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Dear parents and carers,

It has been another delightful week here at Towngate Primary Academy preparing for Christmas. As our Christmas productions begin next week, the children have been working extremely hard to put on a show for their families.

Christmas fayre

Thank you to all the families who attended yesterday's Christmas fayre. It was wonderful to see so many families having a lovely time and getting into the festive spirit. Once the money has been counted, I will ask the office to send a text to all parents so you are all aware of how much money was raised.

I would like to take this opportunity to say a huge thank you to all the members of the PTA for your ongoing hard work and dedication to the school!

Homework

Thank you to all the parents and carers who provided feedback about current provision that is in place for homework. In this week's senior leadership team meeting, we will be looking through feedback provided and discussing how we can develop our current homework policy.

Staffing changes FI (Nursery)

As you will be aware Mrs Allen (Nursery Teacher) has been on maternity leave since January this year. She has been kept extremely busy with her two children and has made the decision to stay at home to care for her children and not return to Towngate in January. I am sure all parents and carers will join me in thanking Mrs Allen for all her hard work, dedication and commitment to Towngate and I know she will be greatly missed by pupils, staff, parents and the community.

This morning members of the senior leadership team held interviews for the nursery teacher post. We have appointed Miss Riley (who is currently teaching in nursery) as permanent nursery teacher from January '19. I am sure you will join me in congratulating Miss Riley.

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

This week has been very busy in Early Years. We have been practising our play, Whoops-A-Daisy Angel, and we are all very excited to show you next week. In nursery, we have been making Christmas decorations linked to our shape work and we have been reading Stick Man by Julia Donaldson. F2 have been focusing on using our numicon to help us solve subtraction problems. We have continued to think about night and day using our class story Peace at Last.

Mrs Kimbley

Key Stage One

This week in our History lesson KS 1 have been thinking about a famous person. We have been learning about Stephen Hawking. At first, it was hard for us to understand because he looked and sounded different. However, with help from our teachers and talking with our friends during the lesson we realised what a truly inspirational person he was, showing great courage and determination to always be curious about the world around him and despite his disabilities, to have fun!

At the end of the lesson, we looked at some of Stephen Hawking's quotes. We liked the one that says:

Remember to look up at the stars and not down at your feet.

Try to make sense of what you see and wonder about what makes the universe exist.

Be curious. However, difficult life may seem, there is always something you can do and succeed at.

It matters that you do not just give up.

Stephen Hawking

Miss S Lockett

Key Stage Two

Another busy week in Key Stage 2. Years 5 and 6 are looking forward to today's INSPIRE afternoons; year 5 are making bread from wartime ration recipe and year 6 will be creating a Mayan headdress. A big thank you to all parents and carers who are available to join us. Year 4 have enjoyed their life skills sessions with Mrs Johnson this week - they enjoyed making sandwiches, buns and cups of tea for parents and carers.

Well done everyone and thank you for working so hard!

Miss A Atkinson





Special Mentions



Celebration Assembly Star of the Week

	Star of the Week
F2 : Mrs Kimbley	Joshua and Evalyn
Year 1: Miss Johnson	Nieve and Clay
Year 1 / 2: Miss Lockett	Ava and Kacper
Year 2: Miss Lane	Niall and Molly
Year 3: Mr Hellam	Harvey and Ben
Year 3 / 4: Miss Sissons	Suzie and Archie
Year 4: Miss Johnstone	Aston and Phoebe
Year 5: Miss Atkinson	Jessica and Skye
Year 6: Miss Eke	Rohan and Jasmina
Pastoral Team	Adam and Violet

Well done to this week's Star of the Week achievers; your hard work and commitment to learning have been noticed and celebrated in this week's assembly.

Congratulations to you all!

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	Y6	132
2 nd Place	Y2	131
3 rd Place	Y3/4	120

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



School Attendance

Whole School	97.34%
Foundation Stage	97.50%
Year 1	96.63%
Year 1 / 2	97.02%
Year 2	97.07%
Year 3	97.99%
Year 3 / 4	96.38%
Year 4	98.10%
Year 5	97.44%
Year 6	97.94%

Our whole school attendance target is 97%.

Well done Year 4! 😊





Christmas dates for your calendar

Christmas Fair and Raffle Christmas Jumper Day	Thursday 6 th December, 3.15pm.
Early Years Dress Rehearsal	Monday 10 th December, 10.00am
Early Years Christmas Production	Tuesday 11 th December, 10.00am
Christmas Cinema Night	Wednesday 12 th December, 3.15pm
Upper Key Stage Two Dress Rehearsal	Wednesday 12 th December (am)
Upper Key Stage Two Christmas Productions	Wednesday 12 th December, 1.4-5pm Friday 14 th December, 9.00am
Lower Key Stage Two Dress Rehearsal	Thursday 13 th December (am)
Lower Key Stage Two Christmas Productions	Thursday 13 th December, 1.4-5pm Friday 14 th December, 1.4-5pm
Key Stage One Dress Rehearsal	Friday 7 th December
Key Stage One Christmas Production	Monday 10 th December, 1.4-5pm Tuesday 11 th December, 1.4-5pm
Christmas Parties	Early Years: Monday 17 th December (am) Key Stage One: Tuesday 18 th December (am) Lower Key Stage Two: Wednesday 19 th December (am) Upper Key Stage Two: Wednesday 19 th December (pm)
Christmas Dinner	Thursday 20 th December
Christmas Carol Concert (parents welcome)	Friday 21 st December, 9.00am
Break up for Christmas	Friday 21 st December

Please Note

Tickets will be on sale from Friday 23rd November in the School Office.

This year, we ask for a **£1 donation** per ticket for all performances.

Christmas Fair and Christmas Jumper Day.

Our Christmas Fair will be held on Thursday 6th December in the school hall. On this day, the children are invited to come to school in a Christmas jumper or a jumper reflecting Christmas colours. On this day, we ask that Early Years and Key Stage One children bring a chocolate donation and Key Stage Two children bring a bottle (plastic): these donations will then be used as prizes in our Christmas fair.

Thank you in advance for your contributions!



Raffle Winning Numbers

Ticket Number	Prize
Yellow 831-835	£25 Cinema Voucher
Yellow 741-745	Ted Baker Hamper
Green 686-690	Bottle of Wine
Yellow 626-630	Quality Streets
Green 671-675	Magic Trick Set
Yellow 796-800	Tin of Biscuits
Yellow 561-565	Mars Turbotron Red
Yellow 651-655	Mars Turbotron Blue
Yellow 786-790	1 Month Martial Arts Voucher
Yellow 816-817	Fun Club Voucher
Yellow 566-570	Monster Surgery Game

