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Dear parents and carers,

14.12.18

What a fantastically festive week we have had here at Towngate! It seems that many of our pupils, staff and parents/carers are definitely getting into the Christmas spirit!

Christmas Concerts

This week, our children have worked incredibly hard to perform their wonderful Christmas concerts! We are so thoroughly proud of the courage and commitment all of our children have shown! We are sure parents and carers will join us in congratulating all of the children and their teachers and staff for all of their hard work this year. Well done to everybody – you have done Towngate proud!

PTA Christmas Cinema Night

This week, the children were invited to Cinema night here at school. Thank you to the PTA who volunteer their time to hold these wonderful events. Cinema night raised a brilliant £423 so thank you to parents and carers for your contributions! Thank you again to the PTA for running our fantastic Christmas Fayre, we are thrilled to announce that we managed to raise a wonderful £750!

Carol Concert

On Friday 21st December, we had planned to hold a Christmas Carol Concert in our school hall. However, we have had the privilege to be invited to Kings Way Church in Ossett by Reverend Mike to celebrate our Christmas Carol Concert. All of the children will walk up to the church in the morning, ready for the service to begin at 10am. As you will be aware, there is limited capacity in the church therefore we cannot host a high number of parents / carers. Consequently, we are unable to invite parents / carers to this service, however we will share photographs and videos on twitter. There will be no celebration assembly this week.

Year 6 Swimming Arrangements

There will be no swimming lessons for Year 6 next week with the break up for Christmas pending. Miss Eke has made the decision that swimming lessons will continue from **February** and will not continue straight after the Christmas break. The reason for this is that we have asked for Ossett Academy to hold our lessons on a Thursday afternoon: this will allow all morning sessions in school to be protected for the core curriculum to be taught in preparation for the SATs assessments in May. Parents and carers will receive notice of when the lessons will recommence after Christmas.



Value of the Month

As mentioned in our previous newsletter, our value of the month is **trust**. Please can you discuss this value with your children at home.

Towngate Promotional Video

Next week, we are going to be filming a video prospectus for our academy. We will be capturing exciting moments of learning and day-to-day school life in this video, along with sharing some pupil, staff and parent views. We would love to ask for any parents / carers who feel confident in sharing their thoughts on our academy in this video, or perhaps assist with the filming and production of the video! Should you be interested, please send an email to Mrs Berry and we will contact you with further information: headteacher@towngateacademy.co.uk

We will also be sending home a comment slip for any written thoughts to be shared and displayed on our prospectus video. We are all incredibly proud to be part of such a wonderful school and community and the Senior Leadership Team feel this will be the perfect reflection of our academy.

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 the staff would like to say how proud we are of all the children and their performance of Whoops-A-Daisy Angel. Everyone tried so hard. Well done, you were all wonderful!

F1 have been thinking about the story Stick Man and we have been busy making our own Stick Man. We have practised counting and recognising shapes. We have also been busy making something special.

During this week, in F2, we have been learning about money. We have been practising recognising coins and using them during our focused work. We have also been using the computer to make a special picture!

Mrs Kimbley

Key Stage One

This week all the staff in KS 1 are extremely proud of all the children for their amazing performances in the Christmas nativity concerts this week. They all sparkled and shone like the stars they are. Well done!

KS1 will be holding their INSPIRE events for parents and carers on Monday 17th December from 2pm.

Miss S Lockett

Key Stage Two

The Key Stage 2 staff would like to say a big thank you to all children for your hard work, dedication and enthusiasm during our Christmas concerts. You have all worked extremely hard learning your lines, practising songs and making your costumes – you should all be really proud of yourselves! We could also like to thank all parents and carers for your help in sourcing and preparing costumes, learning lines and songs at home and for all your positive comments.

Miss A Atkinson





Special Mentions



Celebration Assembly Star of the Week

	Star of the Week
F2 : Mrs Kimbley	
Year 1: Miss Johnson	
Year 1 / 2: Miss Lockett	
Year 2: Miss Lane	
Year 3: Mr Hellam	
Year 3 / 4: Miss Sissons	
Year 4: Miss Johnstone	
Year 5: Miss Atkinson	
Year 6: Miss Eke	
Pastoral Team	

Due to Christmas concerts being held throughout this week, there was no celebration assembly 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	Y5	144
2 nd Place	Y1	101
3 rd Place	Y3	98

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



School Attendance

Whole School	97.32%
Nursery	93.59%
Reception	97.52%
Year 1	96.55%
Year 1 / 2	96.73%
Year 2	97.16%
Year 3	97.83%
Year 3 / 4	96.52%
Year 4	98.04%
Year 5	97.59%
Year 6	97.96%

Our whole school attendance target is 97%.

Well done Year 4! 😊





Picture News

at Home

17th December 2018

What's going on this week?



The Virgin TV Stars competition gave primary schools across the UK the chance to have their Christmas play produced for millions of TV viewers. The company will film a special recording of the winning school's festive production and make it available, via on-demand, to its four million Virgin TV customers in the days leading up to Christmas!

Things to talk about at home...

- 🌱 Do you like taking part in school plays? Why?
- 🌱 How do you feel when performing?
- 🌱 Do you think it's important to have plays and productions in school?

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments here...

