



## Newsletter – Monday 29<sup>th</sup> April 2019

*Educating 'for life in all its fullness.'*

### Attendance

Week Ending 26/4/19:

Reception:	100%
Class 1	97.9%
Class 2	97.6%
Class 3	97.6%
Class 4	98.3%
Class 5	97.8%
Class 6	100%
<b>Overall</b>	<b>98.5%</b>

**Attendance Champions:**  
**Reception and Year 6**  
**Congratulations.**

Our school attendance expectation is **97%**. Well done to everyone who achieved this.

Our attendance in school for the academic year so far is **96.9%**.



More information about attendance can be found on our school website:  
<https://www.ackworthowardschool.co.uk/>

### Election of Parent Governors

You will have recently received a letter regarding the election of Parent Governors to the Governing Body of the school.

5 nominations were received meaning there has to be an election by ballot. The letter invites you to indicate which of the nominees you would wish to be your representatives on the Governing Body. The arrangements for the election are as follows:

- Each nominee has had an opportunity to provide further information about themselves and this has been included to help you decide for whom you wish to vote;
- Each parent will have a separate ballot form and may vote for up to **2** candidates by putting a cross against the name of the persons for whom he/she wishes to vote; and
- Each parent is restricted to one ballot form irrespective of the number of children he or she may have attending the school. However, if the ballot form is spoilt, or lost, a duplicate form may be obtained from the school before the closing date.

Completed ballot forms should be returned to the school, either by hand (by your child or yourself) or by post, **no later than Friday 3rd May 2019.**

### PCSO Vicki Jackson

Growth in MIND,  
BODY, SPIRIT

We are now working in close partnership with PCSO Vicki Jackson who visited school on Monday and delivered an introductory assembly. As well as introducing herself and describing her role, she also shared the different kit and equipment she carries. Vicki will be working with us on a number of workshops and assemblies with the children throughout the year.



### Values for Life

Growth in MIND,  
BODY, SPIRIT

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

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

Mark 5:36

**Overhearing what they said, Jesus told him, "Don't be afraid; just believe."**

Compassion  
Forgiveness  
Friendship  
Trust



**We're working towards Artsmark**  
Awarded by Arts Council England

### Upcoming Diary Dates:

- TBC – Space Launch
- 2<sup>nd</sup> May – Y4 Class Worship
- 6<sup>th</sup> May – Bank Holiday Monday
- Wk Beg 6<sup>th</sup> May – Nursery Stay and Play Inspire Sessions
- 8<sup>th</sup> May – Y3/4 Inspire Morning
- 9<sup>th</sup> May – Reception Inspire Morning
- Wk Beg 13<sup>th</sup> May – KS2 SATs Week
- 21<sup>st</sup> May – Governors Meeting
- 21<sup>st</sup> May – Y1/2 Inspire Morning
- 22<sup>nd</sup> May – Y6 St Wilfrid's Transition Day
- 24<sup>th</sup> May – Y5/6 Inspire Morning
- 24<sup>th</sup> May – School Closes (Spring Bank)

### Gardening Club

Growth in **BODY**,  
**SPIRIT**

The gardening club have been working very hard alongside Mrs. McCall to improve the area coming into school.

They have created a flower bed already and have been working hard to clear ground in preparation for fresh planting.

The children will be growing fruit and vegetables which can be sampled in the school dining hall once harvested.

### Technology in School

Growth in **MIND**

The 3-D printer has arrived. We are looking forward to sharing the children's creativity through the use of this new resource.

Thank you again to everyone who helped the Digital Leaders with their fundraising project.



### Child Mental Health Services Workshops

Growth in **BODY**,  
**SPIRIT**

Gemma, our CAMHs Primary Practitioner link through the Futures in Mind project delivered workshops to Year 5 and 6 last week.

The sessions covered topics such as anxiety, stress, friendships and relationships and included some very interesting activities that the children engaged in.

### Sport in School

Growth in **MIND**,  
**BODY**

This half term we have a number of sports coaches in school delivering sessions to the children.

We are working alongside coaches from Ackworth Cricket Club, Featherstone Rovers, Ackworth Tennis Club and our usual Xcite coaches who are delivering lessons in specialised sessions.

### Home School Values

Growth in  
**SPIRIT**

Children should now have brought home their home/school values sheet. This term our focus is on the value of service.

We hope your family will find the ideas and activities helpful as you explore the value at home together.

### Dance

Growth in **MIND**,  
**BODY**, **SPIRIT**

Year 1 have started their African dance topic this week and Mr. Foskett was very impressed with the children after just one session!

The children are learning a routine to the Shakira song 'Waka Waka' and have already successfully learned the first part. The children are working very well in unison.

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

**Mr Michael Walker**  
**Headteacher**



Proud of our partnership with Mshikamano (Solidarity) Primary School - Bega Kwa Bega (Shoulder to Shoulder)

Friendship  
Trust