



Newsletter – Monday 17th December 2018

Attendance

Week ending 14th
December:

Nursery	93.3%
Reception	95.0%
Class 1	96.0%
Class 2	93.3%
Class 3	97.4%
Class 4	94.7%
Class 5	97.3%
Class 6	95.0%

Overall 95.6%

Attendance Champions:

Class 3

Congratulations.

Our school attendance
expectation is 97%.

Well done to everyone who
achieved this.

*'Please consult the
attendance policy on the
school website for details of
procedures such as fixed
penalty notices for holidays
in term time.'*



Community Choir Singing

The school choir visited Townend Avenue Community Centre to perform carols for the residents last week showing great community spirit. Well done.



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>

The links are also available on our website with further support and guidance.

Ackworth Schools Christmas Celebration

As part of our Christmas celebrations, the children in Year 6 and a number of Year 5 children in the school choir visited St. Cuthbert's on Friday afternoon to take part in a delightful service in collaboration with other Ackworth schools – Bell Lane, Mill Dam and Oakfield Park.

The service provided opportunities for the children to celebrate Christmas as a community. As well as singing a variety of carols, each school also had an opportunity for their own short performance.

Thank you to everyone at St. Cuthbert's for inviting us and organising the service.

Values for Life

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

John 14:1 (Jesus' words to his disciples)

'Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God; trust also in me.'

Friendship
Trust

Upcoming Diary Dates:

Tuesday 18th / Wednesday 19th December –

Christmas Productions

Thursday 20th December – Foundation Stage Party (AM) / KS1 Party (PM)

Friday 21st December – KS2 Carol Service at St. Cuthbert's (9:45am)

Friday 21st December – School Closes for Christmas

Monday 7th January – School CLOSED (INSET Day)

Tuesday 8th January – School Reopens (Term: Spring 1)

Christmas Productions:

Tuesday 18th December

Nursery and Reception - 9:30am

Year 1 and 2 - 1:30pm

Wednesday 19th December

Class 1 and 2 – 9:30am

Nursery and Reception - 1:30pm

Christmas Parties

Christmas parties are currently being held across school. The children are enjoying dancing, party games and having a great time!

There will also be a very special visitor in school during the week.



Christmas Jumper Day

Thank you for your donations. I am pleased to say that £138.75 was raised for Save the Children.



HSA Update

A big thank you to everyone who supported this year's Christmas Fair, from stall holders, staff, parents and our fabulous school choir.

The event raised a fantastic £450. We have also raised £160 from the sale of Christmas cards and mugs.

Hamper raffle tickets and school calendars will be available to buy at the school productions this week and at Church on Friday during the Key Stage 2 carol service. The raffle will be drawn on Friday lunchtime and winners will be notified.

Thank you for all your support this term from everyone at the HSA, and we wish you all a happy and peaceful Christmas.

Winter Weather

In the cold weather, please ensure that your child has a warm waterproof coat and hat, scarf and gloves as necessary to keep them warm when they go outside at playtimes – thank you.

Poppy Appeal

We have received a letter thanking us for our contribution to the Poppy Appeal in 2018. The school raised £121.34.

The total sum raised in Pontefract and Ackworth so far is just over £40,000.

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 in school.



Headteacher's Award

Congratulations to all of the children who were given a Headteacher's award during the last week for outstanding learning behaviour and demonstrating respect.

On behalf of everyone at Ackworth Howard, may I wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Mr. Michael Walker - Headteacher