Towers Times

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Dear families

World Book Week

World Book Week is always an event that is greatly anticipated across the Federation, and this year did not disappoint! There are wonderfully decorated wooden spoon characters in every class, supporting children in their creative storytelling and writing, and on Wednesday, we enjoyed a wonderful Dress Up Day, with special parades for the children to show off their creative attire. The children looked wonderful and their creativity knows no bounds! Please take a look at Twitter when you get a moment to see some of the events that the children have taken part in. A huge thank you to all for your time and energy in creating the outfits and to Mrs Luggar and Miss Forster for organising the week for us.

Reading at Home

Did you know that the number of children being read a bedtime story is sadly declining? We always encourage and promote a love of reading in school so being mindful of this, we are packing in even more story opportunities in our school day.

How can you support your child at home?

- Read at least one story each day to your child.
- Listen to your child read the book they bring home.
- Talk to your child about their day- share aspects from your day too.
- Model reading as an adult.
- Borrow books from the local library.

We know that when home and school work together, children flourish and reach their best potential.

Down Syndrome Awareness Week

Tuesday 21st March is Odd Sock Day, in support of Down Syndrome Awareness Week. The aim of the day is to raise awareness and to challenge misconceptions about Down Syndrome. If you wish, you can place a suggested donation of 50p to go to the Down Syndrome Association in collection buckets, which will be placed at the school entrances, and wear odd socks to school on this day to show your support!

Owl Assembly

It was wonderful to see so many happy faces at the owl class assembly this morning. The children were so excited to be able to perform to an audience and showcase what they have been learning. Well done to children for speaking so clearly and bring such enthusiasm to the performance – we are so very proud of you all! We would like to thank Miss Prutton and her team for all their hard work!

Driving to School

If possible, please do walk to school. We ask that you drive slowly and respectfully and refrain from parking over residents' drives. We ask that you do not park on double yellow lines or zig zags and please give way to avoid gridlock. Avoid making three point turns in the road as this blocks the road and is dangerous to children and other pedestrians. Thank you for putting the children's safety first!

Contact Details

If you have changed any of your contact details, especially phone numbers, addresses or named contacts, please make sure that the office have your up to date information so that we can contact you should your child be unwell.

Water Bottles

A reminder that the children should only have water in their bottles they bring to school and not squash or juice. To avoid confusion, please also do not use 'Prime' or other energy drink bottles to contain your child's drink.

Outside achievements

We are always keen to celebrate children's achievements outside of school, please let us know about any achievements so we can celebrate them in school too.

Have a good weekend.

Ms L J Blurton and Mrs C Hurley - Head Teachers of Towers Infant and Junior schools

Class	Attendance
Owl	92%
Puffin	95%
Robin	94%
Flamingo	98%
Starling	98%
Wagtail	95%
Goldfinch	95%
Kingfisher	99%
Toucan	94%
3D	96%
3P	97%
3H	93%
4P	95%
4T	96%
4C	95%
5M	93%
5C	95%
5RB	97%
6L	95%
6G	95%
6D	93%

Green 95% and above,
Amber 94.99% and 90%
Red for 90% and below.

Punctuality

Can we remind families that the gates close at 8:50am, if you have siblings in the other school, you will need to walk them around to the other school entrance if you arrive any later. Please be mindful that staff need to attend class as quickly as possible to commence working with the children, and this cannot happen until the playgrounds are clear. Thank you for your support

Dogs

Please be mindful that some children (and adults) are fearful of - or have allergies to - dogs, and therefore we ask that four legged friends, are kept away from the main pedestrian gate as children are entering. A polite reminder also that dogs are not allowed on site, even if it is to drop something to one of the school offices. Thank you