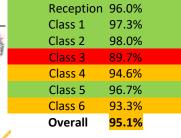


Striving for 100%

#### **Attendance**

Week Ending 12.1.24:



## **Attendance Champions:** Class 2 - Congratulations

Our school attendance expectation is 97%. Well done to everyone who achieved this.

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## Values for Life

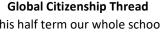
This half term in collective worship we are focusing upon the value of: COMPASSION This week's focus will be:

# **HELPFULNESS**

#### Galatians 6:2 (NIV)

"Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ."

This verse encourages support and assistance within a community, embodying the spirit of helpfulness and mutual care.



This half term our whole school Thread is **SOCIAL JUSTICE** 

# Reminder to all our valued parents:

Please adhere to our <u>Parent</u> Code of Conduct and follow our Communication Procedures.

Let's maintain a respectful and positive environment for everyone's benefit. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding!



# Newsletter - Monday 15th January 2024

Educating 'for life in all its fullness.'

Dear parents/carers,



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"¡Hola!" - Our recent Languages Day was a vibrant celebration of Spain. The children wore red and yellow, enjoyed a Spanish-themed lunch, and immersed themselves in Spanish culture and language. The day was filled with educational activities, including engaging language lessons, creative projects and lively dancing. It was a fantastic cultural experience for all.



It was truly uplifting to engage with the passionate team at Cap Care Wakefield last Thursday. Our children embarked on a meaningful visit to the centre, where they proudly presented donations gathered from their 'Winter Warriors - Fighting Homelessness with Warmth' initiative. They also gained valuable insights into the vital assistance provided to a growing community in need. We're deeply grateful for your support in nurturing our young, compassionate advocates.



### PSHE/RSHE Virtual Meeting

There will be a virtual meeting on Thursday, 18th January at 4pm, focusing on our PSHE/RSHE curriculum. This session will introduce important updates and changes to what children learn, and offer a chance for questions and feedback. A link for the meeting will be sent via text. We look forward to your participation and hope you find the session both useful and informative.

## Calendar



Tue 16th Year

2 Class Worship (Parents Invited -9:15am) Thu 18th Year 2 Florence **Nightingale** Visit Fri 19th Open Afternoon (Parents can view children's work from 2:45pm) Fri 19th **Cross Country** Comp Mon 22<sup>nd</sup> Year 5 Class Worship (Parents Invited -

> **Key Dates** <del>2023-24</del>

9:15am)

### What are we learning... Spring 1 (Document LINK)

At Ackworth Howard we believe in nurturing our pupils through their personal development journey to achieve readiness to become global citizens, equipped with the tools for life long living and learning.

We aim to achieve this through interweaving core Christian values; thoughtprovoking and philosophical questions around local and global issues; dedicated time during class and whole school worship to develop as Global Citizens; a rich Personal, Social, Health Education (PSHE) curriculum and effective Religious Education lessons.

Each half term we focus on a core Christian value - this half term it is 'COMPASSION'. This goes hand in hand with our Global Citizenship thread of 'SOCIAL JUSTICE', which is further complemented by our PSHE unit 'FAKE IS A MISTAKE' - Unpacking how to bravely communicate truth and be proud of who we are.





















National Issue

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## **MOMENTS MATTER, ATTENDANCE COUNTS**



There is wide agreement among health professionals and educational professionals that school attendance is vital to the life chances of children and young people. Being in school improves health, wellbeing and socialisation throughout life. The greatest benefits come from children and young people attending school regularly.

It is usually appropriate for parents and carers to send their children to school with mild respiratory illnesses. This would include general cold symptoms: a minor cough, runny nose or sore throat. However, children should not be sent to school if they have a temperature of 38°C or above.

Please refer to the NHS 'Is my child too ill for school?' guidance which has further information and will help support any decision to keep your child absent:

https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-forschool/

#### **Population Density**

Year 6 investigated population density in Spain during languages day. Using atlas work they marked the top ten cities of Spain and used cubes to represent every 100,000 people. They thought about why Madrid was selected as the best place for the capital city.



\*\*\*Dinner Debate\*\*\*

This week's question to debate with family and friends at home:

"It is our choices, Harry, that show what we truly are, far more than our abilities." - J.K. Rowling, Harry **Potter and the Chamber of Secrets** 

low important is courage and choice? Can you give any examples?

#### **Lost and Found**

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As part of their learning about the story 'Lost and Found', Reception worked collaboratively to make boats to take the penguin back home. They had great fun testing whether the boats would float or sink. Great predictions and use of scientific words.



# **Throwing and Catching**

The children in Nursery have been practising their catching and throwing skills. They began by working in pairs and having a go at throwing a bean bag to each other. They then used hoops as a target to throw the beanbag into.

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**Little Red Riding Hood** 

Y1 have been reading Little Red Riding Hood. They visited our woodland to put themselves into Little Red Riding Hood's shoes. They could hear twigs snapping and they saw tall towering trees as big as sky scrapers. Luckily, they didn't bump into the wolf!

Growth in MIND Cubism

During Spanish Day, Y2 learnt about Pablo Picasso and were busy creating their own portraits using cubism!

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# **Developing Ball Skills**

Year 3 have enjoyed practising ball skills in PE. They thought about how to improve their collection skills and applied it in a game of dodgeball!















**Kids WASP Parent Carer** 

# Workshop

please ring 01924 683890 or scan the QR code to fill out a

January dates:

**Tuesday 16th** 

Wednesday 17th

Tuesday 23rd

Wednesday 24th

Tuesday 30th

Wednesday 31st



Stay safe, well and keep the faith – your support is greatly appreciated

Michael Walker – Headteacher

Proud of our partnership with Mshikamano (Solidarity) Primary School

Bega Kwa Bega (Shoulder to Shoulder)