

Friday 9th February 2024 - Newsletter 20

A message from Miss Towler...

Dear Parents and Carers,

Well we have arrived at Half Term and it certainly has been a whizz through the last five weeks. This week we had a visit from Alistair Russell who performed some live folk music for the children in our singing assembly. The children are used to singing themselves in assembly so it was lovely to be able to hear someone else perform for a change. The children who were part of the Young Voices event at Sheffield Arena were really pleased when Alistair played one of the songs they had been learning - 'Walk of Life' - which they happily joined in with!



On Thursday we also had a visit from Rob from Tadcaster Historical Society. The children were really engaged in the sessions he delivered to the teams and they learnt lots about the past.

We also enjoyed our fabulous Valentine's Disco which raised a fantastic £215.60. Huge thanks to our TPAC team who organised the event and made sure it ran so smoothly.



Finally our week ended with a lovely Team Venus Stay and Play with a Number and Chinese New Year focus. Our Early Years families gave us lots of great feedback and had a wonderful time playing with the children.

Have a wonderful half term break,

Caroline Towler, Headteacher

Children's Mental Health Week

This week has been Children's Mental Health Week with a theme of '**My Voice Matters**'. We understand that talking to others can have great benefits for our mental health and wellbeing. Children have been thinking about how this relates to their PSHE learning about 'Rights and Responsibilities'. We all have the **right** for our voices to be heard, but we also have the **responsibility** to listen and allow others to share their thoughts and feelings.



Team Neptune had some very sophisticated discussions about whether we ALWAYS have a right to say what we think. Some weighty opinions to digest on this one! We need to be careful when our rights conflict with the rights of others.

The children spent time sharing their thoughts on how we make sure that 'My Voice Matters' at TPA.

- Daily check-ins
 - School council meetings
 - Caring peers
 - School adults being interested in them and their lives
 - Regular checks on their thoughts about their learning
 - Student surveys
- (The list was endless!)

There's no doubt, we definitely feel heard at Team TPA! Miss Bell – Pastoral Lead

Updated: Dates for your diary for the coming weeks!

Dates	What's happening at TPA?
Monday 19th February	Children return to school after Half Term break
	Eat them to Defeat them... Eat vegetables campaign (see overleaf for more information)
	New: Y1-6 Football Club with York City FC Foundation 3.30pm - 4.30pm
Tuesday 20th February	New: Y1-6 Singing Club with Mrs Oldfield 3.30pm - 4.30pm
Wednesday 21st February	Team Saturn Swimming lesson
	New: Y1-6 Multi Skills Club with Five Star Sports 3.30pm - 4.30pm
Thursday 22nd February	New: Y1-6 Dance Club with York Dance Space 3.30pm - 4.30pm
	Y6 Sats Information Evening 5pm - 6.00pm - more details to follow
Friday 23rd February	New: Y1-6 Dodgeball with Five Star Sports 3.30pm - 4.30pm
Wednesday 28th February	Team Saturn Swimming lesson
Thursday 29th February	Team Saturn Skipping Event at Selby High School - more details to follow
Thursday 7th March	World Book Day - more details to follow
Friday 15th March	Comic Relief - Red Nose Day - more details to follow

NSPCC Number Day

We really enjoyed welcoming families into school last Friday morning for our NSPCC Number Day. It was fantastic to see so many of you get stuck into Maths learning with your children. We would really appreciate any feedback from families about the NSPCC Number Day Parent Open Morning so please can we ask that you click on the link below and answer the six quick questions added onto this Google Form if you haven't already.

<https://forms.gle/GPeCEEfgrgbgCteX7>

Thank you so much for your support with this.

Mr Foster - Maths Lead



Our school R-Y6 attendance this week is: 96.53%

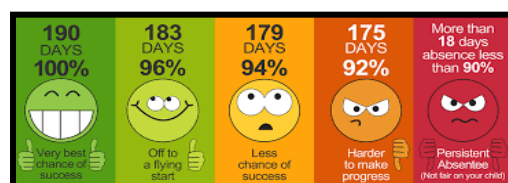
Our school attendance target is 97%.

Nursery : 100% Top Team Attendance 😊

Reception: 96.88% Neptune: 96.67%

Saturn: 96% Jupiter: 95.56%

***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.**



Spotlight on #TadcasterComputing

Parent Voice – Computing

Dear Parents/Carers

At TPA we embrace all learning. As a computing lead it would be good to survey your thoughts on the impact of our computing teaching and learning for the children. This information will be used to paint a picture of where we would need to go next to strengthen this important part of the curriculum.

Please click on the link below to tell us about your views regarding Computing at TPA.

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1bNLcJN1IX7cgtBFyXNjEUKDgkQFGXbgHn7lTGgzwQjl/edit>

Many thanks

Mr Ramzan

Safer Internet Day 2024

Safer Internet Day 2024 took place on the 6 February 2024, with celebrations and learning based around the theme

'Want to talk about it? Making space for conversations about life online'.

Coordinated in the UK by the UK Safer Internet Centre, the celebration sees thousands of organisations get involved to promote the safe, responsible and positive use of digital technology for children and young people.

In the UK, we are celebrating by putting children and young people's voices at the heart of the day and encouraging them to shape the online safety support that they receive.

That is why we are asking parents, carers, teachers, government, policymakers, and the wider online safety industry to take time to listen to children and young people and make positive change together.

This year we are hoping to answer the following questions:

What issues really matter to children and young people?

What changes do they want to see?

How can we all work together to advocate for them moving forward?

With your help, Safer Internet Day 2024 can be a springboard for conversations that shape how we talk about and respond to online issues, not just for one day, but throughout the whole year."

Click on this link to find out more <https://saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/safer-internet-day-2024>

Mr Ramzan – Computing Lead





ADLENT 2024

Themed Weeks for Donations During Lent

Week 1: starting Weds 14th Feb - DRINKS

Tea bags, Instant coffee, Long-life milks, Alternative milks, Hot chocolate, Long-life fruit juice, Squash & cordials

Week 2: starting Weds 21st Feb - TINNED FRUIT & VEG

Tinned potatoes, Tinned carrots, Tinned peas, Tinned sweetcorn, Tinned peaches, Tinned pears, Tinned pineapple

Week 3: starting Weds 28th Feb - LONG-LIFE PUDDINGS

Tinned/cartons custard, Sponge Puddings, Tinned rice pudding, Tinned fruit cocktail, Tinned fruit ANY, Cereal & cake bars

Week 4: starting Weds 6th March - TINNED PROTEIN

Tinned hot meat - stew, mince etc, Hot dogs - tinned or jars, Tinned cold meats, Tinned fish, Tinned vegetarian meals

Week 5: starting Weds 13th March - INSTANT FOODS

Instant porridge, ReadyBrek, Instant noodles/Pot noodles, Pasta'n'sauce sachets, Snack bars/cereal bars, Biscuits

Week 6: starting Weds 20th March - NON-FOOD ITEMS

Bars of soap, Deodorant, Shampoo & shower gel, Washing up liquid, Laundry powder/sheets/liquid, Loo cleaner/bleach, Surface cleaner

Thank you for your support during Lent



Struggling to make ends meet?

If you need help affording food and other essentials, please get in touch.

What can we help with?

Food
Baby formula & nappies
Hygiene & cleaning products
Pet food

We can also put you in touch with other organisations who can help advise on income maximisation, benefits, debt management, bills, rent arrears etc.

Ring us on 07840 455725 & leave a message OR call in & see us:

Wetherby: Barleyfields Community Centre

Tues, Fri & Sat 10am - 11:30am

OR Tadcaster: The Barn Community Centre

Mondays 2pm - 3:30pm

We can deliver if needed.

www.wetherbyanddistrict.foodbank.org.uk

Adlent Calendar

We are accepting donations for the Foodbank 'Adlent Calendar'. If you would like to help others at a time when many are struggling please see the Adlent Calendar information above which starts next week but we will accept donations from the week beginning 19th March when we return after the Half Term break.

Thank you for your support. Any donations will be appreciated.



Eat them to Defeat them... Eat vegetables campaign Reception - Y6

After Half Term we will be starting a new initiative which will help to encourage children to try new vegetables and increase the number of vegetable choices they make. As part of the initiative there are reward charts and sticker packs which will be given to the children.

Find out more by clicking on the website link below:
[Eat them to Defeat them!](#)

We will have a special assembly with our cook, Mrs Bedford, on the first Monday back so that the children can find out more about the Eat them to defeat them campaign.



Help us raise money for school by getting rid of your old clothes!

We have now taken on a Rag Bag Collection bin with the aim of raising money for school funds. We have a super sized box in our school hall which will be the a place for children to drop off any old clothes, pairs of shoes and belts and bags. See the piccy here which has been expertly decorated by Tean Venus and their wonderful colouring skills!



Raise **£400** per tonne
for your school.

Tadcaster Primary Adademy is participating in the Rag Bag Textile Recycling Scheme which provides regular fundraising for the school and helps raises awareness about recycling.

Please bring any of the below unwanted items in a securely tied plastic bag to the school office or hand in to your child's teacher for our indoor recycling point.

Rag Bag can accept good quality clean:
Men's, Ladies and Children's clothing, belts, bags and paired shoes (tied together).

Recycling will be collected when the bank is full and transported to the Rag Bag factory where items will be sorted and graded for reuse or recycling.

Thank you.



We can accept the following items:

Wearable Clothing
Paired Shoes (with tied laces or together with an elastic band)
Handbags & Belts

We cannot accept the following items:

Workwear
Uniforms (including School Uniforms)
Wet/Soiled Clothes
Curtains, Towels
Duvets or Duvet Covers
Pillows or Pillow Cases
Blankets Table Cloths, Carpets
Suitcases, Books
Bric a Brac, Clothes Hangers
Electricals

For more information about RagBag please visit their website
<https://www.rag-bag.co.uk/index.php>

Thank you.

Happy Holidays Team TPA!