



Newsletter – Monday 1st October 2018

Attendance

Week ending 28th
September:

Nursery	95.8%
Reception	97.3%
Class 1	98.7%
Class 2	100%
Class 3	96.8%
Class 4	93.7%
Class 5	98.0%
Class 6	99.3%

Overall 97.6%

Attendance Champions:

Class 2

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.'



Peace Garden Official Opening

Following our Macmillan Coffee Morning on Friday we held a special assembly to officially open our Peace Garden.

As a Church School, our objective was to create a beautiful space which fosters the children's spiritual development and offers opportunity for thinking and reflection. It was also built in loving memory of staff, family and friends.

The Worship Group and the children in school worked with a designer to plan the garden. The garden has 3 distinct zones – prayer, remembrance and celebration and the choice of planting and landscaping reflects each focal point.

The children are now working on practical suggestions for utilising its full potential. Each zone will have different stations for the children to interact with and be inspired by. We want the children to explore the senses and plan activities which offer opportunities for reflection and prayer. Children can use the area using their own initiative and spontaneity and it can also be used to provide variety to worship sessions in class and smaller groups.

Thank you to the children, and everyone involved in the development of the Peace Garden for all of their hard work, support and commitment to the project.



Values for Life

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

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

Friendship
Trust

Useful Information

Upcoming Diary Dates:

2nd October Year 6 SATs Meeting

4th October National Poetry Day

5th October Pupil Photos

9th October Governors Meeting

9th October – Year 4 Community Harvest Rehearsal
(St. Cuthbert's)

10th October – Harvest Festival Assembly (9:15am)

12th October - Ackworth School's Harvest Celebration
(Year 4 – St. Cuthberts at 1:45pm)

12th October – Cross Country Event (De Lacy
Academy)

15th October – School Nurse Visit (Year 1 – Hand
Washing / Year 3 – Dental Hygiene)

24th October – Spooky Disco

26th October – Tanzania Day

Harvest

Our Harvest Festival Assembly will take place on Wednesday 10th October (9:15am start). Each class (R-6) will have the opportunity to perform a song or share a reading etc. Parents are welcome to attend.

On Friday 12th October, Year 4 will attend a special community service at St. Cuthbert's joining other schools in the Ackworth locality.

We welcome your contributions of harvest produce. Tin foods can be sent into school from Monday 1st October with any fresh produce to be delivered on Tuesday 9th October. The produce will be delivered to the local food bank and nominated residents.

Tanzania – Working with and Learning from

On Friday 26th October we will be having a 'Celebrate Tanzania' day in school during which the children will begin to learn about Tanzania as well as writing letters and producing gifts for me to take when I visit. **We invite all children to wear non-uniform in the colours of the Tanzanian flag and offer a £1 donation.**



MacMillan Coffee Morning

Thank you for supporting our Macmillan Coffee Morning. We raised a fantastic £440 for a great cause, thank you.

Dr. MacManus

Year 2 asked Dr. MacManus some excellent questions during their healthy living talk. He was very impressed with their knowledge.

Spanish Day

As part of National Languages Day, the children took part in a Spanish Day. There was a variety of activities and even a Spanish themed lunch.



Science Workshop

Year 5 visited Ackworth School on Thursday to take part in a Sublime Science workshop. The children enjoyed the range of activities on offer.

Children's Craft Morning

Ackworth Quakers are hosting a children's craft morning on Saturday 6th October. The session will run from 10am until 11:30am and will be located at Low Ackworth Community Centre.

There is no charge but to secure a place tickets are available in school or by emailing:

ackworthchildrensmeeting@aol.com

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.

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

Mr. Michael Walker - Headteacher