



Town Lane Infant School Newsletter

Welcome back to school

We would like to begin this newsletter with a thank you to all of our wonderful children who have settled into school life so well during this first month of the new school year. Our new Nursery and Foundation Two pupils are a credit to our school and are exploring new experiences and learning our Town Lane way of school life each day. We also have some new pupils in Year 1 and Year 2 and we would like to say an official 'welcome' to those children and that we know they will have a successful time here at Town Lane.

Attendance and Leave of Absence during term Time

At Town Lane, we believe that one of the ways to achieve success and fulfilment is regular attendance and punctuality throughout the school year. Attendance will continue to be closely monitored in school and, where we see anomalies or where attendance is starting to fall below 90% (which is classed by the DfE as being persistently absent), parents will be contacted by school to discuss further support. We also have a Local Authority Officer allocated to support our school with attendance and who will be able to attend meetings, if required.

We expect all children to be in school during term time. It goes without saying that children have had

significant disruption to their learning over the last few years. Leave will not be granted apart from in exceptional circumstances. It remains a priority for us to work together with families in the best interests of all children's education. Unauthorised absences can result in penalty notices being issued. It would be in all children's best interests for any holiday time to be taken during the scheduled holiday periods throughout the year. Please see our attendance policy on the school website for more information.

Town Lane Eco Committee



Children in Y1 and Y2 have nominated two class members to be champions of all things 'Eco' within school. The Eco Committee will meet every half term to discuss important issues such as energy saving ideas and recycling. We will be informing you about their progress through the monthly newsletters.

Sustrans Travel Support

During the last Summer term, our Y2 children (current Y3) took part in a 'Learn to ride' session and our F2 children (current Y1) participated in a 'Learn to scoot' session. The current Y2 children are invited to take part in their 'Learn to ride session' during Health Week on 17th and 18th October. More information will follow regarding this exciting opportunity shortly.

Town Lane Infant School Parents Fundraising Association.

An email has been sent to all parents about joining our PTA and information has been shared about the key roles that need to be agreed for our PTA to be successful. There is an existing PTA network who are ready and willing to help out with PTA fundraising but a team is needed to plan and lead the events to raise funds for our school. If you are interested in taking on any of these roles, please do get in touch with the school office or email the PTA at

pta.townlaneinfantschool@hotmail.co.uk

E-safety and school website

In September, the DfE updated their Keeping Children Safe in Education document which informs all safeguarding updates in education. Online safety is a particular challenge especially for older children but also to any child who has online access and the ability to use a search engine. We are aware that some of our children have access to social media such as You Tube or use of the internet using parents/carers phones or devices. Understandably, adult devices can access a wider variety of content and we are asking parents to be extremely careful and look at restrictions available when they let children use their phones etc. Please refer to our school website regarding E-safety within school and our school policy. Keeping children safe online is given the very highest priority in school. If you wish to discuss this further please contact Mrs. Gibson, our computing subject leader, via the school office.

Google Classroom

We still have parents who have not accessed Google Classroom for Y1

and Y2 pupils. Please get in touch with school if you need support with this.

Health Week Volunteers



During our annual health week, we are asking any health professional parents to come into school to support with the important message of healthy body/healthy minds. If you think you may have some time during the week beginning 17th October, please do get in touch.

Secret Readers – Top Secret

We are excited to be able invite parents/carers into school who would like to come and read a story to their child's class. The reason it is called 'secret reader' is because we would like the children not to know who is coming to read to them-even your own child. All information must be kept top secret from your child including when you are coming into school and what you are going to read. As you can imagine, the awe and wonder around this initiative along with promoting a love of reading is tremendous. More information will follow from your year group team. Shush! Don't tell the children!

Curriculum Evenings

We are offering parents and carers the opportunity to attend curriculum presentations across the year groups. This is an opportunity to find out specifically what will be taught throughout the year and year group expectations and events.

Year One- 3rd October 4.30pm

Year Two- 13th October 4.30pm

Foundation Two- 1st November 4.30pm

Foundation One- 10th November 4.30pm

Year One Harvest



The Year One team are delighted to be able to share their Harvest

celebrations with Year One parents during the afternoon on Tuesday 11th October 2.30pm at Christ Church, Bebington. More information from the Y1 team will be shared soon.

Reminders

We are continuing to monitor the use of 'Numbots' at home (Y1/Y2 currently) and the frequency that children are reading at home. Please also support your child with the maths library games that are being brought home. If you have any issues regarding this please do contact your child's class teacher.

Clothing/ Lost Property

Please ensure that your child's clothing is clearly named so that we can reunite items with the correct owner.

We struggle to accommodate large back packs in school. The reading book bag should be used to transport books and important messages between home and school. A large back pack is not required at school.

Change in Weather

As the weather starts to change, please ensure that your child has a jumper/cardigan/warm coat in school.

Dates for your Diary



Y1 Curriculum Evening

3rd October 4.30pm

Y1 Harvest at Christ Church, Bebington

11th October 2.30pm

Y2 Curriculum Evening

13th October 4.30pm

Health Week

Week beginning Monday 17th October

Flu Immunisation

18th October

Online consent form to be completed via school email

Y2 Learn to ride

17th/18th October

Parent's Evening

Tuesday 18th October

Thursday 20th October

Half term

24thOctober- 28th October

INSET DAY School closed to pupils

Monday 31st October

School Opens to pupils

Tuesday 1st November

F2 Curriculum Evening

1st November 4.30pm

F1 Curriculum Evening

10th November 4.30pm

Anti-Bullying Week

Week beginning

Monday 14th November

F2 visit Christmas Experience

22nd November