

# Townley School and Pre-School

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### A message from the Chair of Governors

It was a delight to talk to the School Council last week, to gather their thoughts about school and their learning. They started by saying what a good 'principal' Mrs Higgins is. They explained 'she's reliable' '...she's good at sorting problems out' and 'you can always go and talk to her if you don't want to tell somebody else'. They clearly enjoy coming to school as attendance last week was 99% and they went on to tell me what's good about Townley.

The Key Stage 2 School Council representatives were very enthusiastic about their topic work on the Egyptians, The Shang dynasty, and the quantity and quality of their writing in books speaks for itself! All of them chatted confidently and were keen to tell me about the Growth Mindset sessions they've started this term. (Ask your child about them too, I'm sure they'll be able to tell you if they haven't already). They all felt that this was helping them to develop a more positive approach when they meet with a tricky learning task. One child told me that she used to give up last year and got upset but now she takes a deep breath and has another go. We can't ask for more, can we?

The new reading challenge bookmarks introduced by Mrs Ford are going down well, they're all keen on having hot chocolate with Mrs Higgins. All of the School Councillors were happy to chat with me and I enjoyed listening to them. Well done School Council, you're a credit to Townley!

Sue Rudge

### Summer Reading Challenge

Well done to our children from early years who completed the summer reading challenge. On Monday, they were invited to breakfast with Mrs Higgins and Mrs Ford. Here are some pictures of Lexi and Isla enjoying their Bacon Sandwiches and Hot Chocolate!



### Head Lice

Please take the opportunity to check your child's hair for head lice over the weekend. There have been a number of reported cases over the past few days.

### Hawker Class Assembly

Hawker held their class Assembly on Thursday afternoon and showed us what they had learnt in maths over the past few weeks. Everyone enjoyed their Farmer Pete number bonds song and their rendition of "Not Now Bernard"! Thank you to those who came to watch, for those of you that couldn't make it, a video is now available on the school website.



### **Christmas Jumper Day**

On Friday 14th December, we will be taking part in Christmas Jumper Day. By taking part in the woolly fun and donating £2, you'll be giving children in the UK and around the world the chance to build a better future.

### **Thank you**

We would like to say a huge thank you to Mrs King for putting together a bid for funding to develop the courtyard and Charlotte's Garden. We are incredibly grateful to her for the time and effort she has put into this. We should hear at the end of November if the bid has been successful.

### **Children In Need**

Thank You to all who came to school in non-uniform today in aid of Children in Need. So far, we have raised £100!

## **Diary Dates**

27th/28th November - Parents Evening	28th February - 1pm-3pm Family Worker
29th November - 1pm-3pm Family Worker	28th March - 2:30pm Hawker Class Assembly
29th November—1:30pm EYFS Story Café	28th March - 1pm- 3pm Family Worker
4th December - 1.30pm Emperor Story Café	2nd April - 1:30pm EYFS Story Café
6th December - 1pm-3pm Family Worker	4th April - 2:30pm Emerald Class Assembly
13th December - EYFS Christmas Play AM	5th April - End of Spring Term (Last day)
13th/14th December- Christmas Plays	23rd April- Summer Term begins (Back to school)
14th December - Christmas Jumper Day	25th April - 1pm-3pm Family Worker
18th December - 1.30pm Pantomime at Ely	9th May - 1:30pm Hawker Story Café
18th December - 5.30pm Christingle	16th May- 1:30pm Emerald Story Café
19th December - Last Day of term	21st May - 2:30pm EYFS Assembly
7th January - Spring Term (Back to school)	23rd May - 1.30pm Emperor Story Café
18th January - 9:15am Emperor Story Café	23rd May - 1pm-3pm Family Worker
24th January - 1pm - 3pm Family Worker	27th May - Half Term
29th January - 4pm-6pm Bedtime Read	3rd June- Back to School
30th January - 9am Hawker Story Café	19th June- Sports Day
6th February - 2.30pm Emperor Assembly	27th June - 1pm-3pm Family Worker
13th February - 1:30pm Emerald Story Café	18th July - 1pm-3pm Family Worker
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