

Friday 18th October 2024 - Newsletter 7

A message from Miss Towler...

Dear Parents and Carers,

By now you will have read the letter shared earlier regarding the news that I will be taking on a temporary headship role at two schools near the East coast. As a Trust we work closely together and in times of need this means that we can support other schools. Although I will miss the children and staff lots I know that the school is in good hands with Mr Foster who will step up to take on the responsibilities of an acting headship. After working closely together over the last two years I know that he will be more than capable of taking on this role and of course I will only be a phone call away. As always the whole team will continue to do the great work they do to ensure the best standards of education for the children at Tadcaster Primary Academy. Although I will be spending time in both schools at the end of next week I will still be in school until next Friday when I will take up my new temporary role from after the half term break.

Yesterday evening it was a pleasure to welcome Reception and Year One families into school for our Phonics Information Evening. This was a great opportunity to share with families just how important early reading and phonics are to ensure children become confident and capable readers. Thank you to all the families who were able to join us on Wednesday evening and who got stuck into the activities. We hope that you are now feeling like Phonics experts after Mr Foster's input!

Have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes,

Caroline Towler, Headteacher



Our school R-Y6 attendance this WEEK is: 97.45% WOW!

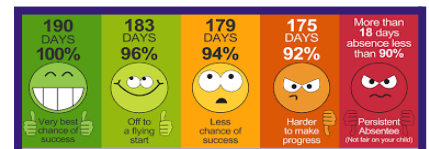
Our school attendance target is 97%.

Nursery:100% Top Team Attendance! 🙌

Neptune:96.88% Saturn:98.75%

Team Venus Reception/ Y1: 96.67%

***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.**



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)

Our School Development Plan

**What are we
working on?**

Every year we set targets for our school to help us improve the offer we give to the children in our school. The following three key priorities are what we are focussing on this academic year.

- **Key Priority One:** To implement an engaging, relevant and challenging curriculum which meets the needs of a new whole school teaching structure
- **Key Priority Two:** To improve children's attainment in writing through a progressive curriculum which further develops understanding of grammatical features
- **Key Priority Three:** To improve pupil outcomes in Early Reading and Phonics through quality teaching and early identification of gaps

Throughout the year we will be updating you on what we are doing to ensure that we are making progress in these areas.

Key Priority One is all about establishing **our new curriculum** for our new class structure. Please take a look at the link to our website link below to find out more about what your child will be learning this year on our long term plan:

[Long Term Plan 2024-25](#)

Risks of vaping update from Mr Metcalfe, our school Community Champion

VAPING/E-CIGARETTES

Unfortunately the number of children trying out vaping has risen considerably over the past few years. There are several negative short term side effects to vaping and worryingly the long term risks are unknown. We want to ensure that all our children are safe and healthy. Understandably this can be a difficult subject to broach with your child/children. Please find some advice from Action for Children as to how to discuss this with your child;

- Find a good time to start the conversation. It might be as you walk past a vape shop or see someone using an e-cigarette.
- Ask your child what they know about vaping. You can ask them if they know of people who use them and why they use them. You might ask them if they've ever tried it.
- Listen to your child, their experience, and their point of view. Show you are interested in what they have to say.
- Then you can gently and calmly give them some facts about vaping. Ask them what they think about the facts.
- If your child is already using a vape, then have the same conversation with them and ask them what they like about it. You are not saying it's okay for them to do it, by being interested. You can still be clear about how you feel.
- If they feel pressured into vaping by friends, you can teach them helpful skills of being confident in saying 'no thanks, it's not for me'.

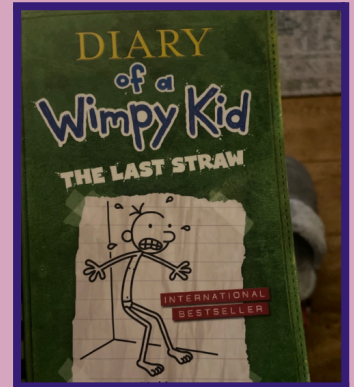
For more information about the risks of using e-cigarettes or vapes please visit;

<https://parents.actionforchildren.org.uk/behaviour/challenging-behaviour/im-worried-about-my-child-vaping/>



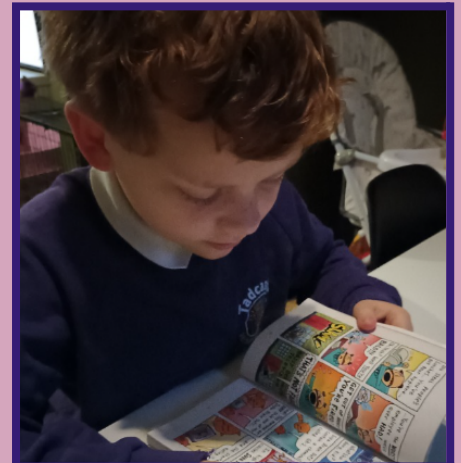


Keep reading and adding your pictures and audio clips onto Learning with Parents digital reading log! So proud of all of the children who are getting stuck into a book of an evening! It is fabulous to see!



Comment

5 pages before bed, well read.



Well done to Team Saturn who have 97% of their children and families logged 🥳 onto the LwP system!

We are nearly there now and most of our families have logged onto LwP. We are down to the final few families that haven't logged on yet. Help us get to 100% AND SIGN INTO LwP!



Updated: Dates for your diary for the coming weeks!

Dates	What's happening at TPA?
Monday 21st October	Years One - Six After School Football Club with York City FC Foundation 3.30pm - 4.30pm
	Parents Evening for all Teams - 3.40pm - 6.40pm (see booking details shared last week)
Tuesday 22nd October	Years One - Six After School Singing Club with Mrs Oldfield 3.30pm - <u>4.15pm</u>
	Parents Evening for all Teams - 3.40pm - 6.40pm (see booking details shared last week)
Wednesday 23rd October	Years One - Six After School Multi-Skills Club with Five Star Sports 3.30pm - 4.30pm
Thursday 24th October	Years One - Six After School Dance Club with York Dance Space 3.30pm - 4.30pm
Friday 25th October	Halloween Special meal choice (see flyer overleaf). Don't forget to order your choice on Appetite.
	Years One - Six After School Dodgeball Club with Five Star Sports 3.30pm - 4.30pm
	Break up for October half term. School closes at 3.30pm (or 4.30pm for those who attend our Friday AFC club)
Monday 4th November	Return to school after Half Term break
	Road Safety assembly with PCSO Joe Spooner
Tuesday 5th November	Bonfire Special meal choice (see flyer overleaf). Don't forget to order your choice on Appetite.
Thursday 7th November	TPAC Neon Disco (more details shared this week)
Monday 11th November	Anti-bullying week: Choose Respect
Tuesday 12th November	Odd Socks Day - your child is welcome to come into school in their most funky socks 'Sock it to the bullies'.
Wednesday 13th November	Everybody Dance Festival at York Theatre Royal (Years 4, 5 and 6 for those who have signed up)
Monday 18th November	Training Day (school closed to children)
Monday 25th November	MSP meetings for children with SEND

Attendance update

Next week the school office will be sending letters home regarding your child's attendance. If a child's attendance sits below 96% but above 90% a letter will be sent home to flag that your child's attendance needs to be monitored carefully.



If your child's attendance is below 90% a letter will be sent home requesting that you come into school for a meeting to discuss your child's attendance and to establish if there is anything that school can do to help this improve.

Please note that if your child is regularly late coming to school this will also lead to a letter being sent home and a meeting may need be required too.

What's cooking?

THE FOOD EXPLORERS Hutchinson CATERING

HALLOWEEN SPECIAL
25th October 2024

BOO Beef Burgers
Chilling Chips
Petrifying Peas

Spooky Sandwiches
Jinxed Jackets
(Both options with assorted fillings)

Creepy Chocolate Cookies
Or Frightening Fruit
Or Yelling Yoghurt

EXPLORERS

Please see our special menu choices for this term and book your child's meal choice on Appetite.



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Bonfire Night Special
5th November 2024

Cheese Pizza Pinwheel -
Served with Chips & Garden Peas

Sandwiches Or Jacket Potatoes
(Both served with assorted fillings)

Chocolate Brownie
Or Fresh Fruit or Yoghurt

THE FOOD EXPLORERS

When **you** trick or treat...

Remember:

- Go with a group of friends or an adult
- Tell an adult where you are going and when you expect to be back
- Stick to well-lit areas and take care crossing the roads in the dark
- Stay on the doorstep - don't enter a house
- Don't throw flour or eggs - they can cause damage and hurt people
- Take care not to scare elderly people
- If you see a sign saying "no trick or treat", don't knock on the door



Community Update: North Yorkshire Police



Make sure everyone enjoys this Bonfire Night

Show consideration for your neighbours on Bonfire Night. Remember: anti-social behaviour or damage can lead to a fine, an arrest or a criminal record.

Stay safe and enjoy your night.
www.northyorkshire.police.uk/fireworks

