainly have been super busy and lots of fabulous learning has been going on throughout school. Please check out Twitter to see what your child has been learning this week.

We have also been editing our school promotional video and Mr Foster, our new Early Years Lead, has been filmed sharing why Early Years at Team TPA is a fabulous start to school life. Our Chair of Governors, Kerry Lee, has also been filmed talking about the great things that TPA has to offer too. We will post the new video very soon when it is ready for its Premiere! Soon we will be holding an Open Evening for any new little recruits and I'll be sharing the date so please pass on the word to any potential families with children who are coming up to Reception age. Our newly polished video will help to highlight what we all know is great about TPA.

Best wishes,
Caroline Towler, Headteacher



**THE FOOD EXPLORERS
IN Space**

- Mercury** does not have any moons...
Meateorites in Lava Sauce with Pasta
(Pork & Beef Meatballs in Tomato Sauce)
- Saturn** has 150 moons and moonlets
Jupiter Jackets with Cheesy Beans
(Jacket potato Cheese and Beans)
- Solar System Sandwich**
(Ham or Cheese Rolls)
- A Meteor Shower of Peas & Sweetcorn**
- Flying Saucers or Rocket Kebabs**
(Chocolate Shortbread or fruit kebabs)
- Earth** is 4.543 billion years old!
- The tallest mountain in our solar system is on Mars - It's 21km high!**
- The surface temperature of Venus can reach 471°C!**
- A year on Neptune lasts 165 Earth years!**

Super Census Taster Day Menu (6.10.22) - alteration to the original meal choice

Our school attendance this week is: 96.98%

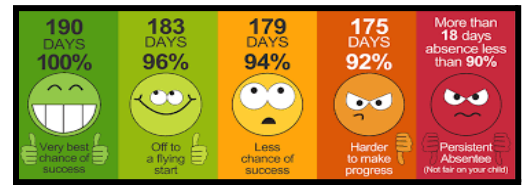
Our school attendance target is 97%.

Neptune: 94.14% Saturn: 96.35%

Top teams attendance:

Jupiter: 100% Venus Reception: 100%

***As Government guidance states, your child's attendance is compulsory in school and unless they are unwell we ask that you ensure they are in school, on time, every day.**



Dates for your diary for the coming weeks

Dates	What's happening at TPA?
Monday 26th September	Phonics Meeting - Reception, Year 1, Year 2 Phonics Information Evening at 5pm Please join Mr Foster and Mr Ramzan to find out more about how you can support your children with reading and learn more about how we teach reading at TPA. See information in this newsletter for further details. Click on the link to reserve your seats: https://forms.gle/NJoZFjRWqs9PhNke8
	Extra Curricular KS2 Football Club with York FC Foundation 3.30pm -4.30pm
Tuesday 27th September	Extra Curricular KS1 Music Club with Mrs Oldfield 3.30pm - 4.30pm Extra Curricular KS2 Art Club with Mr Hughes 3.30pm - 4.30pm
Wednesday 28th September	TPAC AGM meeting - Please come along and join TPAC to share how you can help our school (see further information below)
Thursday 29th September	Extra Curricular KS1 and KS2 Dance Club with Drew from YDS 3.30pm - 4.30pm
Thursday 6th October	Individual pupil photographs - This will be an opportunity for the children to have individual portrait photographs taken of them as well as sibling photographs. If you have a Nursery child who will not be attending on this day you are welcome to bring them into school via the school entrance at 8.45am where they can have their photograph alongside any siblings.
	Super Census Day Taster Menu - All Reception and Key Stage One children will be given the choice of the hot dinner option. Children can still bring along their packed lunches if they wish to. Please see the choice on this newsletter as this is a different option to the one on Parentpay. Choose the hot dinner option for that day if your child is in KS2 and would like this. The original option is no longer on offer. Please contact the school office if you have any further queries.
Tuesday 11th October	Y1-6 Harvest Festival Celebrations at St Mary's Church at 2pm - Parents and Carers welcome (2 tickets per family)
Wednesday 12th October - Thursday 13th October	Provisional date for Bikeability cycling training for Year 5/ 6 pupils - see further information shared with Year 5/6 Parents and Carers.
Friday 21st October	End of term - School closes for October Half Term at 3.30pm



Twitter at TPA

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

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

Become a School Governor at TPA

Would you be interested in supporting your child's school as a school governor?

We are looking to grow our Local Governing Body and are asking Parents and Carers if they would like to be involved in shaping the development of our wonderful school. If you are interested in becoming one of our Governors and are happy to meet six times a year (once a half term) for a couple of hours each meeting, please contact Miss Towler via admin.tad@ebor.academy for more information

Click here to find out more about what it means to be a school governor: [Become a Governor](#)



TPA Phonics Information Evening - Monday 26th September at 5pm

Parents and Carers of children in Reception, Year One and Year Two are invited to find out more about how we teach Phonics at Tadcaster Primary Academy.

Please come along on Monday 26th September at 5pm to learn how we teach our children to read, what our Phonics teaching involves and how you can support your child at home.

Click on the link below if you are planning to attend the meeting:

<https://forms.gle/NJoZFjRWqs9PhNke8>



TPAC AGM Meeting - New members welcome

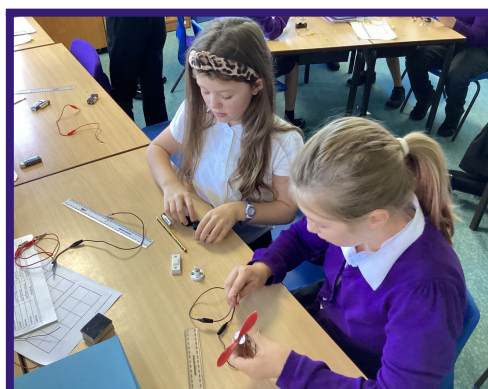
Date: Wednesday 28th September 2022

Time: 5.30-7.00pm

Venue: School 'the hub'

It would be wonderful for as many parents and carers as possible to get involved whether that is at meetings, with ideas or volunteering at events. Do come along and find out more to see how we support school and fundraise. If you have anything you would like to discuss please do not hesitate to let us know.

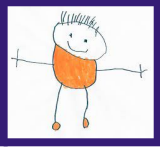
Being a committee member is an absolutely fantastic opportunity to be involved and have input into what to arrange for the children, how money is spent on the children and how to make memorable and fun experiences for their years throughout primary school.



Our Curriculum at TPA: Go Global!



This term our whole school topic is *Go Global!* Find out below what your child will be learning in their class team. In our school it is really special that the children get to learn a topic which has an overarching theme. It means that children can chat together with siblings about what they are learning in class as part of the whole school learning.



Team Venus

In Team Venus the children are enjoying learning all about themselves. We have drawn and painted self portraits. We have practised writing our own names as well! Team Venus have also been talking about where they live and who is in their family, drawing similarities and differences between their own family and other members of our team.

Team Jupiter

In Team Jupiter we have started our *Go Global* learning by travelling around the continents and oceans using Google Earth. We have used computers to log on and navigate software like 'Typing Jets'. In science we have been classifying things that are living, dead and never lived. In PSHE we are exploring friendships across communities. Our history topic has taken us on a journey East to the 'The New World' with explorer Christopher Columbus on board The Santa Maria.



Team Saturn

In Team Saturn we will first be focussing on geography and learning mapping skills, compass points and grid references. We will use these skills to find Egypt and learn about its geographical features. Our history work will cover Ancient Egypt, including mummifying oranges, making a sarcophagus and a shadoof. In science we are exploring habitats with learning walks to different local habitats. We will look at the environmental impact on different habitats and think of ways to help. In RE we will be looking at the importance of the Bible and key events such as the life of Moses and the birth of Jesus.



Team Neptune

This term we are learning about the Vikings and how England became a unified country. We will be answering some key questions in our topic: When was the Viking era? Who lived in England before the Vikings? What was life in England like before the Vikings invaded? Who were the Anglo-Saxons? Did Vikings really wear horns on their helmets? Who were the Vikings and where in the world did they come from? In English, we are focussing on story writing, reports and witness statements. We will also be writing poetry based on 'I am Cat' Our class novels this term are *The Last Bear* and *Viking Boy*. In Design Technology the children are designing and creating Viking shields and Viking Long Boats.



Have a lovely weekend Team TPA!