

# Ackworth Howard

Church of England (VC) Junior & Infant School

## Newsletter – Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2017

### Attendance

Week ending 1<sup>st</sup> December:

Reception:	88.0%
Class 1	96.2%
Class 2	93.3%
Class 3	88.3%
Class 4	100%
Class 5	99.7%
Class 6	98.6%

**Overall 94.8%**

### Attendance Champions:

Class 4

### Congratulations.

Our school attendance expectation is 97%.

Well done to everyone who achieved this.



### House Points

(Red) Cirrus – 87  
(Blue) Cumulus – 72  
(Yellow) Stratus – 107  
(Green) Nimbus – 83

**Well done Stratus!**

### Mayor

It was wonderful to welcome the Mayor of Wakefield to school last week who talked about the role and its history.

The children enjoyed an assembly with the mayor visiting classrooms afterwards. They had the chance to ask questions of the Mayor. The children were extremely respectful and enjoyed following the traditions held for hundreds of years.

We also had our own mini mayor who looked after the visitors and led the tour of the school.



### HSA News

Thanks to all the staff, parents and children who supported our Christmas Fair, particularly the choir and Year 6 for their fantastic singing, which got us all in the Christmas spirit!

Thanks also to everyone who has sent in gifts for our hamper raffle. The hampers are full to bursting! Tickets will be available at the Christmas performances, along with our 2018 calendars.

Sales of the Christmas cards and mugs this year raised just over £200 profit, which is a great addition to our fundraising - thanks to all who placed orders.

Finally we are delighted to announce that we made it to the finals of the Aviva Community Fund, having secured around 2000 votes for the Peace Garden project - a fantastic achievement and huge thanks to everyone who voted.

### Values for Life

This half term in Collective Worship the children will be focusing upon the value of: **Compassion and Justice**

This week our focus will be **protect**.

### **Diary Dates:**

**Tue 5<sup>th</sup> Dec** – Governors Meeting

**Fri 8<sup>th</sup> Dec** – Dodgeball Festival

**Mon 11<sup>th</sup> Dec** – PC Blunt Crime and Punishment Workshops KS2

**Tue 12<sup>th</sup> Dec** – Ackworth Schools Christmas Rehearsal (Y6 – St. Cuthberts)

**Tue 12<sup>th</sup> Dec** – PC Blunt Stranger Danger - Nursery

**Wed 13<sup>th</sup> Dec** – Christmas Dinner

**Wed 13<sup>th</sup> Dec** – Inter-House Sport Competition

**Thu 14<sup>th</sup> Dec** – Reception/KS1 Theatre Visit and KS2 Pantomime Visit

**Thu 14<sup>th</sup> Dec** – Nursery Christmas Parties

**Fri 15<sup>th</sup> Dec** – Ackworth Schools Church Service (Y6)

**Fri 15<sup>th</sup> Dec** – Christmas Jumper Day

**Fri 15<sup>th</sup> Dec** – Reception and KS1 Christmas Parties

**Fri 15<sup>th</sup> Dec** – PC Blunt Stranger Danger – Nursery

**Mon 18<sup>th</sup> Dec** – School Choir Community Singing – Townend Avenue

**Thu 21<sup>st</sup> Dec** – KS2 Christmas Carol Service – St. Cuthberts

**Thu 21<sup>st</sup> Dec** – Key Stage 2 Christmas Party

### **Christmas Productions:**

#### **Tuesday 19th December**

Nursery and Reception 9:30am  
Year 1 and 2 1:30pm

#### **Wednesday 20th December**

Class 1 and 2 9:30am  
Nursery and Reception 1:30pm

### **Great Expectations**

On Tuesday, children in Year 5 and Year 6 visited Ackworth School to watch their performance of Great Expectations.

Following the show, the children attended a tea party.

Thank you to Ackworth School for the invitation.

### **PC Blunt Road Safety Assembly**

PC Blunt delivered a Road Safety assembly last week raising awareness of a number of safety strategies the children should be aware of. The assembly was very informative and the children answered questions extremely well.

### **St. Andrews Theme Day**

On Thursday, Year 2 took part in a St. Andrews theme day.

The children learnt about the life of patron saints linked to their Geography work on the British Isles.

### **Christmas Jumper Day**

We are holding a wear your Christmas jumper to school day for a donation of £1 on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December. The aim of the day is to raise an awareness of and raise funds for Save the Children.

As usual, Year 6 will be planning activities for children to take part in. They will be charging 20p for each activity.



**Save the Children**  
**CHRISTMAS**  
**JUMPER DAY**

### **Celebrating Us!**

The following children have been recognised by their class teachers for going above and beyond whether it be academic, socially or physically within the school week:

**Ilaria D (Rec), Oliver W (Rec), Liberty W (Y1), Benjamin W (Y1), Faith C (Y2), Reuben J (Y2), Ethan M (Y3), Alice T (Y3), Alfie D (Y4), Lilly R (Y4), Heather M (Y5), George D (Y5), Isobel G (Y6), Lydia R (Y6).**

Well done to the children who earned lunch on the top table and to the Christian Value nominated children.

### **School Website**

The school website has now had an upgrade and reorganisation. We hope that you find the information useful and the website easier to navigate:

<https://www.ackworthhowardschool.co.uk/>

**Thank you for your continued support and have a lovely week.**

**Mr Michael Walker**  
**Headteacher**