



Newsletter – Monday 24th September 2018

Attendance

Week ending 21st
September:

Nursery	87.5%
Reception	97.3%
Class 1	99.0%
Class 2	97.4%
Class 3	95.5%
Class 4	100%
Class 5	94.7%
Class 6	99.7%

Overall 97.6%

Attendance Champions:

Class 4

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.'



School Heritage Day

On Friday we celebrated the rich history of our school. The children enjoyed learning facts about how the Howard School came to be and were fascinated about how it has changed over its 185 years.

At the end of the day, each class shared their work and upholding tradition we sang happy birthday and blew the candles out on our cake.

- Nursery explored the school grounds and created birthday cards for the school.
- Reception created cloud collages in recognition of Luke Howard naming the types of clouds.
- Key Stage 1 created some wonderful poetry.
- Year 3 used their coding skills to create a quiz game about our schools history.
- Year 4 created their own corporal punishment registers based on school documents. They also created some art work.
- Year 5 and 6 undertook thorough research of the school's history and created some excellent pieces of writing.

Examples of the work produced across school will be displayed shortly.



Florence Nightingale Workshop

Year 2 travelled back in time to Scutari to find out how Florence Nightingale improved conditions for soldiers in the Crimean war.

The session was inspiring and extremely informative and was enjoyed by the children.



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: **Trust**

Friendship
Trust

Useful Information

Upcoming Diary Dates:

26th September Spanish Day

27th September Y5 Science Workshop (Ackworth School – PM)

28th September MacMillan Coffee Morning / Peace Garden Blessing (9:20am)

3rd October Year 6 SATs Meeting

4th October National Poetry Day

5th October Pupil Photos

9th October Governors Meeting

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.

Macmillan coffee morning - Friday 28th September from 9.15am in the Hall.

The children are welcome to join you during the morning for a short time. Classes will visit at the specified times:

- Nursery and Reception - 9:20am
- Year 1 and Year 2 – 9:30am
- Year 3 and Year 4 – 9:40am
- Year 5 and Year 6 – 9:50am

Children will return to class so that the next classes can attend promptly.

At 10am, the official opening of our Peace Garden will take place and will include a blessing from Reverend Charlene Smith. The children will be present during the Peace Garden opening at 10am but will return to class afterwards in order to keep them safe in such a large crowd outside.

Xcite

Jordan Cooke our new sports practitioner from our partners Xcite Sport has settled in well over the last couple weeks.

Jordan is currently leading sports activities during Friday lunchtimes, delivering lessons to Year 3 and 4 on a Friday afternoon and leading a multi sports activity club after school.

We look forward to the partnership developing further.

Code Club

Code club is thriving in school and it has been great seeing the work the children are completing. It is truly inspiring!

You can see some of the work being completed on the Scratch website by searching for our school profile.

Forest School

Key Stage 2 were creating dams using drain pipes in their recent forest school lesson. A group in Year 4 managed 108 seconds which was the record for the day. Well done!

Mr. Barstow

Congratulations to Mr. Barstow and his wife on the birth of Oscar Harrison.

I am sure that you will join me in wishing them both well.

School Gardens - Volunteers

We are interested in hearing from anyone who has an interest in gardening and is willing to volunteer in school to help maintain the school gardens, allotments and our natural learning environment alongside the children – thank you.

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