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Dear parents and carers,

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Key dates for Summer term 2

Please find attached to this newsletter key dates in preparation for summer term 2.

Book fair in school

We are thrilled to be welcoming back 'The Book People' book fair, which will be running in school from Monday 17th June until Friday 21st June. As always, we will be inviting all pupils into the fair to see the vast array of great value books on offer! We look forward to welcoming you into school to further instil a love for reading into each and every child!

Twitter

We hope you have been enjoying seeing the various activities our children have been getting up to during their school days. We are very proud of the exciting curriculum we are able to offer all pupils and would like to share the exciting activities we get up to! If you don't already, feel free to follow our twitter account, @TowngatePA.

Race for life

The School Council, Mrs Schofield and Mrs Drury have been busy organising our annual Race of Life event, which takes place on Thursday 20th June, 2019. Sponsor forms have been sent home today for pupils to raise any donations, should they wish to support the charity, Cancer Research. Thank you in advance for your support!

Sun Safety

With the two-week half term break upon us and the weather growing increasingly warmer, may we remind all parents and carers of the sunshine essentials to ensure children can enjoy their learning – both indoors and outdoors! We welcome children wearing appropriate sunhats, sunglasses and bringing labelled sun cream to school each day, which must be applied independently by the children. May we also remind all parents and carers that we advise pupils to bring their own water bottle to school every day, containing water. Enjoy the sunshine!

INSPIRE

We have had a very busy week in school with many INSPIRE events taking place across the academy. Thank you to the teachers and staff in school for organising these wonderful events and thank you to the parents, carers and family members who attended. Thank you for all of the lovely comments you have shared with us in school; these will also be shared with the staff members and children in school.



Value of the Month

Our value of the month is 'simplicity'. The children have been learning about how often, the simplest things in life are the most special and how we can use simplicity in our everyday lives and behaviours. Please capture any photographs or opportunities where your children demonstrate this value at home, which will be added to our Values displays around school.

Parent feedback

We would like to thank all parents and carers who took the time to share their views with us on the parent feedback forms sent home. We feel very lucky to have received many very positive comments about the academy, pupils and staff – which we will ensure are shared with all involved. As with any feedback we receive, all comments are considered and action taken in areas identified.

A small amount of comments highlighted that some parents feel communication in the academy could be strengthened further. As a Senior Leadership Team, our current methods of communication include a weekly information newsletter, texts / parent mail with necessary updates, class letters for any educational visits / enrichments, twitter updates, meetings with staff in school are welcomed and arranged promptly and senior leaders are present on the school grounds regularly.

Additionally, some parents commented that there are too many parent events / INPSIRE events on offer in school. Whilst we appreciate that it can be difficult for parents / carers to attend some of these events, we strive to offer as many opportunities as possible to enhance parental engagement between school and home.

Actions moving forward:

- Dates to be provided to parents termly from September to ensure that notice for events gives parents sufficient time to plan to attend these / arrange for another adult to attend. Please note, with next half term being our final one of this academic year, we have attached all events up until the end of this academic year for your information.
- All classes will send home a half-termly newsletter detailing the exciting topics the children will be exploring.
- We will start using our twitter account to share reminders of upcoming dates with parents / carers.
- If you require a paper copy of any newsletters or key dates, please call into the School Office, where we would be happy to provide these.
- Where possible, we will provide sufficient notice of events or planned activities.

As always, we appreciate your support over the last half term and wish you a safe and happy half term break. We look forward to welcoming the children back to the academy on **Monday 10th June**.

Kindest regards,

Mrs A Berry and Miss L Eke

Headteacher and Deputy Headteacher



Events in our academy this week:

To view more photographs of events happening within our academy, take a look at our Twitter account @TowngatePA

Early Years

We have had another very busy week in Early Years.

F1 have enjoyed looking after Shelley over the past few weeks and they have also been practising counting to 10.

F2 have been reading 'Someone Bigger'. We thoroughly enjoyed sharing this story with everyone during our Inspire afternoon.

We all had fun making our kites; it was wonderful to see everyone so busy and enjoying flying their kites.

We hope you all have a wonderful and safe holiday!

Mrs Kimbley

Key Stage One

In KSI this week, we have been learning how to write a letter. We pretended to be Tiddler's mummy and we had to write a letter to his class teacher - Miss Skate - to apologise for Tiddler being late. We also had to explain to Miss Skate the reasons why he had been late.

In Geography, we looked at how to use an atlas to find certain places in the UK and the world. We drew our own maps of towns and decided where would be best to place a school, playground, church, shops, houses and other landmarks needed in a town. To end our half term topic work on routes and maps we went for our local walk to Spring Mill, following the route we had planned.

Well done KSI for all your amazing learning this half term. We hope you have had fun and enjoyed all the activities you have taken part in.

Have a lovely spring bank break!

Miss Lockett

Key Stage Two

In Key Stage 2 this week, Mr Hellam and Mrs Mitchell's classes have thoroughly enjoyed their INSPIRE afternoons with their parents and carers. They have made Brazillian inspired Mardi Gras carnival masks which will be displayed in the KS2 corridor! Well done everyone - they look incredible! Miss Johnstone's class have been investigating ways in which they can help the environment. They also enjoyed an extra playtime for winning last weeks marbles! Well done Year 4 and keep up the hard work. Miss Atkinson's class have been thinking carefully about their dreams and aspirations. they have focused on the attitudes and behaviours it will take to achieve these and be successful. Miss Eke's class have had a wonderful time at Kingswood on their holiday. They have enjoyed team building activities and all showed incredible cooperation and bravery. Miss Eke and Mrs Schofield are extremely proud of each and every one of you for your hard work during SATs and your behaviour this week - well done!

Miss Atkinson





Special Mentions



Celebration Assembly Star of the Week

	Star of the Week
F2 : Mrs Kimbley	Eva and Seth
Year 1: Miss Haigh	Thomas and William
Year 1 / 2: Miss Lockett	Eva and Abbie
Year 2: Miss Lane	Laney and Isaac
Year 3: Mr Hellam	Louie and Amy
Year 3 / 4: Mrs Mitchell / Mrs Allen	Oliver and Jake
Year 4: Miss Johnstone	Toby and Brandon
Year 5: Miss Atkinson	Tyler and Aidan
Year 6: Miss Eke	Dan and Alex

Well done to this week's celebration achievement children. Your hard work and dedication to learning has been noticed by your teachers this week!

Marble Winners

We celebrate excellent teamwork in our academy by awarding class marbles during learning time, transition time, playtime and lunchtime. Here are our marble winners for this week!

	Class	Marbles awarded
1 st Place	Y4	236
2 nd Place	Y6	192
3 rd Place	Y5	167

Congratulations to our winners this week – keep up your fantastic teamwork!

School Attendance

Whole School	93.74%
Nursery	94.89%
Reception	87.50%
Year 1	95.00%
Year 1 / 2	91.23%
Year 2	92.92%
Year 3	94.25%
Year 3 / 4	97.58%
Year 4	93.31%
Year 5	92.59%
Year 6	98.75%

Our whole school attendance target is 97%.

Well done Year 6! 😊



Key Dates

Date	Event
24 th May 2019	Break up today
10 th June 2019	Children return to school
	Dog's Trust visit in school
12 th June 2019	Year 5 Wakefield Museum Egyptian Workshop
13 th June 2019	Author assembly in school
	Explore Learning in to visit UKS2
14 th June 2019	Explore Learning in to visit LKS2
	Year 5/6 French Morning
	Choir rehearsals at Holy Trinity
17 th June 2019	Year 5 camping sleepover
18 th June 2019	Year 6 Wakefield Museum workshop – Sweet Success
20 th June 2019	Race for Life
	Year 4 INSPIRE event
21 st June 2019	Year 1 trip to the Deep
	Year 5 trip to QEGS and Wakefield Girls High – activity day
24 th June 2019	Assessment week
	Art Week
25 th June 2019	Key Stage 1 Potted Sports event
	LKS2 Wakefield Museum Workshops – Greek Pots
26 th June 2019	First Steps Together begins in Nursery
	Year 3 Life Skills event
27 th June 2019	Year 2 trip to The Deep
	Dimplewells choir rehearsal
2 nd July 2019	Year 2 Life Skills event
3 rd July 2019	Choir Performance: further details will be sent home with pupils involved.
	First Steps Together: session 2
4 th July 2019	Year 6 transition day - Ossett Academy
5 th July 2019	Year 6 transition day - Ossett Academy
	Summer Fayre
9 th July 2019	Transition days across school
10 th July 2019	Stay and play - Nursery
	First Steps Together: session 3
11 th July 2019	Nursery local walk
12 th July 2019	Year 1 sporting event at Thornes Park
15 th July 2019	F2 trip to Yorkshire Sculpture Park
17 th July 2019	First Steps Together: session 4
	Year 1 Life Skills event
19 th July 2019	LKS2 local walk
	PTA Fashion Show
22 nd July 2019	Sports Day: 9.00 – 10.00 F1 and F2 10.00 Key Stage One 13.30 Key Stage Two
25 th July 2019	Towngate's Got Talent
26 th July 2019	Break up today



Picture news at home

Individual Liberty

It's good to have dreams and goals. Trying hard and aiming high can help us to achieve great things. There's also lots to be learnt from when things don't go to plan!



Picture News

at Home

20th May 2019

What's going on this week?



20th-26th May

Does it take more than talent to succeed?

Whilst many schools have been busy preparing for summer testing, Flakefleet Primary School in Lancashire have been preparing for something just as nerve-racking but for completely different reasons! The choir at Flakefleet Primary School have been gearing up for the semi-finals of Britain's Got Talent, which will be held next week. The group shot straight through to the semi-final following their rendition of Queen's, Don't Stop Me Now receiving the 'Golden Buzzer' from comedian David Walliams.

Things to talk about at home...

- 🌱 Alongside talent, what other skills or qualities do you think matter to help us succeed?
- 🌱 Do you think it's possible to succeed in things that we don't think we are good at?
- 🌱 How do you think the children from Flakefleet felt when auditioning in front of so many people?

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments here...

