

Friday 1st December 2023- Newsletter 12

A message from Miss Towler...

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week I have reflected on just how lucky we are to have the most brilliant children in Team TPA. Their kindness, generosity and respectful attitudes make them really a pleasure to be around. There is no job better than one working with children, especially at Christmas time. It has been wonderful to see the children show courage and enthusiasm as they rehearse for their Christmas productions, learning lines and standing on the stage. The singing and acting is definitely coming on and I am sure this will make for a fabulous performance when the children get to show off their talents with families in a couple of weeks time. It is definitely beginning to look a lot like Christmas... elves and advent calendars at the ready!

Have a lovely weekend and keep warm!

Best wishes,

Caroline Towler,
Headteacher



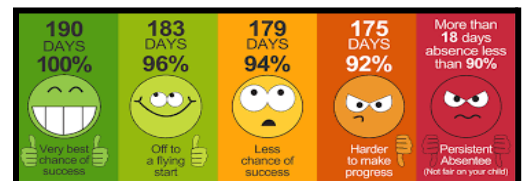
Our school R-Y6 attendance this week is: 94.16%

Our school attendance target is 97%.

Nursery: 84.41% Reception: 89.23%

Jupiter: 89.23% Neptune: 93.87% Top Team Attendance

Saturn: 92.80%!



***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.**

What are our School Priorities?

This year we are focussing on three main key priorities to continuously work on improving our wonderful school. Take a look below at what we are currently focussing on as a whole school team alongside our Local Governing Body.

Key Priority One: Through high quality maths planning, teaching and assessment ensure that the maths curriculum has an impact on children's mathematical understanding and progress.

Key Priority Two: Through a range of planned assessment for learning strategies, ensure that assessment in all subjects carefully checks the children's retention of the most important knowledge. Ensure that misconceptions and gaps in learning are addressed in all subjects and that staff have high expectations of children's learning potential.

Key Priority Three: Improve children's achievement and progress in writing throughout school, including those children achieving greater depth.

Updated: Dates for your diary for the coming weeks including Christmas events!

Dates	What's happening at TPA?
Monday 4th December	KS1 and 2 Football Club with York City FC Foundation
Tuesday 5th December	KS1 and 2 Music Club with Mrs Oldfield
Wednesday 6th December	KS1 and 2 Multisports club with Five Star Sports
Thursday 7th December	TPAC Non-uniform day - Children can wear non-uniform and are encouraged to bring a bottle ready for our Christmas Fair the following week. Send any bottles in a gift bag e.g. bubble bath, fizzy drinks, wine, beer and much much more. Please drop off any glass bottles/ bottles of alcohol directly to the school office.
	KS1 and 2 Dance with York Dance Space
Friday 8th December	Training Day - school closed to children
Tuesday 12th December	Early Years Christmas Extravaganza at 9.10am (one ticket will be allocated per family - admits two adults)
Friday 15th December	Christmas Jumper Day - raise money for Save the Children - any donations will be sent on to help others less fortunate
	Christmas Dinner Day
	Christmas Fair after school
Tuesday 19th December	Christmas Carols by Candlelight 2pm in St Mary's Church, Tadcaster (one ticket will be allocated per family - admits two adults)
Wednesday 20th December	Key Stage One and Two - Christmas evening performance from 5pm -more details to follow (one ticket will be allocated per family - admits two adults)
Thursday 21st December	Key Stage One and Two - Christmas afternoon performance from 2pm -more details to follow (one ticket will be allocated per family - admits two adults)
Friday 22nd December	Break up for Christmas holiday
Monday 8th January	Return to school after the Christmas break

"Have you dusted off last year's Christmas jumpers only to discover they're too small? Fear not, we have a solution! Donate those outgrown Christmas jumpers to us at school so others can enjoy them this year! We will ask for a small donation when buying jumpers so we can raise funds for Save the Children at such a special time of year.



If you have a jumper that is a little too small or large..bring it along and then drop it off at school via your child's class teaching team. We will then get them ready for a Christmas jumper sale in preparation for our Christmas jumper day on Friday 15th December. More details to follow regarding our resale date...

TPAC Christmas Fair Update

The TPAC Elves are incredibly busy organising what we hope will be a fantastic Christmas Fair on 15th December from 3:30pm, for family and friends of TPA.

If you follow us on Facebook you'll see we've got lots of exciting traders joining us with a variety of stalls for children and adults. If you haven't seen our updates, you're missing out! You can follow us here <https://www.facebook.com/TPACCommunity>

Unfortunately Elf magic alone can't make these types of events happen and so we're asking for any adults who are available on 15th December from 2:30pm onwards, that could help us run stalls to please get in touch either via our Facebook page or in person with a TPAC member.

Being involved in creating these wonderful experiences for our school community is extremely rewarding and much needed to enable us to continue with events of this size, that have a hugely positive impact on our fundraising efforts.

Thank you in advance, TPAC.



In preparation for our Christmas Fair...

Bring a Bottle!

Thursday
7th
December

**FOR NON
UNIFORM DAY**

donations can include bottles of food, drink and toiletries in a bottle bag



SAVE THE DATE
FOR OUR

**CHRISTMAS
FAIR**

FREE ENTRY!

FRIDAY 15TH DECEMBER 3:30PM - 6:00PM

IN THE PLAYGROUND AND HALL

GAMES • STALLS • FOOD

FOR FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF TPA

MORE DETAILS TO FOLLOW



SELBY DISTRICT

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY ACTIVITY SPOTLIGHT



A selection of activities available in your area

SELBY ABBEY

Play in a week, baking and exploring the area

TREETOPS FOREST SCHOOL - BISHOP WOOD

A safe and inclusive space for all in the outdoors

FLYING FUTURES

High energy activities and calming crafts and creative outlets

FOOTBALLERZ

A fun and engaging sports camp

ZAC'S CLUB - ESCRICK & RICCALL

Christmas themed activities and craft sessions

ORCHARD TREES CHILDCARE

Trips out, forest school, baking, arts & crafts, sports

Book your **FREE** space now!



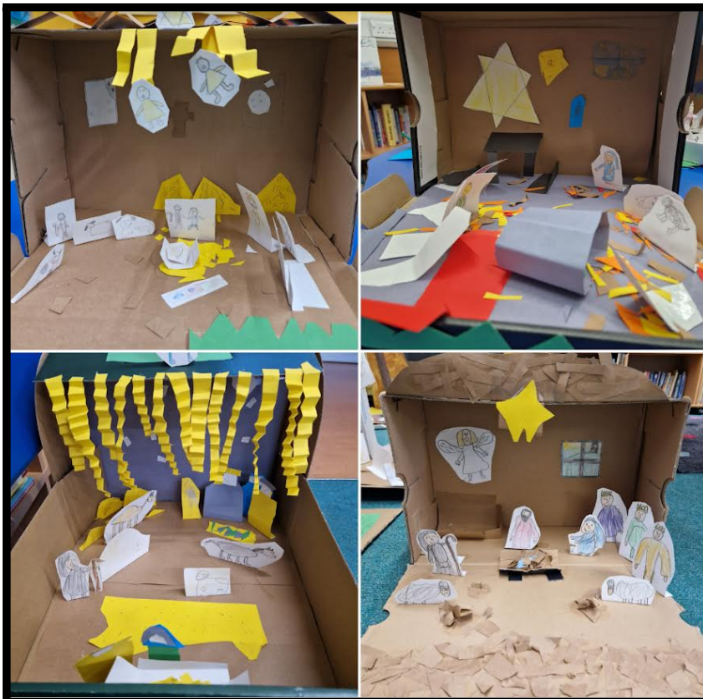
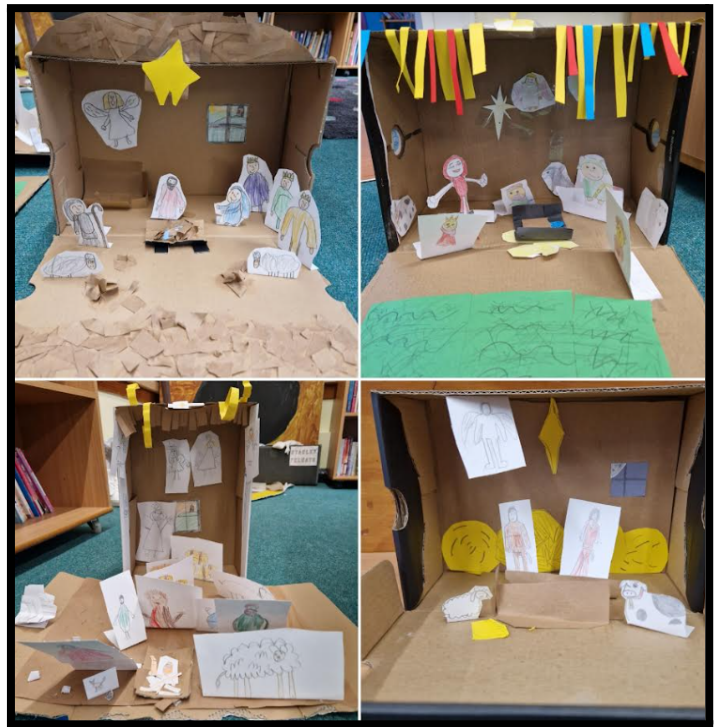
FEAST is available for all children and young people across North Yorkshire with free places and a free meal for eligible children and young people.

feastny.org



Twitter at TPA

Please click on the link below to see if your child is appearing on Twitter right now!
[Tadcaster Primary Academy 🌈 \(@TadPrimaryAcad\)](https://twitter.com/TadPrimaryAcad)



Check out our wonderful Shoebox Nativity Scenes...

Children in teams Venus, Jupiter and Saturn created these wonderful nativity scenes using shoeboxes and paper and pens. If you would like to see these up close please take a look at Tadcaster Methodist Church on Sunday 3rd December 10.00am - 3.00pm.

Have a Merry
CHRISTMAS

Friday 15th December
Traditional Christmas
Dinner


Roast Turkey, Gravy,
Sage & Onion Stuffing,
Pigs in Blankets, Crispy
Roast Potatoes, Garden
Peas & Carrots

Followed by –

Christmas Pudding
Krispie Cake

**THE
FOOD
EXPLORERS**





**CHRISTMAS
RAFFLE**

Ticket stubs, money and unsold tickets to be returned to class teachers by Thursday 14th December

- Beetle Bank Farm Family Pass
- Drinks Hamper
- Family Swim Voucher
- £50 Amazon Voucher

Extra tickets can be picked up from the box on top of the uniform donation bin at reception