



# Town Lane Infant School Newsletter

## Attendance

Thank you to all parents and carers who are ensuring that their child is in school regularly and is punctual. The gates open at 8.40am each morning and all learning starts promptly at 9am. We have had some sickness in school recently and we do follow the NHS guidance which is 48 hours away from the setting if your child has had a sickness episode. We have also had a few cases of Scarlet Fever and we are monitoring this closely with advice from Public Health.

## Children in Need



Thank you to all families who supported this event within school. We are delighted to inform you that we raised a total of £209 for this deserving charity.

## Anti-Bullying Week

As you know, Anti Bullying week took place between 14-18<sup>th</sup> November. Thank you to those parents who took the time to respond to our survey. After analysing the results from our parent questionnaire, we are pleased to report that 100% of parents feel that our school creates a caring and safe environment for children and that we help children to feel safe in school. 93% of parents feel that bullying is dealt with appropriately, feel confident to report bullying to a member of staff and feel they have been supported when dealing with specific incidents. We would like to reinforce to all parents that we take this very

seriously and to remind you all that our policy is located on the school website and paper copies are available from the office.

## School Council

Our fabulous School Council after school Club will be starting after Christmas for those children who are on our school council. The School Council are going to focus their meetings around ideas to improve and support positive mental health at school. They will be looking at mindfulness and how we can further include this in our school day. They will focus on the 'Power of words' and will be exploring how we can make others feel better about themselves just by the choice of words we say to them.

## Links with Wirral Mental Health Support Team (WMHST)

We are so pleased with the support we are receiving from the WMHST this term. This included our first coffee morning around this theme on November 18<sup>th</sup> and our first 'Thrive' workshop held at school the following week. This workshop focused on resilience and strategies to support parents and children. We would like to thank all the parents that joined us for this. Jayne Hart is our Educational Mental Health Lead from CAMHS and she will be holding further coffee mornings and Thrive workshops each half term so please look out for the dates to follow.

Jane and her team have also delivered an assembly around the theme of friendship and our Year two children will be participating in afternoon workshops about friendships following this assembly.

If you would like to know more about this please contact Mrs Jones via the school office.

### Town Lane Parent Fund Raising

We are excited that our wonderful PTA are back up and running again planning events for the New Year. Please do contact the PTA if you are interested in supporting with this. One way you can support is by logging into 'smile.amazon' and finding Town Lane Infant School PTA as your chosen charity. Amazon will donate 0.5% of the price of your eligible purchases to this charity.

### Little Acorns

Please can we remind all Little Acorn families that the morning sessions begin at 8.40am-11.40am and the afternoon sessions are 12.20pm-3.20pm.



### Y2 Remembrance

The Y2 pupils held their own Remembrance Service at the British Legion to pay their respects this year. They made and laid wreaths and sang songs. The Y2 team would like to say a huge thank you to Reverend Loach and his volunteers, who also welcomed the children to Christ Church, to see the war graves and the magnificent poppy displays. Thank you to the parents who volunteered to walk with the children throughout the visit.



### Y2 Community Christmas Carols

This service will be held at Christ Church on Tuesday 6th December at

5pm and all Y2 children and families are invited. We are looking forward to getting into that 'Christmas feeling' and hearing the children sing their favourite Christmas songs while remembering the true meaning of Christmas. There will also be a chance for the congregation to join in the singing too.



### Christmas activities

The children are invited to join in our school Christmas lunch on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December and to wear their Christmas jumpers if they would like to. Class Christmas parties will also be held on this day.

### F2 Christmas Experience

The children in Reception had a wonderful visit to Christ Church to experience the Christmas story. We would like to say a huge thank you to all parents and carers who supported us with this visit. It was lovely to hear that the church volunteers commented so positively about the behaviour of all children during this time.

### Extra Curricular Clubs

The F2 children in Construction Club have looked at the stories 'The night the stars went out' and designed and made aliens using the KNEX construction kit. They created a 'birds eye view' making maps and buildings with Lego. We look forward to seeing what else they will be constructing in the next few weeks time.

The Y1 Stem Club have now completed the 8 Crest award challenges exploring bubbles, shadow and light. Well done Stem club!

The Y2 computing club have been busy using a variety of technology to explore coding and algorithms.

Fantastic work!

**Our Y2 recorder club, which is led by our specialist music teacher, has also been a success this year.**

**The Full of Beans physical activity clubs are still being held after school for children across the school.**

**The Eco committee continue to work with school staff and will begin their own club in the New Year as we re-new our Green Flag Award.**

**Watch this space for more club offers in the New Year!**

### January School Trips/visits

**We are so pleased to have been able to source tickets for our F2-Y2 children to visit the zoo in January. This visit will be part of a carefully planned half term curriculum theme around conservation and the environment across the school. The Foundation One children will be experiencing a separate visit to a different location and will be focusing on local concerns around animals and their habitats. They will have many visitors in school and will even be involved in planting a new hedgerow in our school grounds to encourage more wildlife. More information about the F1 trip will follow.**

**Thank you to the parents who have volunteered for the Chester zoo trip. We can only have a limited number of volunteers due to tickets and coach space. Your child's class teacher will 'draw names out of a hat' and let you know as soon as possible. If you are able to transport yourself to the zoo and have a zoo pass to enter then please do let us know and we can meet you at the zoo during the visit.**

UN Convention for the rights of the child

Article 3 (best interests of the child) The best interests of the child must be a top priority in all decisions and actions that affect children

Article 12 (respect for the views of the child) Every child has the right to express their views, feelings and wishes in all matters affecting them, and to have their views considered and taken seriously. This right applies at all times

Article 28 (right to education) Every child has the right to an education.

Article 29 (goals of education) Education must develop every child's personality, talents and abilities to the full. It must encourage the child's respect for human rights, as well as respect for their parents, their own and other cultures, and the environment

Article 31 (leisure, play and culture) Every child has the right to relax, play and take part in a wide range of cultural and artistic activities.

### Diary Dates



### F1 Christmas Celebration

**Monday 5<sup>th</sup> December 10am/**

**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December 10am**

### F2 Nativity

**Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> December 10am/**

**Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December 10am**

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

**Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> December 5pm-6pm**

### Little Acorns 'Christmas Stay and Play'

**Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December 11am/2.45pm**

### Christmas Dinner/Parties/Jumper day

**Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December**

### Y2 visit Y3 at HBJS Christmas Performance

**Monday 19<sup>th</sup> December 9am**

### Toy Day for all pupils

**Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> December**

### SchoolCloses

**Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> December**

### School Opens to Pupils

**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January**

### Further INSET Days

**Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February 2022**

**Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2023 -Polling Day**

**Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2023**

### Please note

**There is an additional bank holiday due to the King's coronation and this will be 8<sup>th</sup> May 2022.**