

Ackworth Howard

Church of England (VC) Junior & Infant School

Newsletter – Monday 26th March 2018

Attendance

Week ending 23rd March:

Reception:	94.6%
Class 1	99.2%
Class 2	96.0%
Class 3	99.0%
Class 4	99.0%
Class 5	97.3%
Class 6	94.3%
Overall	97.0%

Attendance Champions:

Class 1

Congratulations.

Our school attendance expectation is 97%.

Well done to everyone who achieved this.



House Points

(Red) Cirrus – 38
(Blue) Cumulus – 67
(Yellow) Stratus – 66
(Green) Nimbus – 85

Well done Nimbus!

Sport Relief 2018

During last week, the children (and staff) had the opportunity to take part in a number of individual short challenges. On Friday the children competed in an athletics house competition.

There was also a non-uniform day. The theme was 'wear your sport kit.'



Cross Country Success

Congratulations to Izzy! Whilst representing Wakefield at the West Yorkshire Sport Cross Country event Izzy finished first out of all her Wakefield team mates.

Having already won the Year 4 Wakefield Cross-Country competition earlier in the year, Izzy finished the West Yorkshire Sport School Games competition in 20th position and was the first athlete representing Wakefield to cross the finish line. The event was held at Temple Newsam in Leeds and saw 175 Year 4 athletes complete the course.

2018-2019 Academic Year – INSET DAYS

Following this week's governors meeting, we can confirm that the 5 INSET days next year will be:

Monday 3rd September
Monday 5th November
Monday 7th January
Monday 22nd July
Tuesday 23rd July

Term dates are set by Wakefield local authority and can be found on our website or the Wakefield Council website.

Values for Life

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

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

Diary Dates:

- 27th March – West Yorkshire School Games
Orienteering
- 28th March – Easter Bonnets and The Great Egg
Race + Decorated Egg Competition
- 29th March – Easter Service (St. Cuthbert's 9:45am)
- 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**

Ackworth School Easter Production

Year 5 and 6 attended the Coram House musical performance of the Easter story on Thursday. The children commented how much they enjoyed it.

Mr. Barstow – Congratulations!

I am happy to inform you that Mr. Barstow and his wife are expecting their first child which is due in September 2018.

I am sure you will join me in wishing Mr. Barstow the very best of luck with the new arrival.

Phonics Workshop

Thank you to everyone who attended the Phonics workshop last week – we hope that you found it useful and informative.

Parents Consultation Meetings

Thank you to all of you who attended our parent consultation meetings. It was great to have such a huge turnout. I know the children love for you to hear all about how well they are doing in class and what they need to do to get better.

If you were unable to attend and would like to see your child's class teacher, please call in to make an appointment.

HSA News

We hope you enjoyed your Mothers' Day gifts and thanks to parents and staff for the kind donations of items. The sale of gifts raised a profit of £239. In the last few weeks we have funded new mathematics resources, including kits for understanding fractions, coins and notes, and activity cards. We have also funded new play equipment including space hoppers and pogo sticks. Wishing you all a Happy Easter.

****All parents are automatically members of the Howard School Association – if you would like to get involved, please contact the school.***

EASTER ACTIVITIES:

- Please submit any decorated egg entries on the morning of Wednesday 28th March.
- The Easter Bonnet Parade (Nursery – Year 2) and the Great Egg Race (Key Stage 2) will take place on the afternoon of Wednesday 28th March – entries are welcome.
 - 2pm – Easter Bonnet Parade.
 - 2:30pm – Great Egg Race.
- Easter Service (St. Cuthbert's 9:45am) **Year 3 and 4 production.**

World Down Syndrome Awareness Day

On Wednesday, staff and children wore odd socks to help raise awareness of what Down syndrome is, what it means to have Down syndrome, and how people with Down syndrome play a vital role in our lives and communities.

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

**Mr Michael Walker
Headteacher**