



Newsletter – Monday 27th November 2023

Educating 'for life in all its fullness.'

Striving for 100%

Attendance

Week Ending 24/11/23:

Reception 92.7%

Class 1 99.3%

Class 2 97.0%

Class 3 97.9%

Class 4 87.4%

Class 5 98.0%

Class 6 93.8%

Overall 95.3%

Attendance Champions:
Class 1 - Congratulations

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

Cumulative (2023-24) total so far – 96.1%

Growth in MIND, BODY, SPIRIT

Values for Life

This half term in collective worship we are focusing upon the value of: **FORGIVENESS**

This week's focus will be:
UNFAILING

'Behold, the eye of the Lord is on those who fear him, on those who hope in his steadfast love.'
Psalm 33:18

Global Citizenship Thread

This half term our whole school Thread is **VALUES AND PERCEPTIONS**



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Dinner Debate

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

'What makes you happy?'



Dear parents/carers,

As we navigate through our daily lives, it's sometimes easy to forget the wider world around us. This week, I've found myself reflecting on the events unfolding globally, particularly the heart-wrenching situations affecting children in conflict zones. These reflections bring into sharp focus our half term's Global Citizenship Thread – 'values and perceptions,' and our central value of 'forgiveness.'

In times of turmoil, it's crucial to foster understanding and compassion, both within ourselves and our children. Our focus on forgiveness is not just about pardoning wrongs but also about understanding different perspectives and nurturing empathy. It's about teaching our children to look beyond their immediate surroundings and consider the broader tapestry of human experiences and emotions.

Within these reflections, I am reminded of how fortunate we are in our school community to share in each other's lives, celebrate milestones, and support one another. The recent parents' evenings and Christmas Fair were a testament to this strong sense of community and shared purpose. I am grateful to each of you who joined us, engaging in your child's learning journey and strengthening the bonds that make our school a special place.

As we continue this term, focusing on values and perceptions, let's encourage our children to understand and practice forgiveness, not just as an act, but as a perspective that enriches their understanding of the world. Let's cherish and nurture the safe, supportive, and caring environment we have here, always mindful of the wider world and our role in it.

Thank you for your ongoing support and commitment to our school community.

Big Me Day – For Action Aid

This week's reflections on our theme of 'values and perceptions' is timely as we prepare for Big Me Day on Friday 1st December. Children can come dressed as a career they admire and during the day we will be exploring how different roles shape society and support community. A £1 donation for Action Aid will help children globally. It's a great way to connect our values with the wider world.

Community Payback

Over the next few Sundays, we'll be sprucing up our school, both inside and out, thanks to the government's Community Payback Scheme. Work will be supervised and risk-assessed for safety. We're eager to see the improvements and will share updates soon.

Parent Governor Election

3 nominations have been received, which means that there has to be an election by ballot.

[Election of a Parent Governor Link](#)

Recent Letters – [Proposed Changes to School Hours – Consultation / Pantomime](#)

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Diary Dates



November

Thu 30th –
Y5&Y6 Football
V Badsworth

December

Fri 1st Dec – Big
Me Day

Mon 4th –
Pantomime / Y6
Class Worship

Tue 5th – School
Communion

Wed 6th – Leeds
Playhouse (R-Y2)

Thu 7th –
Ackworth
Schools

Rehearsals at St.
Cuthbert's (Y5)

Fri 8th – Pre 5
Screening
(School Nurse)

Mon 11th – Year
3 Class Worship

Wed 13th – KS1
Football Skills
Festival

Key Dates 2023-24



Reading Book School
Wishlist Link:

<https://shorturl.at/jml19>



Ackworth Parish Councils
Santa Day & Craft Fair 2023
9th & 10th December 10am - 2pm

Free Tickets available at
<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/myevent?eid=735344775017>
for all children of Ackworth who are in Year 6 or under or who attend an Ackworth Primary School.

Bell Lane Community Centre
Bell Lane, Ackworth

Includes a free craft activity for all children.

Local Issue

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Domestic Abuse – 16 Days of Action



We are proudly supporting Wakefield Council's "Domestic Abuse - 16 days of Action" campaign, which will run from November 25th to December 10th. This essential campaign aims to raise awareness and promote discussions around the critical issue of domestic abuse, both at a national and local level.

Throughout the 16 days, our school will actively participate by engaging in various actions, each designed to contribute to the overall goal of shedding light on domestic abuse. We will be sharing these actions on our social media channels, [X](#) and [Facebook](#), to encourage wider involvement and awareness.

The daily actions will cover a range of topics related to domestic abuse, including safety strategies, understanding different types of abuse, ways to report abuse, and more. By actively participating, we hope to not only educate but also provide resources and support for those who may be affected by this issue.

Domestic abuse is a matter of great importance, affecting individuals and families in our community and across the nation. We believe that by supporting initiatives like this, we can contribute to a safer and more informed society. We encourage you to join us in raising awareness and engaging in these vital conversations.

Thank you for your continued support in our mission to create a safe and inclusive learning environment for all our students.

Link: www.wakefield.gov.uk/16daysofaction

Christmas Fair

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A huge thank you to our HSA for turning our school into a Winter Wonderland!

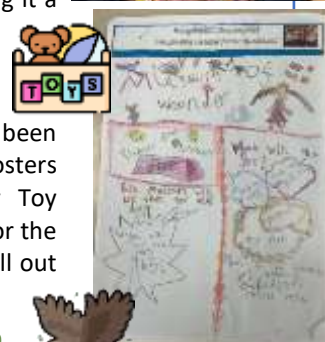
🎄 From unique crafts to delicious treats, the Christmas Fair was nothing short of magical. Thanks for making it a 'Fair'-y tale event! 🍪🍪



Toy Museum

Growth in **MIND**

The children in Year 1 have been designing and creating their own posters for the grand opening of their Toy Museum. Keep your eyes peeled for the tickets Year 1 parents, they will sell out fast!



Owl Babies

Growth in **MIND**

Reception have enjoyed listening to the story 'Owl Babies' by Martin Waddell. They used their knowledge of the story to create a story map and also sorted pictures of animals into daytime animals and nocturnal animals.



Paperman

Growth in **MIND**

Year 6 are using Disney's romantic short story 'Paperman' as inspiration for their writing. On Friday they wrote instructions on how to make a paper airplane.



Children's Fundraiser

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A number of children are leading a fundraiser in school! From Dec 4th-6th, they'll be selling homemade buns in the library during breaktime to raise money for Tanzania. We are happy to support their great effort and our global friends! 🍪



Parenting Courses

<https://securefile.cloud/MTg2MTI/wfttriplepparentsupportsessionflyers.pdf>

Please find details of some upcoming parenting courses.

The stepping Stone course is specifically for parents of SEN children 0-12 years. Sessions will be led by the family hub practitioner's and they are aiming for a January start.

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

Mr Michael Walker – Headteacher

Proud of our partnership with Mshikamano (Solidarity) Primary School

Bega Kwa Bega (Shoulder to Shoulder)

