



# Town Lane Infant School Newsletter

Thank you to all parents who are ensuring that their children attend school on time so that they are ready to start learning and do not miss vital teaching sessions. Please remember the gates close at 8.55am and that the phonic sessions across school begin promptly at 9am.

Thank you also to everyone who is helping to keep our community safe by not having their child attend school if they have symptoms of Covid-19 and following the advice to seek a PCR test. The number of cases still do remain low at school.

In addition, we have had some sickness in school and do follow the NHS guidance of non- attendance for 48 hours from the last symptom.

## Phonics and Reading



Thank you to all parents who are supporting their children at home with their phonic and reading development. Children are reading at school daily and more practice at home will help your child to make good progress. If you feel you require more support with this, please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher.

The Y2 children will be taking a phonic screening check at the end of next half term and the Y1 children will be taking the check in June 2022. There will be an informative phonics parent meeting in the new year for Y1 parents to explain more about this.

## Staff News

Today we are saying a huge thank you and goodbye to Mrs Fairclough. Mrs Fairclough has worked at Town Lane for a grand total of 14 years as a well valued teaching assistant. She has been a key player with our environmental eco focus across the years and has gone 'over and above' supporting many children and families with emotional concerns. She will be greatly missed and we wish her the best of luck for the future.

## Year Two

The Y2 children are excited to be learning about life in the past after the half term break with a particular focus on what life was like during wartime. The teachers are asking if any families have any artefacts from this time to bring them to school for their 'class museum'. Please ensure that the Y2 Learning Logs are in school after the holiday so that they can share their new knowledge with others. Artefacts will be well looked after and supervised by staff at all times.

## Day for Change



As you know, 'Day for Change' involves a day to promote and raise funds for improvements for people across the world. Thank you to all who donated on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> October. We managed to raise £289 for Unicef and the NSPCC.

**Outdoor Learning**

Thank you to parents who have provided wellies and outdoor clothing for their children so that outdoor learning can take place when needed.

Please remember, we cannot accommodate big backpacks and our children only need the blue book bags while at school.

**PTA Non Uniform Day – PJs**

Our wonderful PTA have organised a non-uniform day – wear your PJs to school – on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November. Please see previous email for information about donating.

**Curriculum Evening**

Many thanks to all of the Y2 parents who were able to attend the curriculum evening last week. The feedback from parents was that it was really informative. The information presented has now been saved onto the website.

**Phonics Workshop**

Please can we remind parents of children in F2 that there will be a phonics information event held at school on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November.

**Health Week 2021**

Once again, our annual Health Week has been a great success. The children have been learning about the importance of having a healthy body and a healthy mind. Different year groups have tried and tasted a variety of food including designing, making and tasting fruit kebabs and vegetable soup.

Thank you to all of the parental visitors who gave up their time to come into school to talk directly to the children about their roles within the health profession and supporting with the healthy body and mind knowledge.

**Parents Evenings**

We are planning to hold face to face parent/teacher meetings after half term on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> November and Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> November. I'm sure you will understand that this will have to be subject to change depending on Covid-19 cases increasing within school. We will be in contact with more information after the half term break.

**Flu Immunisation**

Please be reminded that this year there is an online NHS form to complete which has previously been emailed to parents.

**National Anti-Bullying Week 2021**

The theme for Anti-Bullying Week 2021 is: One Kind Word.

Anti-Bullying Week will take place from Monday 15<sup>th</sup> - Friday 19<sup>th</sup> November and will start at school with 'Odd Socks Day' to mark the first day of Anti-Bullying week. We will join together to show that bullying is unacceptable through assemblies, class circle times and class-based activities. We will cover a wide range of anti-bullying topics. Our anti-bullying policy is published on our school website and we would request parents make themselves fully aware of this key school policy.

**Children in Need 2021**

We will be supporting this worthy cause, once again, with a 'spotty' non-uniform day on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> November. The theme is 'Together we can change young lives' and the money will help raise money for disadvantaged pupils around the UK. More information regarding donating will follow.

**Y2 Request**

Before the Christmas break, the Y2 children will need some support in school with sewing. If you think you might be able to offer some time to support with this, please get in touch with Mrs Macaskill on 2M.

**Christmas Charity**

We will be supporting The Charles Thompson Mission this year and asking families to donate toys for their Christmas Toy Appeal. More information will follow after the holiday.

**School Photographs**

Please note the date below when the photographers will be in school to take individual/sibling photographs.

**Diary Dates**

Please note – some events may be subject to change due to Covid-19

**INSET Day – school closed to pupils**

**1<sup>st</sup> November**

**School Opens to pupils**

**Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November**

**PTA Non Uniform Day – PJs**

**Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November**

**F2 Phonics Parent Meeting**

**Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November**

**Children in Need**

**13<sup>th</sup> November**

**Anti-Bullying Week 15<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup>**

**15<sup>th</sup> November**

**Odd Socks Day**

**Children in Need Day -spotty**

**19<sup>th</sup> November**

**Parents Evening**

**16<sup>th</sup> November & 18<sup>th</sup> November**

**Individual/ Sibling Photographs**

**Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> November**

**Flu Immunisation**

**18<sup>th</sup> November**

**Y2 Family and Community Christmas Carol Service at Christ Church, Bebington**

**2<sup>nd</sup> December 5pm-6pm**

**Xmas Jumper day**

**10<sup>th</sup> December**

**School Closes**

**17<sup>th</sup> December**

**Community Carols at the Coop**

**3.15pm**

**INSET Day – School closed to pupils**

**Tuesday January 4<sup>th</sup> 2021**

**Further INSET Days**

**Monday 28<sup>th</sup> February 2022**

**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2022**

**Friday 10<sup>th</sup> June 2022**