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# Town Lane Infant School Newsletter



We want to thank you for your support this term. Children in all year groups have had such a successful time since starting the new academic year and we are proud of each and every one.

We want to wish you all a very happy Christmas and we hope you have a relaxing break. The staff have created a fun Christmas film clip that has been shared with the children in assembly today. You can also find it on Tapestry and Google Classroom.

## Attendance Reminders

Please can we remind you that you must let the office know if your child is absent from school.

Please either phone 01516081918 / 01516091130, inform us via School Spider or contact the school office via email [schooloffice@townlane-infant.wirral.sch.uk](mailto:schooloffice@townlane-infant.wirral.sch.uk)

## Emotional Literacy Support

Mrs. Austin is our Emotional Literacy Support Assistant (ELSA) within school and has been an invaluable support to many families over the years. Since September, she has provided ELSA involvement with 21 children. This has been via group work, one to one work and supporting children within their classes. She also supports staff and sends advice and resources home for parents. Mrs. Austin is requesting any parental feedback forms to be returned to school, for her



attention, as soon as possible or if anyone has any feedback for her to email the school office.

We would like to also remind you that there are many resources available from Mrs. Austin on our website relating to various areas of support within the ELSA section. This includes support with separation anxiety, raising self-esteem, bereavement, anger and grief. If you require support accessing these resources please ask at the school office.

## Staffing News

Mrs. Halpin has decided that she would like to spend more time with her family and had her last day at Town Lane this week. We want to thank her for her hard work and commitment to the children at Town Lane over the last 6 years. Mrs. Stephenson will be teaching in her class from January. In addition, the class will be named 1SW from this time onwards.

## Christmas Celebrations



We are sure you will agree that the Early Years Christmas celebrations for parents and carers were fantastic once again this year.

Little Acorns loved their grownups joining in with the Christmas 'stay and play' sessions.

Maple and Willow class want to say thank you to their parents and carers for joining

in their craft session and 'Christmas sing a long' in the hall.

The Reception children excelled themselves in their nativity performances. Such young children showing so much confidence and independence.

The Y2 children enjoyed taking part in the family carols at Christ Church and want to thank Reverend Mike for inviting us and their parents and carers for joining in with the singing too.

There will be carols outside The Co-Op after the children leave school today organised by Christ Church and the community. See you there!

### Posada



The word 'posada' means inn or lodging, and traditionally posadas are a celebration of the Christmas story. Brackenwood Infant School brought the travelling crib to Town Lane and the children have enjoyed retelling the story using the knitted characters. Thank you to Christ Church, Bebington, for organising this for us once again.



### Forest School

It is vital that children have clothing ready to take part in forest school sessions that follow the rules of Forest School. Mrs. Austin sends an email reminder to families specifically about this before the sessions take place and we still find that some children are not prepared for the session. In addition, it is advised that children do not come to school in new or expensive clothing as they are exploring the forest and their clothes may get wet and muddy. Children must also have spare socks in school. Thank you for understanding.

### Mental Health Support

Thank you to the parents that attended the mental health workshop 'Understanding my child's behaviour'. Parent feedback was very positive and we will be holding this workshop again later in the academic year.



We will be holding another mental health support coffee morning on Thursday 18th January 9.00 to 10.00 at school.

On Thursday 22nd February, we will be holding a Thrive parent workshop 9.00 to 10.00 at school.

We would like to say thank you and goodbye to Lindsey Crawford who has been our mental health support team practitioner. We will welcome our new practitioner in January. Please see the flyer attached to inform you of the support in which the Mental Health Team can offer.



### Rock Steady Music School

We had a musical assembly with Rock Steady this month. The children then participated in music workshops and the feedback from staff and the children was extremely positive. Having live musical performances in school is so important for us at Town Lane. Rock Steady have informed us that 42 pupils have now signed up for musical tuition which is fantastic.

We wish you all a very happy Christmas and look forward to seeing you in the new year.



### Wellbeing Wonder

Diary writing – if your child is struggling with some difficult feelings, ask them to write or draw how they are feeling and why which can initiate a conversation and help you to understand.

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.

### **Remaining INSET Days**

**Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2024**

**Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2024**

**2<sup>nd</sup> May TBC**

**Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2024**

### **Diary Dates**



**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December**

**TOY DAY**

**School Closes to pupils**

**Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2024**

**INSET Day**

**Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January**

**School open to pupils**

**Monday 15<sup>th</sup> January**

**Applications close for applying for a place at primary school**

**Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> January**

**Mental health support coffee morning at school 9am-10am**

**Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> February**

**Number Day**

**Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> February**

**Thrive parent workshop at 9.00 to 10.00 at school**