

Newsletter – Monday 16th April 2018

Attendance

Spring Term Attendance:

Reception:	94.4%
Class 1	96.1%
Class 2	97.1%
Class 3	97.1%
Class 4	97.3%
Class 5	96.7%
Class 6	95.6%
Overall	96.3%

Attendance Champions:

Class 4

Congratulations.

Our school attendance expectation is 97%.

Well done to everyone who achieved this.

During the spring term, 138 children achieved our 97% target with 83 children achieving 100% - Well done.

Our attendance prize winner will be drawn this week – They will win a £10 voucher for a store of their choice.



Welcome back to the new term. We hope that you had a lovely Easter break.

Tour De Yorkshire

The Tour de Yorkshire will travel through our district on Friday 4 May. Both the women's and men's races will pass through South Elmsall, Ackworth, Pontefract, Airedale and Castleford.

The women's race will enter South Elmsall at around 10.15am and leave Castleford at around 10.50am. The men's race will enter South Elmsall at around 4pm and leave Castleford at around 4.35pm.

Rolling road closures will take place during the race, which will last around 30 to 50 minutes.

Please note that times are an estimate and spectators are encouraged to allow plenty of time to get to their preferred viewing location.

Full details are available at the Tour de Yorkshire website.

We will be taking the children to see the women's race pass through Ackworth and offer our support. However, if you would like to share the event with your own children you can collect them after morning registration and return them before lunch. If you do intend on collecting your own children, we do ask that you inform us as we will be setting off in good time for the race.



Values for Life

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

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Diary Dates:

17th April – Class 2 Pontefract Castle Visit

18th April – Girls Football Cup

20th April – Outdoor Wilderness Y5

20th April – Pontefract Music Festival

27th April – KS2 Girls Football

2nd May – Class 4 Assembly (***This is a date change from the 3rd May***)

4th May – Tour De Yorkshire

WK BEG 7th May – Nursery Inspire Stay and Play Sessions

8th May – Year 3 and 4 Inspire Morning

9th May – Reception Inspire Morning

WK BEG 14th May – YEAR 6 SATs WEEK

Easter

Thank you to everyone who attended our Easter Service at St. Cuthbert's Church. The children were great and I am sure you will agree that the confidence shown by them was fantastic.

Thank you to everyone who attended the Easter Bonnet Parade and the Great Egg Race and to those children who entered the Decorated Egg Competition. It is always wonderful to see the end result of everyone's hard work.

Exciting Updates:

You will notice a difference when you next visit school. Over the Easter holidays, refurbishment work has been undertaken throughout the school corridors. A new ceiling has been installed with new LED lighting which is energy efficient and much brighter. The corridor has also been redecorated and other aesthetically pleasing works have taken place.

We have also taken delivery of **60 brand new children's laptops** which are set up and ready to use. This will ensure the children have access to up to date and relevant technology. In addition to this, we are having **new interactive screens installed to all classrooms this week**. It's all very exciting!

Parents Code of Conduct

We value the strong relationship that we have with parents and carers in our school however we would like to remind parents that certain standards of behaviour are expected to sustain a peaceful and safe school environment. The school will not tolerate parents, carers or visitors exhibiting the inappropriate behaviours outlined in the code of conduct. This document can be found on our website and Facebook page. Thank you for your support in this.

Expressions of the Christian Faith

Before we broke up, we welcomed Ashley Guest, the minister of Ackworth Community Church. We appreciate the time he gave for us. The children always enjoy his acts of collective worship.

West Yorkshire School Games Orienteering

Following their earlier qualification in the Wakefield Schools Championships, our Y4 and Y6 Orienteering teams competed in the West Yorkshire School Games Winter festival involving almost 700 young people competing in different competitions at Leeds Beckett University, Headingley Campus.

Following registration and the opening ceremony, the children went on to compete in their age groups. They did the school proud, pushing themselves to their limits - well done!

The Year 4 team came away with a medal for finishing 1st in the district and 3rd overall.

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

**Mr Michael Walker
Headteacher**