Dear Parents/Carers,

This has been a very busy term so far with lots going on in school! Townhill is a busy school! Please continue to check your child’s bag for letters and information. We try to keep our website up to date too, so please have a look at www.townhill-pri.s-lanark.sch.uk for more news about our school.

You can also follow us @townhills to keep up to date with everything happening in school! We now have 201 followers! Twitter is a really great way to keep in touch with us!

STAR OF THE WEEK
The following children received a Star of the Week Award in January and February:

Room 1 Phoebe Russell, Erin McCafferty, Harry Walker, Chloe Christou, Mason Russell
Room 2 Caden Shaw, Katie Ball, Kayla Boyd, Joshua Glen, Antonia Cunningham
Room 3 Imogen Burns, Lauren Gray, Jacob Feenie, Logan Drummond, Noah Clarkson
Room 4 Harrison Williams, Jack Nelson, Luca Cavanagh, Alex Beebe, Ryan Orr
Room 5 Isabella Tennant, Harlee Wilkie, Elise Low, Andrew Campbell, Callum Campbell, Erika Clegg
Room 6 Louis Todd, Maggie Smart, Caiden Hunter, Olivia Stewart, Jaydon Kimm
Room 7 Sophie Grant, Joshua Omoyeni, Adam Feenie, Eva Daly, Lewis Gabriel, Gracie Campbell
Room 8 Nathan Black, Summer Carson, Daniel Corke, Harry Morrison, Jack Montgomery, Willow Jamieson, Zack Hamilton, Jessica Hogg, Lukas Russell, Emma Wilson
Room 9 Harrison Hart, Rory Thomson, Jack Latta, Ruairidh Young, Greig Monie, Roxanne MacSween, Freya Williamson, Jamie Hampson, Kenzie Gardiner, Lucy Clark
Room 10 Aaron Corke, Ciaran Robertson, Lucy Dick, Kathryn Cosh, Jay McDonald, Adam Javed
Room 11 Jenna Louise Davidson, Oliver Todd, Scott Forrest, Eva Nicol, Calum Miller, Ryan McEwan, Lewis Carney, Andrew Borland, Anna Lowe, Dylan Gray, Erin Kelly
Room 13 Harris Mason, Stephen McPhee, Jack Summers, Katie Higgins, Rowan Jamieson, Ryan Miller, Holly Russell, Millie Baxter
Room 14 Molly Hunter, Eilidh Curtis, Lucas Stewart, Jacob Campbell, Thomas Newberry, Ellie Burns
THANK YOU!

Thank you very much for the lovely gifts and cards, the staff, Mrs Love and I received at Christmas.
Your kindness is very much appreciated.

EDUCATION SCOTLAND VISIT
We were visited by Education Scotland on Wednesday, 23rd January as part of a National Thematic Inspection: empowerment for curriculum leadership. We were very pleased with the positive feedback we received from the managing inspector who spoke to groups of staff, parents and pupils about our curriculum and leadership of learning. Thank you to everyone who took part in this. The information gathered in Townhill will be used to help compile a national report. I will be in touch again to let you know when it is published.

HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL ASSEMBLY
We held a special P4-7 Assembly on Monday, 28th January to commemorate Holocaust Memorial Day. Thank you to Mrs Love and Max, Jacob, Ariella and Olivia from Primary 7 for leading this year’s assembly focusing on this year’s theme Torn from Home.

P1 AND P7 BUDDIES
Our P1 and P7 Buddies celebrated Burns Day on Friday, 25th January with a taster session of haggis, neeps and tatties! P7 entertained their P1 buddies with their knowledge of the life of Robert Burns and recited some Burns poetry. Primary 1 also entertained the P7s with songs and poems. We all enjoyed singing Auld Lang Syne at the end of the afternoon too!

Our wee buddies really enjoyed sharing their learning with their big buddies at their Numeracy Buddy Afternoon on Friday, 1st March!
Well done, Primary 1 and Primary 7!

The next Buddy Event is Buddy Lunch on Friday, 8th March followed by Buddy Afternoon on Friday, 15th March when P1 and P7 will work together to take part in a variety of literacy challenges!
SAFER INTERNET DAY

Miss Ballantyne and our Digital Leaders led a special P4-7 Assembly on Tuesday, 5th February to mark Safer Internet Day. They shared really important information about how to stay safe online and who children can talk to if they’re worried about anything. I’ve recently tweeted a number of helpsheets for parents/carers focusing on online safety and more information can be found at www.nationalonlinesafety.com.

HOUSE TALENT SHOW

We held our House Talent Show on Friday, 15th February. Well done to everyone who took part! Congratulations to Gracie from Livingstone House for winning first place and Robyn and Ariella from Lauder house for coming second and third. What a talented bunch!

BURNS COMPETITION

Well done to Lucy, Nathan, Ariella and Scott who represented Townhill at the Hamilton Burns Competition on Wednesday, 20th February in the Guide Hall, Orchard Street. We are very proud of you all!

A BOOK AND A BREW

Our A Book and a Brew reading event for P4-7 pupils and parents on Wednesday, 20th February was really well attended! It was great to hear that many of you are interested to become more involved in the further development of our reading culture. Thank you for all your suggestions as to how we can continue to promote a love of reading in school. P1-3 parents won’t miss out with our P1-3 Reading Café taking place during a special week of activities to celebrate World Book Day on Thursday, 7th March.

CAR PARKING

I’d like to remind parents/carers once again that our staff car park should not be used for drop off and pick up at 8.55am and 3.00pm. The drop off zone should be used for this purpose and cars should not be parked in the drop off area at any time. I am also aware that cars are parking on our driveway. This is extremely dangerous, not only causing an obstruction but could hinder emergency vehicles.
attending the school in the event of a fire, putting the lives of your children and our staff at greater risk. Thank you for your support with this.

PROMOTING POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR UPDATE
Almost all of our children demonstrate very good behaviour in school and we are often complimented on the children’s manners and behaviour by visitors to our school. During our visit from Education Scotland, the Managing Inspector highlighted the inclusive ethos and calm and purposeful learning environment. He commented on our articulate pupils who were polite and showed respect for each other during group discussions.

You will know that our five Golden Rules are consistent across the school and the children understand how these link with our school charter, the Right of the Month and the wellbeing indicators (SHANARRI).

1. Follow instructions.
2. Work hard and always try your best.
3. Keep hands, feet and unkind words and actions to yourself.
4. Listen to the person who is meant to be talking.
5. Take care of your own, others and school property.

We promote positive behaviour in our school in a variety of ways. We do this in class, through our Health and Wellbeing Programme, Pupil Leadership Groups, House points, circle time, class, group and individual points, regular use of stickers and stampers, class jobs etc and through assemblies and Star of the Week awards. As a staff, we agreed that our 15 minute Golden Playtime was only one way of rewarding good behaviour and now that we have revised our House System, in particular, we are trying out some more new ideas in our classes before next session. The children are aware of this change and we will be seeking their views through our Pupil Council. We will also be asking you for your thoughts at our Parents’ Evenings in May.

PARENT PAY
As part of a roll out across South Lanarkshire Council, Parent Pay will be coming to Townhill very soon! Parent Pay is used to pay for all school meals, milk, activities and trips etc. online using a secure website. Parent Pay can also be used as a means of communication too. For those parents who still wish to use cash, there will be a facility to use the PayPoint network at local convenience stores. The introduction of Parent Pay will mean that Townhill will be a cashless school. There will be more information for parents/carers in the coming weeks with guidance on how to set up and activate your Parent Pay account.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY
Monday, 4th March
Lunchtime: P2 Room 3 Lunchtime Funtime
3.00pm: P6/7 Cross Country Training
3.00pm: Judo Club
3.00pm: P5-7 Choir
Tuesday, 5th March
3.00pm: P6/7 Boys Football Training

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Wednesday, 6th March
All Day: P1-3 Reading Café for pupils and parents
Lunchtime: Recorder Group
PM: P7 Netball Team out with Miss Dunn
3.00pm: P6/7 Girls Football Training
3.00pm: P4/5 Dance Club

Thursday, 7th March
World Book Day!
PM: Boys Football Team to Sandra McLean Memorial Tournament
1.15pm: Pupil Leadership Groups
3.00pm: P7 Netball Training
3.00pm: P2 Run, Jump and Throw

Friday, 8th March
9.30am: Whole School Fairtrade Assembly
Lunchtime: Buddy Lunch

Monday, 11th March
Lunchtime: P2 Room 3 Lunchtime Funtime
3.00pm: P6/7 Cross Country Training
3.00pm: Judo Club
3.00pm: P5-7 Choir

Tuesday, 12th March
P1 and P7 Dental Checks
3.00pm: P6/7 Boys Football Training

Wednesday, 13th March
Lunchtime: Recorder Group
PM: P7 Netball Team out with Miss Dunn
3.00pm: P6/7 Girls Football Training
3.00pm: P4/5 Dance Club

Thursday, 14th March
International Schools Meals Day - Townhill's Favourite Menu!
AM: P5 Rugby Training
AM: P6 to Easter Code, Hillhouse Parish Church
11.00am: Rooms 5 and 6 Showcase
3.00pm: P7 Netball Training
3.00pm: P2 Run, Jump and Throw

Friday, 15th March
SLC Sumdog Competition begins
P6/7 Cross Country Team to Palace Grounds
PM: P1 and P7 Buddy Afternoon - Literacy

Monday, 18th March
P7 Residential to Lockerbie Manor/Activity Week in school begins today
Lunchtime: P2 Room 4 Lunchtime Funtime
3.00pm: Judo Club
3.00pm: P5-7 Choir
Tuesday, 19th March
PM: P6 Girls Football Team out with Miss Dunn
3.00pm: P6/7 Boys Football Training

Wednesday, 20th March
AM: P1 to Hillhouse Library for author visit
3.00pm: There is no P6/7 Girls Football Training
3.00pm: P4/5 Dance Club

Thursday, 21st March
AM: P5 Rugby Training
3.00pm: There is no P7 Netball Training
3.00pm: P2 Run, Jump and Throw

Friday, 22nd March
9.30am: Whole School Assembly
3.00pm approximately: Pupils and staff return from Lockerbie Manor

Monday, 25th March
Lunchtime: P2 Room 4 Lunchtime Funtime
3.00pm: Judo Club
3.00pm: P5-7 Choir

Tuesday, 26th March
3.00pm: P6/7 Boys Football Training

Wednesday, 27th March
PM: House Treat!
3.00pm: P6/7 Girls Football Training
3.00pm: P4/5 Dance Club

Thursday, 28th March
AM: P5 Rugby Training
2.00pm: P1-3 Easter Assembly
3.00pm: There is no P7 Netball Training
3.00pm: P2 Run, Jump and Throw

Friday, 29th March
Wear a Hat Day - more information to follow!
9.30am: P4-7 Assembly
2.30pm: School closes for Spring Break!

HOLIDAYS
School closes at 2.30pm on Friday, 29th March for the Spring Break Holiday. We re-open at 8.55am on Monday, 15th April.
School is closed again on Friday, 19th April and Monday, 22nd April for Easter Weekend, re-opening on Tuesday, 23rd April at 8.55am.

I hope all our families enjoy a happy and relaxing Spring Break and Easter Weekend with family and friends. As always, please contact me at school should you have any questions or queries.

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