

Newsletter – Monday 11th December 2017

Attendance

Week ending 8th December:

Reception:	95.0%
Class 1	96.2%
Class 2	93.7%
Class 3	97.3%
Class 4	97.7%
Class 5	92.7%
Class 6	98.6%
Overall	95.9%

Attendance Champions:

Class 6

Congratulations.

Our school attendance expectation is 97%.

Well done to everyone who achieved this.



House Points

(Red) Cirrus – 170
(Blue) Cumulus – 91
(Yellow) Stratus – 169
(Green) Nimbus – 164

Well done Cirrus!

Post Box Visit

Children in Reception have spent time writing letters to Father Christmas as part of their Literacy focus.

On Thursday, the children made sure their letters were completed and sealed in envelopes. They then went on a short walk through the village to post them in the post box.

The children were really excited and extremely well behaved, so we hope he was watching!

We are now eagerly awaiting his replies to drop through letter boxes.

Dodgeball

Congratulations to our Dodgeball team members from Year 3 and 4 who took part in the Elite competition in Airedale on Friday.

The team competed against a number of schools from the Wakefield area and competed against Darrington in the final.

Poppy Appeal

We have received a letter thanking us for our contribution to the Poppy Appeal in 2017. The school raised £176.70.

The total sum raised in Pontefract and Ackworth so far is: £36,155.82.

Each year the Royal British Legion spends over £70 million on the welfare needs of service and ex-service beneficiaries. A significant proportion of that sum is raised through the Poppy Appeal.

Thank you again for your support.



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 **Mercy**.

Diary Dates:

Mon 11th Dec – PC Blunt Crime and Punishment Workshops KS2

Tue 12th Dec – Ackworth Schools Christmas Rehearsal (Y6 – St. Cuthberts)

Tue 12th Dec – PC Blunt Stranger Danger - Nursery

Wed 13th Dec – Christmas Dinner

Wed 13th Dec – Inter-House Sport Competition

Thu 14th Dec – Reception/KS1 Theatre Visit and KS2 Pantomime Visit

Thu 14th Dec – Nursery Christmas Parties

Fri 15th Dec – Ackworth Schools Church Service (Y6)

Fri 15th Dec – Christmas Jumper Day

Fri 15th Dec – Reception and KS1 Christmas Parties

Fri 15th Dec – PC Blunt Stranger Danger – Nursery

Mon 18th Dec – School Choir Community Singing – Townend Avenue

Thu 21st Dec – KS2 Christmas Carol Service – St. Cuthberts

Thu 21st Dec – Key Stage 2 Christmas Parties

Christmas Safeguarding Tips

Tips for autistic children at Christmas;

http://www.autism.org.uk/christmas?mc_cid=a750381716&mc_eid=47fa98a057

NSPCC how to set parental controls;

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/parental-controls/>

Choosing the right console game for your child

<https://parentzone.org.uk/article/choosing-right-console-games-christmas>

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/keep-children-safe-online-this-christmas-top-tips>

Click on the links on our website or Facebook page.

HSA News

The Christmas Fair was very successful, raising just over £500, which is one of the highest amounts we've had. Thanks again to everyone who supported the event.

Schools calendars and raffle tickets for our seven hampers will be available to purchase at the nativity performances and also outside Church at the Carol Service. The raffle will be drawn on Thursday 21 December.

Mr. Barstow

Mr. Barstow has been regularly updating the children during his World Hockey League Finals umpiring experience in Bhubaneswar, India.

He has been producing videos which can be viewed on our Facebook page.

Eco Meeting

On Friday, the eco-council met. They reviewed their action plan and wrote their new one highlighting areas they wanted to work on in order to achieve the Eco-Schools silver award which we are aiming to achieve before February half term.

The children also discussed the chickens, how they would like to look after them and what they would like to do to make their lives happier.

Ackworth School

On the evening of January 16th at 6.00pm, Ackworth School are holding their annual Business & Education Fair featuring 50 businesses and universities; as part of their commitment to social mobility in the area, children and parents are cordially invited to attend.

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:

James G (Rec), Lottie C (Rec), Constantine I (Y1), Dexter W (Y1), Daniel W (Y2), Sam G (Y2), Archie C (Y3), James H (Y3), Jayden L (Y4), Sumer B (Y4), Max C (Y5), Darcy M (Y5), Lucy C (Y6), Sophie L (Y6).

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

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

**Mr Michael Walker
Headteacher**

Compassion
Forgiveness
Friendship
Trust