

Newsletter – Monday 8th January 2018

Attendance

Autumn Term:

Reception:	95.1%
Class 1	95.1%
Class 2	95.8%
Class 3	96.0%
Class 4	97.1%
Class 5	97.3%
Class 6	97.7%

Overall 96.3%

Attendance Champions:

Class 6

Congratulations.

Our school attendance expectation is 97%.

Well done to everyone who achieved this.

During the autumn term, 140 children achieved our 97% target with 64 children achieving 100% - Well done.

Well done Ilaria who was our attendance prize winner – she has won a £10 voucher for a store of her choice.



Dear Parents,

A very warm welcome back to school. I hope that you managed to have a relaxing holiday and celebratory New Year. It has been lovely to see the children again after the break and to hear stories of Christmas dinners and present opening!

We now find ourselves in the Spring Term with lots of exciting visits and activities planned over the coming weeks. The website will be updated later this week with the teacher's curriculum planning overviews so that you can see what your children will be learning about.

Christmas Productions (FS - A Wriggly Nativity and KS1 – Little Angel gets her Wings)

It was lovely to see so much support for the children during their spectacular Christmas productions. There were so many happy faces both performing in and watching the shows. The children and the staff worked extremely hard and I was tremendously proud to see the end results.

We expect a lot of the children to be able to put on shows like these. The children have had to master skills such as learning lines/song words, projecting voices, knowing when to get on and off stage etc. They have done incredibly well!

Thank you to all the parents, members of the HSA, governors, staff and children for supporting the productions.

Carols at St. Cuthbert's

It was lovely to see the school community coming together for the Carol Service at St. Cuthbert's as we broke up for the festive period.

The children represented the school with spirit and confidence and it was great to see so many happy faces.

Well done to all of the Key Stage 2 children who led the event.

Values for Life

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

This week our focus will be **taking responsibility for what we say.**

Diary Dates:

Thu 11th Jan – Class 1 Healthy Living Talk

Fri 12th Jan – Year 5/6 Indoor Athletics Competition

Mon 15th Jan – Young Voices

Wed 17th Jan – Enterprise Activity Class 5 and 6 – Ackworth School

Tue 30th Jan – Governors Meeting

Fri 2nd Feb – Candlemas

Wed 7th Feb – Bishop of Wakefield Visit

Thu 8th Feb – Year 3 Class Worship

Fri 9th Feb – Class 4 Leeds City Museum Visit

Fri 9th Feb – Dance competition KS2

Wed 14th Feb – Class 3 and 4 Inspire Morning

Wed 14th Feb – Disco

School Choir

Before the Christmas break, the school choir visited Townend Avenue Community Centre to perform carols for the residents.

It was pleasing to receive feedback stating how wonderfully the children sang and what a credit to the school they were.



Character Education

Given how important good character is for young people to succeed, schools must be supported and encouraged to develop pupils' social, moral, spiritual and cultural strengths... on an equal footing with academic attainment. Social action is proven to develop key character strengths in young people. At the Howard School, this is something that we believe strongly in.

A focus for us during the Spring Term is to raise the profile of **social actions** with the children. We will be sharing examples of social actions which can be seen on the website as a downloadable document.

As this is a focus for the Spring Term, we will be developing a display in school where children can share examples of social actions that they have undertaken in their own time. The children will also be provided with a passport to log actions they have undertaken with certificates for achieving bronze, silver and gold (linked to the amount of actions undertaken).

Please visit our school website for more information on Character Education:

<http://www.ackworthhowardschool.co.uk/learning/character-education>

Christmas Jumper Day

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



Raffle Winners

Well done to the Christmas raffle winners:

1. Monty
2. Grason
3. Angela
4. Danny
5. Max and Mason
6. Frankie
7. Isabell

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

**Mr Michael Walker
Headteacher**

Compassion
Forgiveness
Friendship
Trust