

# Newsletter

### A message from Miss Towler...

Dear Parents and Carers,

I can't quite believe that we have come to the end of the 2022-23 academic year. What a year it has been and we have certainly ended it on a high! This week's Littlest Music Makers and Musical Extravaganza events were truly fabulous. The children did themselves so proud - a big thank you to Mrs Oldfield and the staff teams for making this such a successful evening.



From Kingswood, to our Eureka Science Week, to Sports Days x2, to our Year 6 Leavers Celebration and the musical productions it really has been an amazing year. In January, Ofsted joined us to confirm that we are a 'Good' school which we were really provd of. We won attendance awards for being in the top 10% of FFT schools in the UK and have been recognised for being the top school within the Academy Trust. We have had amazing learning opportunities going on, a Christmas production with two performances, Carols at St Mary's Church and the Harvest Festival too. We have been visited by the Police, the Fire Service, Lindsey from Diversity Role Models, the local lifeguard from Tadcaster Pool and many many more. All of these opportunities have been fantastic!

I want to say a huge big THANK YOU to the children who make being part of Team TPA a real pleasure, to the staff team who work tirelessly to achieve the very best for the children in our care, to TPAC who help to raise funds to make our school even better, to the families who support us in so many ways and the Governing Body who dedicate their time to ensure that the education offer from TPA is truly the best.

I am provd to lead Tadcaster Primary Academy and have enjoyed watching it grow from strength to strength. We couldn't achieve any of what we do without the dedication of every member of the team. From the little ones to the adults - you are Simply the Best!

Have a lovely restful summer and for most of the team we will see you back in school on Tuesday 5th September. For our wonderful Year 6 pupils and the staff members who are moving on we wish you all the best in the future and ask that you please keep in touch! We will miss you SO much!

Best wishes,

Caroline Towler, Headteacher

### Our school attendance this YEAR is:

Our school attendance target is 97%. This year's R-Y6 attendance is: 96.31%

Venus Reception: 96.18%

Neptune: 95.77%

Saturn: 96.63%

Venus Nursery: 93.03%

Jupiter: 96.69% Top Team attendance:)

\*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. Thank you.



## Goodbye and Good Luck to our staff leavers!

Yesterday evening, we were sad to say goodbye to our staff leavers but had a lovely time reminiscing about all the amazing things these three members of our staff team will be remembered for. Thank you so much to Mrs Crook, Ms Steunou and Mr Barker who have worked in our team for the grand total of 27 years collectively! We also say thank you and goodbye to Mrs Varley and Mrs Brooke who finish with us this year.

As you will be aware Mrs Jannina Crook is retiring this year. After 22 years of service at Tadcaster Primary Academy and previously Tadcaster East we really all have so many different memories of her kindness and enthusiasm. Thank you Mrs Crook, you really have been a superstar and the children will miss you SO much! When Mrs Crook came to visit school after time away it was always like a film star had arrived on set! Mr P told us, 'Mrs Crook has covered almost every role in school and without doubt is one of the nicest people you could ever meet.'

We also say goodbye to Ms Valerie Steunou who has been our school SENDco for the last four years, working with children with Special Educational Needs and their families. Her wisdom, compassion and thoughtfulness are certainly traits we will miss. Although Ms Steunou will no longer be working in Team TPA she will certainly only be a phone call away. As one of our Parents said, 'She is amazing, insightful and just brilliant in the role she does. It always feels in our meetings that she really listens, reflects and draws on her breadth of knowledge to formulate those next steps.'

Goodbye and thank you also go to Mrs Varley who has worked for us for many years. We wish her lots of luck for the future. We said goodbye in assembly today with all the children and adults. Mr Foster shared, 'It has been a pleasure to work with Emma. I especially always appreciated the left over cakes...you will be missed.'

We will also say goodbye to Mrs Brooke who has not been with us this year. Mrs Brooke was our art and design teacher and the children really enjoyed the sessions that she delivered. We wish her all the best for the future. Mr Sands said, 'The children always loved Mrs Brooke's art lessons. Every Wednesday the children's check ins were very positive as they couldn't wait for art!'

And finally farewell to Mr Dave Barker who has been a great member of our cleaning team. After just over a year working at TPA he has decided to move on and take things a little more easy. Our Site Manager, Alan Haigh, said, 'Dave has been a pleasure to work with and always had a good sense of







#### 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?
Friday 21st July	School closes for children - Happy Summer Holidays!
Monday 4th September	Training Day
Tuesday 5th September	Children return to school

## Message from TPAC

Total funds raised this year is £4302.92\*



\*This is subject to change with lottery proceeds throughout the summer

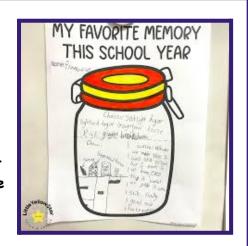
Total funded this year is £5530.63

TPAC AGM will be held on Wednesday 20th September 5.30-6.30pm in The Hub. All Parents and Carers welcome to come and join us!

## Our children's memories of their school year:

'The boys and girls football tournaments is my favourite memory because everyone got on Wow. The footballers in some cases found out that they had a new hidden talent.' Harley G in Year 6

'My favourite memory was Kingswood because me and my partner went to the full height of the 3g Swing. We both got a bit scared but once we achieved carrying out the 3G swing we felt really confident!' From Olivia, Year 6



I remember going to the Leeds Rhinos and got autographs from the players and Ronnie. Before I went into the stadium I felt a bit nervous because it was very important to me as this is the first match I have ever seen.' Bernard, Year 6

'I enjoyed putting out the fire and going into the practise shelters as part of out Murton Park trip which was an interactive day learning about World War Two and the Home Front.' Catherine, Year 5

## STAY & PLAY SESSIONS FOR CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS & DISABILITIES

## SELBY HUB INVITES PUPILS WITH SEND TO A FUN SESSION OF SENSORY ACTIVITES, CRAFTS & GAMES!

Admission is completely free 1 hour slot per family (10am onwards)

#### When & where:

Monday 31<sup>st</sup> July 2023 Selby South Children's centre

(Barwic Parade, Selby, YO8 8DJ)

&

Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2023 Selby North Children's centre

(Flaxley Road, Selby, YO8 4DL)

For further information & to request a time slot; please email -

charlotte.tate@northyorks.gov.uk

#### Please include in your email:

- What additional needs your child has, so we can cater for this on the day.
  If your child has any allergies.
  - 3. Which date(s) you would like to attend.

