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Dear parents and carers,

Parking

Thank you to all parents who have signed our parking promise to ensure both children and parents are safe around the school gates. Can we please remind parents about the importance of not parking on the yellow lines and being mindful of others.

PE Kits

This week a letter has been sent home with children regarding new arrangements for changing in KS2. Can I please take this opportunity to remind parents that children must have full indoor and outdoor PE kits in school. Indoor: Shorts, white t-shirt and pumps. Outdoor: Shorts or jogging bottoms, white t-shirt, hoody/jumper and outdoor trainers. Thank you.

Y6 briefings

Over the coming weeks, Miss Eke will be in contact to arrange SATS drop in evenings and individual meetings with parents and carers.

Reading open mornings

A big thank you to all parents and carers who attended our reading open morning on Wednesday. We really hope you enjoyed reading with your children and you found the documents provided useful. Any further questions about reading, please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher.

NSPCC Number day

We were delighted to see how many children came dressed up for NSPCC number day today! Your contributions to the NSPCC will be greatly appreciated; we managed to raise £194.80!

Today children across the academy have enjoyed dressing up as digits and completing number day activities! We are looking forward to seeing parents at tonight for our number quiz!

Young Carers Day

January 31st January was young carer's day across the academy. This helped to raise awareness amongst children about young carers and the important role they have. A young carer is someone under 18 who helps look after someone in their family, or a friend, who is ill, disabled or misuses drugs or alcohol.

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 have been thinking about travelling into space. We have been thinking about what we would put into our backpack. We have also enjoyed investigating ice in our small world area.

This week F2 have been reading the story Lost and Found by Oliver Jeffers. We have been learning about penguins and we have enjoyed creating our own penguin pictures using pastels. In our maths work we have been learning to share objects equally. F2 also enjoyed visiting our Prayer Room this week where we had lots of activities and time to reflect.

Mrs Kimbley

Key Stage One

In KS 1 this week the Year 2 children enjoyed meeting our pen pals from Holy Trinity and Flushdyke School. Some of us went to visit their school and some children came to visit our school. We made them feel very welcome and enjoyed the team building games we played.

This week our library was turned into a Prayer Space where we all had a turn at reflecting and valuing our lives compared to others. We had an opportunity to say who we are thankful to and what our hopes and ambitions are.

We also had time to sit and relax and take time for ourselves. All the activities taught us to be either reflective, thankful and calm.

We really enjoyed our time in the Prayer Space.

" I liked the Prayer Space because it was so calm and peaceful"

Abigail Hirst Year 2

" It taught me to always respect others and even if they are homeless to be kind and helpful"

Molly Teal Year 2

Miss Lockett

Key Stage Two

Key Stage 2 have really enjoyed visiting the prayer space this week. This has helped us to reflect on things that are important to us and think about our hopes and dreams.

This week, Class 3 have enjoyed writing a newspaper report about the Japan earthquake in 2011. Crossing over their skills from our recent English text type. Year 4 have really enjoyed their science lessons looking at melting! We did an experiment to find out where our ice cubes would melt the fastest and were really surprised by our results! In year 5 we have focused on young carers day and thought about the scenarios that may occur in the life of a young carer and the things we could do to help. Well done to our fabulous year 5 and 6 children who took part in a hockey tournament at Ossett Academy this week and came joint 3rd place! Another huge well done to Cerys, Elliot and Jessica for your fantastic pieces of writing for the rotary club competition - we are so proud of you all!

Miss Atkinson





Special Mentions



Celebration Assembly Star of the Week

	Star of the Week
F2 : Mrs Kimbley	Esmā and Amelia
Year 1: Miss Johnson	Dylan and Amelia
Year 1 / 2: Miss Lockett	Darcie and karim
Year 2: Miss Lane	Nancy and Lydia
Year 3: Mr Hellam	Alfie and Ben
Year 3 / 4: Miss Sissons	Jayden and Grace
Year 4: Miss Johnstone	Kacey and Archie
Year 5: Miss Atkinson	Liam and Joe
Year 6: Miss Eke	Jasmina and George

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	F2	175
2 nd Place	Y2	142
3 rd Place	Y1	140

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



School Attendance

Whole School	94.93%
Nursery	95.70%
Reception	96.43%
Year 1	91.19%
Year 1 / 2	93.49%
Year 2	97.04%
Year 3	98.96%
Year 3 / 4	97.41%
Year 4	90.80%
Year 5	96.15%
Year 6	92.65%

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!**





Picture News

at Home

21st January 2019

What's going on this week?



21st January
Should we
spend more
time with
people who
are older
than us?

A recent report by United For All Ages, claims that bringing young and older people together can tackle many different issues including loneliness and wellbeing. It claims there are many benefits of sharing time together including better mental health and improved confidence, language and social skills for everyone. Projects with old and young people can also boost confidence, skills and opportunities for children while helping to change attitudes towards ageing.

Things to talk about at home...

- 🍏 How much time do you spend with people who are of different ages to you?
- 🍏 When you are spending time with people who are either older or younger, what types of activities do you take part in? Are they always different from the things you do with people your own age?
- 🍏 Whose responsibility do you think it should be to organise opportunities for younger and older people to spend time together?

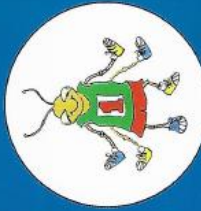
Please note any interesting thoughts or comments here...



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.