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Town Lane Infant School Newsletter



October has proven to be a very busy time for everyone within school.

We have had visits out of school, visitors into school and many exciting learning opportunities for everyone.

Attendance

We have had an increase in families taking holidays during term times. Head teachers can only grant leave of absence during term-time if there are 'exceptional circumstances' surrounding the request, and parents have made an application in advance. Exceptional is determined by them being short, rare, significant and unavoidable. Taking leave of absence in term time does affect child's educational progress, and parents are strongly discouraged from withdrawing their child from school during term time.

Thank you to all parents and carers who have ensured that their children attend school regularly and that they are punctual each day.

Reminder- Local Academy Representative Position

How to apply

If you're interested in applying for the role, please complete the candidate application form by October 27th. Please contact the school office for more information.

[Concordia Multi Academy Trust: Join a Local Academy Board \(concordiamat.co.uk\)](http://Concordia Multi Academy Trust: Join a Local Academy Board (concordiamat.co.uk))

Year 1 and Year 2 Curriculum Meetings

Thank you to the parents and carers who attended the curriculum meetings with staff. The information shared during the meetings has also been shared on Google Classroom.



Harvest Celebrations

The Y1 children excelled themselves when celebrating Harvest at Christ Church. The singing, spoken words and acting were very impressive considering they have only been in Year One for such a short period of time. Thank you to all parents and carers who attended and joined in the celebrations. We managed to raise £208.11 for Claire House. We want to say many thanks for your contributions.

Health Week

What a wonderful week this has been! The theme throughout has been 'Healthy bodies and healthy minds'. There have been many opportunities for children to taste a variety of different foods and create healthy options such as fruit kebabs and different soups. The children have found out about the benefits of healthy choices and how important it is to keep safe. Thank you to the parents who have given up their time to talk to our children about their role in the health profession. This week has strongly supported many areas of our curriculum including our PSHE, DT and science curriculum.

Year One Geography Visit

The Y1 children visited the park this week and focused on learning through fieldwork to identify key features that are natural

and man-made. Thank you to the parents who supported with these visits.

Visiting Artist

We want to say thank you to Mr. Hickson, our visiting artist, for coming into school and working with Y2 children and continuing to develop their drawing knowledge.



School Council

Our school council have been busy making our new playground charter after asking pupils in their classes to think of rules to ensure that everyone has a wonderful playtime (article 31 UN Convention of rights for a child). They have conducted a questionnaire to find the most popular choice of music to be played when we enter the hall for assembly and a survey about improving our lunchtime experience. Thank you to all council members for taking on such an important role within school.

Nursery

The nursery staff are requesting any new born or tiny baby clothes that they could use in the role play areas. They are also looking for wooden/metal spoons, any clean decorating paintbrushes for the outside area and golf tees. These items would be greatly appreciated.



Mental Health Support Team

Our coffee morning at the beginning of October and our first workshop were well attended with positive feedback. Below is a reminder regarding future dates.

Tuesday 28th November: Coffee afternoon 2.00 to 3.00

Thursday 14th December: Parent workshop 'How to support my child's behaviour' 2.00 to 3.00 (to be confirmed)

Thursday 18th January 2024: Coffee morning 9.00 to 10.00

Please let the school office know if you are interested in finding out more about these workshops.

Secret Readers

Year one and Year 2 classes are welcoming 'secret readers' (parents and carers) to come into school and read a story to the class. This needs to be kept a 'secret' from the children to add to the enjoyment and pleasure of reading. If you are able to offer your time please do let the class teachers know.

Foundation 2

We want to make sure that all Foundation 2 parents and carers are aware that the 'Big Bad Wolf' has now been caught. The children supported the search extremely well with their wanted posters around school and when searching for clues around the grounds. We want to say a huge thank you to Arthur's parents for creating a fabulous film clip of the capture and for ensuring that he is now behind bars.

Year Two

The Y2 children are excited to be learning about life in the past after this 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'. Artefacts will be well looked after and supervised by staff at all times.

Please ensure that the Y2 Learning Logs are in school after the holiday so that they can share their new knowledge with others.

After half term, on Tuesday 31st October, the Year 2 pupils are invited to dress up in character from World War 1 period as we welcome a drama company in to school to introduce our new focus for the half term.

Remembrance Service

The Y2 children will be holding their own remembrance service at the British Legion. More information will follow.

The forest school team are asking if anyone has any of the following items to kindly donate to school

- Pots and pans
- Seeds

- Flower pots
- Large logs
- Tyres
- Oven trays
- Whisks
- Vegetable mashers
- Drain pipes and clips
- Rope
- Tarpaulin



If you are able to donate any of the above items please take them to the school office. Thank you in advance.

Year 2 Eco Club

This club will finish this half term for the first cohort of children. They have had lots of fun making bird boxes, and bird feeders and promoting ways to save energy in the school and at home with our classes.

Nursery Payments

A reminder that all payments for Little Acorns and nursery lunches must be paid upfront.

Little Acorns fees are live now on School Spider for the Spring term (January).

Message from Little Acorns

Next half term the Little Acorns will be looking at Autumn and colours everywhere. We will be sending home Autumn treasure hunt bags for over half term for you and your children to fill up with autumn treasures for us to look at when they come back!

If anybody has any fancy-dress clothes for this age group they would be greatly appreciated.

Numbots

All children in Y1-Y2 have access to this online maths platform. Please encourage your child to use this to support their knowledge of number facts. F2 pupils will be given access to this in the Spring term (January).



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 19th October. We managed to raise £179.45 for UNICEF.

Parents Evenings

Thank you to all parents and carers who attended parent's evening just before the half term break. It was so lovely to see you all and for staff to be able to share the successes from this half term.

National Anti-Bullying Week 2023

The theme for Anti-Bullying Week 2023 is: Make a Noise about Bullying.

Anti-Bullying Week will take place from Monday 13th - Friday 17th November and will start at school with 'Odd Socks Day' to mark the first day of Anti-Bullying week. The odd socks help us to celebrate what makes us all unique.

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 2023

We will be supporting this worthy cause, once again, with a non-uniform day on Friday 17th November. The children can wear whatever they want on the day- usual clothes, fancy dress, spotty theme. Anything goes! The theme is 'The power of positive relationships' and the money will help raise money for disadvantaged pupils around the UK. More information regarding donating will follow.

Our Wellbeing team are asking for the following donations of sensory related toys or objects

- Weighted blankets
- Normal blankets
- Fidget toys
- Sensory balls
- Foam floor tiles
- Carpet tiles
- Weighted teddies/dolls
- Cushions

Any donations are really appreciated.



Wellbeing Wonder

Calm time – create a calm box for your child to help them to learn to self-soothe. Place items in which help them when feeling upset or angry, such as their favourite book, a fidget toy, teddy bear, colouring book and crayons or lavender drops on a tissue.

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



Thursday 19th October
Pupils break up for half term

Friday 20th October
INSET Day

Monday 30th October
Children return to school

Tuesday 31st October
F1 Curriculum meeting 4.30pm
Y2 Dress up day History WW1

Monday 13th November
Anti-Bullying Week
Children to wear odd socks to school

Thursday 14th December
WMHST Parent workshop 'How to support my child's behaviour' 2.00 to 3.00 (to be confirmed)

Friday 17th November
Children in Need
Non-uniform day
Friday 24th November
Christmas fair 3.30pm-5.30pm

Tuesday 28th November
WMHST Coffee afternoon 2.00 to 3.00

Monday 4th December
F1 Nativity 10am

Tuesday 5th December
Nasal Flu vaccination
F2 Nativity 10am

Wednesday 6th December
F2 Nativity 10am
Y2 Xmas Carol service 5.30pm
at Christ Church, Bebington

Thursday 7th December
Little Acorns Stay and Play 11am
Little Acorns Stay and Play 2.45pm

Friday 8th December
F1 Nativity 10am

Friday 22nd December
School Closes to pupils

