

Townhill PS News

March 2023



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

Who can believe we have reached the Spring Break? This has been a long term but has flown in for everyone at school.

We hope that all of our families enjoy their two weeks of holiday and use this time to recharge their batteries ready for the final very busy term of session 2022-2023.

The school will reopen to pupils on Monday 17th April and Breakfast club will be on as normal.

Our final term is a very exciting one as we work towards transition at both ends of the school for our new P1 pupils and our P7 pupils moving on to high school, but also start to think ahead to our new academic session for all of our other pupils. Our current configuration remains at 12 classes for next session, however, as always this is subject to change with enrolment numbers, placing requests etc still to be finalised. We hope to let everyone know classes and staffing in June.

Please read over the diary dates included at the end of the Newsletter. Have a very Happy Easter/Spring break.

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 813 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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Miss Neilly's email



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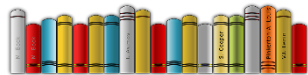
Reading Schools- World Book Day- Mascot design competition!

We ran a very successful competition to design a mascot for our school reading journey. We had so many excellent entries and it was a really tough decision for the judging panel! The winning entry was designed by Owen Harken, Room 13! It has now been turned into a graphic and will shortly be made into a vinyl to decorate our library! Isn't it incredible!

Mrs Fagan will be running another competition to name the new mascot! Watch this space!

Next term will be a busy one for us as we submit our evidence in the hope of achieving our GOLD Reading School Status.

We will continue with all things reading related and will send out a new date for the senior 'Booknic' which was cancelled due to the weather!



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!

Sporting Success

Our incredibly talented children continue to represent our school at sporting events across SLC. Most recently we entered in to a tournament for our boys and we had two finalists represent our school at the SLC Cross Country finals. Our children continually impress us with their resilience, determination and pride in their school. Well done everyone!



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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 **Wednesday 26th April at 7pm** in school. If you are interested in joining us then please drop Helen an email.

Our playground plans will spring in to action week beginning 17th April when we have a company in to do our playground markings. This will look fabulous and give children some fun things to do!

We also have planned out where our story telling chair and pupil stumps will go! We are really excited to be part of transforming the outdoor spaces for the children.

We enjoyed some excellent Spring Fling discos on Thursday 30th March! A massive thank you to the parents that volunteered, not only did the children have an amazing time but each disco ran like clockwork and entry and exits were smooth and quick! This can only happen when we all pitch in together.



MOBILE PHONES

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



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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 and 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.

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.

Days off school add up to lost learning					
190 days of education each year	10 days absence 180 days of education	4 weeks absence 171 days of education	5 1/2 weeks absence 161 days of education	7 1/2 weeks absence 152 days of education	9 1/2 weeks absence 141 days of education
100%	95%	90%	85%	80%	75%
Good		Worrying		Serious Concern	

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.

All pupils will have brought home their up to date attendance overview. Please read this through carefully. Remember we are here to help support good attendance for our children and if there is anything we can do to assist you then please let us know. If you need a further discussion around your child's attendance data, then please contact Miss Neilly.

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Upcoming Diary Dates

Inset Days

5. Tuesday 2nd May 2023

Holidays

Spring Break

May Holiday

Coronation

Local Holiday

Summer

Close on Fri, 31st March – Reopen on Mon, 17th April '23

Mon, 1st May '23

Mon, 8th May '23

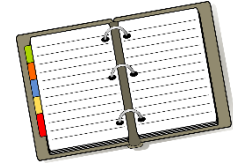
Fri, 26th and Mon, 29th May '23

School closes at 1pm on Tues, 27th June 2023



Parents' Evenings

Thursday 23rd March 2023



Diary Dates

Lockerbie Manor/Activity Wek

P1 Online Induction Session 1

P1 Online Induction Session 2

P7 Calderside Day Visit 1

P7 Calderside Day Visit 2

P1 visit 1(new intake)

Sports day

P1 visit 2 (new intake)

New intake welcome assembly

P7 Leaver Assembly

P7 Leaver Party

Mon 24th April- Friday 28th April

Wednesday 10th May at 9:30am

Thursday 18th May at 1:30pm

Wednesday 24th May

Thursday 25th May

Thursday 1st June at 1:30pm

Tuesday 6th June

Monday 12th June at 1:30pm

Monday 19th June at 9:30am

Tuesday 20th June at 9:30am

Thursday 22nd June at 6:30pm



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