

Townhill PS News

January 2023

School Motto: **T**ogether we **P**romote **S**uccess for all as EVERY child matters and every moment counts.

As we near the end of January we are thankful that we have, so far, avoided any adverse weather. Please continue to be vigilant for any weather warnings etc and ensure your child is dressed appropriately for school with a warm jacket and sensible footwear. Please help yourself to our array of jackets and coats on our 'Rake and Take' rail, these are new/gently used and have been laundered ready for wearing. There is also a small selection of footwear but please do not let us know if you require any support with clothing etc.

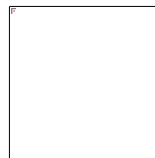
The children have enjoyed a busy January full of learning and are very much looking forward to the better weather to continue using our school grounds to support our learning.

You may be aware that an additional holiday has been added to mark the King's coronation and therefore school will be closed on Monday 8th May. This has been added to the dates at the end of the newsletter.

A reminder also of the industrial action taking place on Friday 3rd February meaning the school will once again be closed to the children. We will continue to update everyone of any future dates.

Thank you for your continued support and partnership.

Mrs Ally McGovern
Head Teacher



Our school vision:

Together at Townhill
we **nurture**, **encourage**
and **inspire** the
development of **skills**
for **lifelong learning**
and **success**. We
embrace **equality** and
diversity to promote a
happy and **healthy** life.

Our school blog:

<https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/sl/townhillps/>

Please follow us on

Twitter:

 @townhillps

We now have 786 followers!

If you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact the school or by emailing one of the addresses below:

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headteacher@townhill-pri.s-lanark.sch.uk

gw20townhilldht@glow.sch.uk

gw07neillyjennifer@glow.sch.uk

Office email 

Mrs McGovern's email

Mrs Love's email

Miss Neilly's email

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Reading Schools

We have continued to enjoy all things 'reading' in school on our journey to Gold! Classes have continued to visit the local library which have been both exciting and educational. Paired reading is up and running in all classes across the school allowing children to share books with their peers. The book boxes are in rotation with our new, varied texts and have added to the joy of books and reading that we have. Our library is looking fantastic and is being well used by all classes. We have introduced a weekly 'school reads' time where a bell rings and everyone has 15 mins of reading for enjoyment- it has been fantastic and sparked a lot of conversation on books, genres, characters etc! We have so many more exciting plans- watch this space or better still **please give us a follow @readingatTPS** This account is central to our 'Going for Gold' application and will help us showcase just how committed we are to further developing our reading culture!



IQ Christmas Cards

We were blown away by the response to our Christmas Card design initiative. The designs were beautiful and I am sure you will agree that the quality of the products was excellent! The school has received a commission cheque for £320! This is a great amount and will be used to hopefully help us buy a vending machine that we can fill with books! Watch this space!

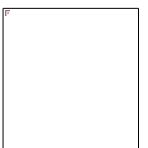


School Enrolment

We had a very successful online enrolment and are here to support anyone still to undertake the process. Mrs Love and I are busy planning our induction calendar and will send out information soon! We are very much looking forward to meeting our new families and little ones! #townhillfamily



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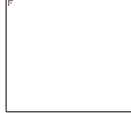


The Townhill Parent and Teacher Team- The TPT- TEAM=Together
Everyone Achieves More!

Helen Agnew, Chair of the TPT Team can be contacted on: Townhill.ptt.chair@gmail.com

Our next meeting will be **Thursday 9th March at 7pm** in school. If you are interested in joining us then please drop Helen an email.

As the better weather approaches our exciting plans for the playground will begin to come to life! We cannot wait!



Parking

Hopefully our parking characters will be with us soon! We are very much looking forward to using these to support sensible parking and sharing our message with all parents/carers and members of the local community. Please ensure that you reiterate our message with all family members that collect or drop off at our school to ensure the safety of our children is paramount.

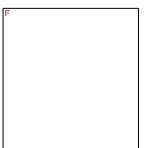
Following success a few years back we would very much like to reinstate our walking bus, supporting families with school drop off/collection and reinforcing road safety messages. If this is something you think you could help with then please contact Mrs Love. #townhillwalks

A reminder that the school carpark is for staff and visiting specialists only, please make alternative arrangements when dropping off and collecting your child. We have noticed that a few cars have been parking at the end of the carpark and also in the emergency vehicle corridor- this is not permitted. Please park outwith the grounds and in a sensible space, then walk to collect your child/ren.

Parents' Evening

We were so very happy with our Parents' Evening in November and look forward to hosting our next one in March. We will use Schoolcloud for the management of appointments and more information will be sent out towards the end of February. Always remember we are here should you have any issues or concerns before this date and to contact us at the school either by phone or using one of the emails on the front page.

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ALLERGY INFORMATION

There has been an increase recently of nut-based snacks being brought in to school. Can we please remind all parents/carers that these are not allowed an alternative should be given instead.

There are members of our school community who have severe allergies to some food items, therefore the following are not allowed in school:

- peanuts or products which may contain peanuts
- tree nuts – such as walnuts, brazil nuts, almonds and hazelnuts etc.
- * **Please note that this includes most chocolate spreads, Nutella products and Kinder Bueno. I would urge all parents/carers to bear this in mind when providing your child with snack and/or packed lunches. Thank you for your support with this. This applies to all pupils, staff and visitors.**

A reminder we are no longer able to take in and distribute birthday cakes/treats.

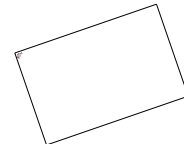


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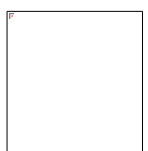


Pupils are discouraged from bringing any mobile devices, including phones, to school however, if they require them for after school, **they must be switched off and in school bags at all times.**

Scooters/bikes in school



Many of our children cycle or scoot to school and we can now encourage this. **Anyone bringing a bike or scooter to school should make sure they wear a suitable helmet and reflective clothing and must get off their bike/scooter in the playground and push it to the bike shelter.** The school cannot accept responsibility for any loss or damage to bikes/scooters while on school property



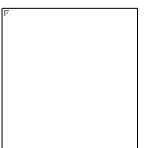
Attendance at school

If your child is well and able then they should attend school every day. Regular school attendance is essential for all of our children to make good progress, achieve their academic potential and consequently have better chances in life. Our whole school attendance target is 95%. It is the responsibility of parents/carers and the school to achieve this. There are 190 school days across the school year, leaving 175 days to book holidays and attend non urgent appointments.



We appreciate that children are unwell from time to time and that there can be exceptional circumstances for absences, but we ask that you think carefully about keeping your child out of school. There is a strong connection between attendance and achievement at school. Absence is proven to have a significant negative impact upon a child's educational attainment.

At the end of term each child will bring home their current attendance figures. This will allow you to see what percentage your child has in relation to the table above. Please remember we are here to support you with attendance, any concerns then please contact Miss Neilly.



Upcoming Diary Dates

Please note new/changed diary dates in yellow.

Inset Days

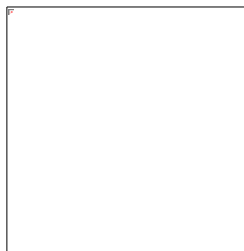
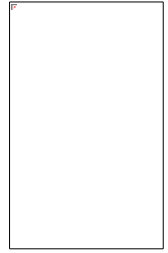
- 4. Wednesday 15th February 2023- Staff wellbeing day
- 5. Tuesday 2nd May 2023

Holidays

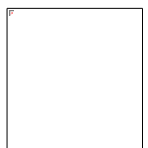
- February Break Mon, 13th and Tue, 14th February '23
- Spring Break Close on Fri, 31st March – Reopen on Mon, 17th April '23
- May Holiday Mon, 1st May '23
- Coronation Mon, 8th May '23**
- Local Holiday Fri, 26th and Mon, 29th May '23
- Summer School closes at 1pm on Tues, 27th June 2023

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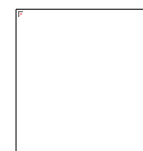
- Thursday 23rd March 2023



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