

# Ackworth Howard

Church of England (VC) Junior & Infant School

**Newsletter – Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2017**

## Attendance

Week ending 15<sup>th</sup>  
December:

Reception:	95.7%
Class 1	97.7%
Class 2	98.0%
Class 3	96.3%
Class 4	97.3%
Class 5	95.5%
Class 6	97.2%
<b>Overall</b>	<b>96.8%</b>

## Attendance Champions:

Class 2

**Congratulations.**

Our school attendance  
expectation is 97%.

Well done to everyone who  
achieved this.



## Activity Winners – Christmas Jumper Day:

### Where's Rudolph?

Harry.

### Where's Santa?

1<sup>st</sup> Carla, 2<sup>nd</sup> Orlando, 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Isobel.

### Name the Christmas Teddy:

Frankie (Candy).

## Advent

Reverend Paul Fox recently visited Year 2 as part of their RE lessons to discuss advent and how the church prepares for the season which is observed in many Christian churches as a time of expectant waiting and preparation for the celebration of the Nativity of Jesus at Christmas.



## Community Christmas Celebration

As part of our Christmas celebrations, Year 6 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 performance.



## Values for Life

This half term in Collective Worship the children have been focusing upon the values of: **Compassion and Justice**

### Diary Dates

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

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

**Thu 21<sup>st</sup> Dec** – School Closes

**Fri 22<sup>nd</sup> Dec** – INSET Day

**Mon 8<sup>th</sup> Jan** – School Reopens

**Mon 15<sup>th</sup> Jan** – Young Voices

**Wed 17<sup>th</sup> Jan** – Y5 and Y6 Engaging Futures Event  
(Ackworth School)

**Tue 30<sup>th</sup> Jan** – Governors Meeting

**Wed 7<sup>th</sup> Feb** – Bishop of Wakefield Visit

**Thu 8<sup>th</sup> Feb** – Class 3 Assembly

#### 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

**Key Stage 2 Christmas Carol Service:**

**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December – 9:45am**

All welcome at St. Cuthbert's Church

### Inter-house Competition

On Wednesday, the children took part in an inter-house competition. Children from each class took part in a sporting activity earning points for their house team.

Year 1 and 2 took part in ball skill challenges and activities whilst Key Stage 2 competed in Dodgeball.

Points are currently being totalled up and the winning team will be announced in an assembly.

### Theatre Visits

On Thursday, the children attended theatre visits.

Key Stage 2 visited Wakefield Theatre Royal to watch the pantomime Aladdin - Reception to Year 2 classes travelled to the West Yorkshire Playhouse to see the morning performance of Crumble's Search for Christmas.

The children really enjoyed the experience and displayed exemplary behaviour.

### Christmas Parties

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

There has also been a very special visitor in school!

The children have also enjoyed a fantastic Christmas dinner cooked by our kitchen staff, Mrs Telford and Miss Newsome.

### PC Blunt – Stranger Danger

PC Blunt has been delivering sessions in Nursery aimed at highlighting the importance of Stranger Danger.

### Christmas Jumper Day

Thank you for your donations. I am pleased to say that £340 was raised for Save the Children.



### HSA News

Just a reminder that tickets for the hamper raffle and school calendars will be available at the nativity performances this week, and raffle tickets will also be available outside church on Thursday.

The raffle will be drawn on Thursday morning and the winners notified, so that hampers can be collected at the end of the day.

Finally, thank you to everyone who has supported our fundraising activities this term, and we wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

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

Mr M. Walker  
Headteacher

Compassion  
Forgiveness  
Friendship  
Trust