

Tockwith

CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY ACADEMY



Children at Tockwith Primary started back at school after the Christmas break to snow -How exciting! We were delighted to be able to remain open for the whole of the snowy/icy week and it was lovely to see all of the children in school. By the end of the first week, the older children were keen to reclaim their playground from the snow so set to work with shovels and spades and cleared the area – thank you!



The start of this year has seen a big push from our Junior Road Safety Officers to ensure that the parking and driving at the front of school is safe. The children are going out two mornings per week to monitor the road safety and feedback their findings to staff and parents. We encourage all parents/carers to walk where possible and to drive and park safely in the designated areas. Don't park on the zig zag lines!



Junior Road Safety Officer

Children in year 3 and 4 have started their swimming lessons this term. All of year 3 and 11 children from year 4 have started to travel to Tadcaster swimming pool each Wednesday afternoon. The first week was an assessment to see how well the children could swim and put them into the relevant groups and then the children started in their groups learning to swim. Its lovely to see the children arrive back at school having had fun learning to swim! The remainder of the year 4 class have started to learn lifesaving skills whilst the others are at the swimming pool.

A reading challenge has been launched across Reception and Key Stage 1. A number of exciting challenges have been set by the teachers and we are encouraging children to read books to improve their reading and also collect sponsor money. The money raised will be matched by the PTFA and the overall total will be used to purchase books for our Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 classrooms.

 How many challenges can you complete between January 13th and February 21st? 	Read a book to a pet or teddy	Read a book to the youngest member of your family	Pick two books and read them from the same author	Read a book to the oldest member of your family
	Read a book that makes you happy	Use different voices to read a book, e.g. a giant, mouse, dinosaur	Find the most unusual place and read a book	Find and read a cartoon
	Read at bedtime	Read a poem	Record yourself reading a book and post on Seesaw	Find a recipe, read it and then make and eat what you have made
	Build a den and read a book using a torch	Dress up as a book character and read a story	Read an adventure story	Read a book at the park
	Read song lyrics and learn a song	Visit a library and pick your own book	Read a story from another culture	Read a book/article about someone you really like, e.g. a football player, cartoon character, scientist, pop star
	Make someone laugh by reading jokes	Follow a set of instructions to make something	★	★

Year Two have been following the Archbishops Leaders Award and as part of this we encourage the children to develop skills of perseverance, resilience, teamwork and action. As part of this the children made New Year cards with positive messages for residents. Four of our Y2 leaders visited Windsor Court home in Wetherby and enjoyed meeting the residents and having a tour. Alice, William, Hope and Connie were amazing ambassadors for the school and award. Well done children. I wonder what our next community action will be?

