

Ackworth Howard

Church of England (VC) Junior & Infant School

Newsletter – Tuesday 13th March 2018

Attendance

Week ending 9th March:

Reception:	99.3%
Class 1	96.8%
Class 2	94.5%
Class 3	96.0%
Class 4	97.0%
Class 5	99.3%
Class 6	100%

Overall 97.6%

Attendance Champions:

Class 6

Congratulations.

Our school attendance expectation is 97%.

Well done to everyone who achieved this.



Special Assembly

It was great to see so many family members attending our Mother's Day assembly on Friday. We hope that you enjoyed it. Each class led their own part and shared some lovely work.

World Book Day

The children looked great in their costumes and enjoyed an opportunity to read with parents and visit the book fair.

Doncaster Wildlife Park

Reception visited the Yorkshire Wildlife Park to experience first-hand the animals they have been learning about in their classroom.

They took part in a workshop where they were able to handle a Madagascan snail, cockroach and a snake!

Inspire Mornings

We recently held two Inspire Mornings. Thank you again for supporting these events – it is lovely to hear that you enjoy them.

Year 5 and 6 took part in mathematics problems looking at reasoning and problem solving. The children shared learning with their family members.

Year 1 and 2 created Mother's Day portraits using 'selfies' to produce art work. These beautiful pieces of art are on display in the hall.

House Points

(Red) Cirrus – 225
(Blue) Cumulus – 146
(Yellow) Stratus – 203
(Green) Nimbus – 234

Well done Nimbus!

Space Dome Planetarium

The Space Dome came into school to work with the children last week. The children followed in the footsteps of Tim Peake and visited the moon, the international space station and observed stars and constellations.

Values for Life

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

This week our focus will be: **Balance**

Diary Dates:

14th March – Reception Inspire Morning
15th March – Year 2 Class Assembly
15th March – Rugby Competition (Ackworth School)
16th March – RAF Falcon Visitor
9th -18th March – Science Week
17th-23rd March – Sport Relief
19th March – Y6 Puberty Talk
20th March – Governors Meeting
21st March – Cross Country (Ackworth School)
21st March – Parents Consultation Meetings
28th March – Easter Bonnets and The Great Egg Race + Decorated Egg Competition
29th March – Easter Service (St. Cuthbert's)

Sport at The Howard School

Year 5 have recently visited Wakefield Hockey Club and had the opportunity to play on their world class facilities. Following this, a number of children competed in the Wakefield School Games competition against other schools.

Children from Years 5 and 6 took part in a unique Olympic Day at the Institute of Sport in Sheffield, again experiencing excellent facilities and coming away with another sporting trophy for school – Well done!

Children from Years 4 and 6 took part in an Orienteering Competition at St. John the Baptist Catholic School yesterday. The children competed very well and were excellent role models whilst representing our school.

This half terms planning overviews are now available on the website - Find out what your children are learning.

Update from the Governing Body

As we reach the half way point of the school year I wanted to take the opportunity to provide a brief overview of the work the Governing Body have undertaken so far. The Autumn term focussed on agreeing key priorities within the School Development Plan and setting clear targets for the coming year. We continue to monitor these with regular updates from Mr Walker and from members of staff visiting our meetings. This has included Mr Barstow on Sports Funding and outdoor play equipment, Mrs Longfield on Special Education Needs and Mr Nunn on enhancing the ICT curriculum within school.

We are delighted with the establishment of a Nursery provision within school from September. Several Governors have visited the Early Years Provision with positive feedback on the work happening across both classrooms in this area. The Governors continue to support the development of enhancing the outdoor learning area within Nursery.

Governors have also visited all classes to look at provision for the most able within school and how all children are being supported and encouraged in challenging themselves in their learning. The Governors reported back on how the children were very happy to answer queries and explain what they were doing, why they were doing it and to discuss the resources they have to support their learning.

Governors attend various councils held by pupils and attended the Worship Council last term.

Finally we would like to welcome Mrs Buckley onto the teaching team at Ackworth Howard School and pass on our best wishes to Miss O'Brien for a wonderful Maternity Leave.

If you have any queries about the Governing Body please take a look at our section on the School Website. Contact can be made with us through various school events we attend or via the school office.

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

**Mr Michael Walker
Headteacher**

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