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Town Lane Infant School Newsletter

What a busy month April has been! We started the new term with our Y2 residential which was hugely successful. The children were an absolute credit to the school and we received such positive feedback from all involved. Thank you to the PTA for supporting us with the staff costs and to all of the staff who volunteered for the overnight visit.



Attendance

As you know, we monitor attendance regularly and it is of upmost importance that your child attends school regularly and that they arrive on time. Our phonics lessons begin at 9am prompt and we do not want children missing this important learning time. In addition, the Y2 children will be taking part in statutory assessments starting next week and so must be in school to do so.

Y2 Standard Assessment Tests (SATs) More information

During the month of May, Y2 children take part in the statutory assessment process and will complete SAT papers. This is an independent assessment which the children take part in within their own classrooms. Year 2 children will be tested in reading & mathematics. Although the tests are set externally, they will be marked by teachers within school. Once completed, children will be given a

standardised score. Teacher assessments will also be used to build up a picture of your child's learning and achievements. In addition, your child will receive an overall result saying whether they have achieved the required standard at the end of the year. Please ensure your child attends school every day in order to fully benefit from the work class teachers are doing to prepare the children for their end of key stage assessments.

If you have any concerns regarding attendance please do contact the school office.



Royal Celebrations

This week, we have all been joining in the celebrations for the Coronation of our new King that will take place on Saturday at Westminster Abbey. The children dressed in their finest clothes on Wednesday and many enjoyed a traditional lunch of fish and chips outside on the field. Thank you for joining in with the theme and helping us to mark this very special occasion.

We managed to locate the very first log book for Town Lane Infant School and were able to share this historic artefact with the children. This book marks the very first day our school opened to pupils in 1939 and even has information recorded about the day of

the late Queen's Coronation. The Y2 children were fascinated to find out how the children at Town Lane in the past celebrated this occasion when they were at school.

Anxiety Workshop

Does your child struggle with anxiety or low mood? Do you want to help them build resilience?

If you would like more information about this, please attend our workshop for parents on May 24th at 2pm. Please contact Mrs Jones if you would like to sign up or get more information.

Little Acorns



Little Acorns children have been learning about caterpillars and are watching their caterpillars grow and are waiting for them to make a very important change. The staff in Little Acorns will let their parents know when this exciting moment takes place!

New Website

As many of you already know, we now have our new website up and running and it can be accessed at the address at the top of this letter.

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This site has a wealth of information for parents to access. We will now be using School Spider for our school payment system. If you have queries regarding this system, please do contact the school office.



Foundation One

The nursery children have started their new pirate topic this week and are thoroughly enjoying their learning. They will be celebrating the end of this topic on May 24th with a pirate and mermaid party with a chance to come into school dressed up. The nursery

team will be in contact soon with more information to follow.

We currently have limited spaces available for our Foundation One nursery classes next academic year. If you would like your child to attend our nursery for three- and four-year olds from September, please get in contact with our school office.

Foundation 2

Unfortunately, the F2 visit to the Coop Academy Bebington Farm has been postponed due to unforeseeable circumstances. The team are currently looking at arranging a new date for the visit and will inform parents as soon as they can.



Numbots

All children from F2-Y2 have a Numbots log in. Please support your child to access this fun filled online number fact learning platform from home. If you have any questions, please talk to your child's class teacher.

PTA

We had another successful PTA meeting at school in April. There will be more information from the PTA soon about the upcoming Summer Fair that is being organised and other events within school. If you are able to support with this please do get in touch. We want to say thank you to the PTA for supporting school with purchasing new books for all of our children to enjoy.



Music

Calling all Musicians! Mrs Devoy is looking for musical parents to come and perform to the children in celebration of World Music Day. This will be Wednesday 21st June. If you are interested in participating, please

let your class teacher or Mrs Devoy know.

Kindness Club

This club will be starting after school on May 16th and Y1 and Y2 pupils have been invited to take part. Please let Mrs Armstrong know if your child would like to take part.

Wellbeing Wonder Tip of the Month



Anger – if your child is feeling angry, give them some strategies to use such as pushing against the wall, clapping hands together as fast as you can or squeeze a teddy bear tight to release their frustration.

UN Convention for the rights of the child

Article 3 (best interests of the child) The best interests on 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



Wednesday 24th May 2pm

Anxiety workshop for parents
Foundation One Pirate and Mermaid Celebration

Friday 26th May

End of term

Tuesday 6th May

School opens to pupils

Week beginning 12th June

Y1 Phonic Screening Check

Wednesday 21st June

World Music Day

Tuesday 27th June

F1/2 Induction Evening

Further INSET Days

Monday 5th June 2023

Please note

There is an additional bank holiday due to the King's Coronation and this will be 8th May 2022.

INSET DAYS 2023- 2024

Monday 4th September 2023

Friday 20th October 2023

Monday 8th January 2024

Monday 26th February 2024

May Local Elections TBC Thursday

Friday 7th June 202

