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Dear parents and carers,

Breakfast club

Our breakfast club has now started! Our initial week has been very successful, we have had many positive comments about how calm and relaxed it feels. Just a reminder that you can book your child a place at breakfast by phoning or calling into the school office.

Head Lice

We have had a few more cases of head lice in school so please find attached a leaflet from the NHS with some helpful information on how to deal with them.

Library donation

We have been lucky enough to receive a donation of £100 from an extremely kind grandparent in our school. The donation will be used to buy books for our academy for everyone to use. A huge thank you from everyone at Towngate!



Christmas dates and tickets

The children are very busy preparing for their Christmas productions! Tickets are still available to purchase – for a £1 donation – from the school office for each of the productions. Please note, we are allocating two tickets per child initially to ensure all pupils have the opportunity to have a grown up attend their performance. Spare tickets be available, are available **now** from the school office.

A reminder of Christmas events can be found attached this newsletter.

Thank you for your ongoing support,

Mrs A Berry & Miss L Eke



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 F1 and F2 have enjoyed welcoming our adults to join us for our Grandparents day. It was lovely to see so many people. The children enjoyed making decorations, drawing and showing our adults our classroom. We have also been busy learning our songs for our Christmas concert and rehearsing our parts for the play. We are looking forward to performing it for you. F2 have been thinking about light sources this week and we have been learning to tell the time.

Mrs Kimbley

Key Stage One

This week in KS 1, we have continued to enjoy our science investigations. This week we were learning to make predictions, gather data and check our predictions.

We had a problem to solve... Stick Man never wants to be wet again after he was thrown into the river! We had to help investigate which material would be the most effective for a new waterproof coat.

Well done KS 1 for being super scientists!

Miss Lockett

Key Stage Two

In key stage 2 this week, all of the children have been working hard to practise and perfect their Christmas productions.

In year 6, the children are launching their brand new topic of the water cycle with a fantastic visit to Yorkshire Water! It has been another super week in ks2 - we are all thrilled with your hard work!

Miss Atkinson





Special Mentions



Celebration Assembly Star of the Week

	Star of the Week
F2 : Mrs Kimbley	Benjamin and Miles
Year 1: Miss Johnson	Reuben and Kiera
Year 1 / 2: Miss Lockett	Darcie and Alfie
Year 2: Miss Lane	Riley and Jake
Year 3: Mr Hellam	Frankie and Harry
Year 3 / 4: Miss Sissons	Myles and Oliver
Year 4: Miss Johnstone	Ashton and Archie
Year 5: Miss Atkinson	Liam and Archie
Year 6: Miss Eke	Y6 Trip

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 team work 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	151
2 nd Place	F2	101
3 rd Place	Y4	87

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



School Attendance

Whole School	97.35%
Nursery	95.70%
Reception	97.59%
Year 1	96.49%
Year 1 / 2	97.30%
Year 2	96.96%
Year 3	98.17%
Year 3 / 4	96.12%
Year 4	98.08%
Year 5	97.47%
Year 6	97.93%

Our whole school attendance target is 97% - Well done everyone!

Well done everybody for your **fantastic** attendance this week – we have **exceeded** our attendance target **again!**



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!





Picture News

at Home

26th November 2018

What's going on this week?



Scientists conducting the world's largest study of gender differences in the brain have recently found men were more likely to prefer "things" and "systems", while women were more interested in people and emotions.

It is a heavily debated issue as to why some jobs in areas such as engineering or construction are mainly chosen by men, and others such as beauty and caring professions, are mainly chosen by women.

Things to talk about at home...

- ▶ It's often thought that men and women think differently, do you think this is true? Why?
- ▶ Do you think some jobs are better suited to men and others to women or do you think that this is old-fashioned?
- ▶ Do you think older people have different views about this to you? Why do you think this might be the case?

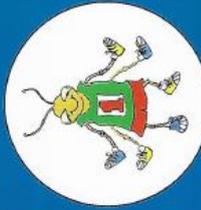
Please note any interesting thoughts or comments here...



Picture News

Please find attached this week's Picture News poster. Picture News is a resource used in school to promote discussion around current news and has clear links to fundamental British Values. Each week there is a homework activity with an image and a question. We would encourage you to talk about this at home with the children. There are no right or wrong answers; it is a forum for discussion.





1. I move from head to head often, so it is important that you look for me all the time.
2. You may not realise that I am there because I like playing hide and seek and I don't always make your head itch.
3. I am not easy to find, so mums/dads, grandmas/grandads, brothers and sisters must look for me at least three times each week.

4. If I am on your head you will find me by following these easy steps.

- Wash your hair with your usual shampoo.
- Apply plenty of conditioner, this makes combing easier.
- Untangle your hair with your usual comb/brush.
- In daylight or a well lit room use a fine tooth comb to examine the hair bit by bit.

- For the best effect ensure that the teeth of the comb remain in contact with your scalp for as long as possible.
- After each stroke carefully check the comb to see if I am there.
- Regular combing is extremely important in detecting headlice and should be done 2-3 times a week
- Remember to get grown-ups to also check their hair in this way, as this problem can effect everyone!

If live lice are found seek advice from your pharmacist/GP for appropriate treatment

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- Hello my name is Larry and I am a head louse.
- I am a very small insect with no wings.
- I cannot jump or fly.
- I can move very fast.



- I like any type and colour of hair.
- I like long, short, clean or dirty hair.
- The only heads that I don't live on are the ones without any hair at all!



- If I am not found, I will lay 7-8 eggs each night.
- My eggs will hatch 7-10 days later.
- My empty white egg shell will remain glued to your hair.
- These empty shells are called "nits".



- My family grows up very quickly.
- In 7-10 days they too can have babies of their own.



- I often move house.
- I do this when heads touch.
- I move from head to head very quickly.