

Ackworth Howard ●●●●●●

Church of England (VC) Junior & Infant School

Newsletter – Tuesday 8th May 2018

Attendance

Week ending 4th May:

Reception:	98.0%
Class 1	99.2%
Class 2	100%
Class 3	97.3%
Class 4	96.0%
Class 5	96.7%
Class 6	97.1%
Overall	97.7%

Attendance Champions:

Class 2

Congratulations.

Our school attendance expectation is 97%.

Well done to everyone who achieved this.



Tour De Yorkshire

The children witnessed amazing community spirit in Ackworth on Friday morning as they walked up the road to cheer on the women in their race.

Year 3 and 4 also attended Ackworth School to visit their exhibition which was fantastic!

As part of the day the children wore the Yorkshire colours of blue and yellow to raise money for the Yorkshire Air Ambulance, the official charity of the race.

In the build up to the event, Mr. Barstow and a number of children were live on BBC radio Leeds and children across school prepared bunting and art work which was on display during the race.



Values for Life

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

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

Diary Dates:

WK BEG 7th May – Nursery Inspire Stay and Play Sessions

8th May – Year 3 and 4 Inspire Morning

9th May – Reception Inspire Morning

10th May – No Forest School

WK BEG 14th May – YEAR 6 SATs WEEK

15th May – Fire Officer Talk (Y5)

17th May – No Forest School

21st May – PC Blunt (Drugs and Alcohol Y6)

21st May – Year 2 Sun Safe Talk (School Nurse)

22nd May – Governors Meeting

22nd May – Year 2 Conisborough Castle Visit.

22nd May – Year 5 Parents Residential Meeting.

23rd May – Year 5 and 6 Inspire Morning.

Class 4 Assembly

Well done to Year 4 who led assembly on Wednesday sharing their recent work. They were very confident and had very clear voices.

They taught us about the battle of Hastings, famous artists such as Picasso, Henry VIII and his wives, persuasive writing, the Royal Family and Charles II. Some excellent work was shared including an outstanding poem, some art work, drama and writing.

Salvation Army Assembly

Captain Sandra from the Salvation Army led assembly on Tuesday. She talked to the children about the work the Salvation Army undertakes, its role in society and that it is a Christian organisation and part of the universal Christian Church.

School Improvement Partner Visit – Mrs Butel

Pupils at our school had the opportunity to have their views heard during a recent visit by our School Improvement Partner. Pupil voice was used to cross reference with other evidence gathered during the visit, which focused on Safeguarding.

The report stated:

'The pupils overwhelmingly felt that the teachers regularly kept them up to date with how to keep themselves safe online. They could explain how to keep themselves safe on the internet and what to be aware of. They felt teachers played an important role in keeping them safe. They felt safe in school and enjoyed coming to school. This is reflected in pupil questionnaires and the happy and calm environment around the school. Pupils felt they were well supervised at break times and lunchtime. They told me that incidents of bullying and poor behaviour were rare and would be dealt with effectively. They were clear about the roles of buddy's and Anti-Bullying Ambassadors and the difference they made to pupils feeling happy and safe. They told me about the work of PC Blunt in helping them to have an awareness of how to keep themselves safe in relation to drugs and alcohol for example.'

A review of the school website had been carried out prior to the visit and the report noted the following:

'The website complies with all statutory requirements and the current safeguarding policies on the site are up to date. In addition, the website provides a wealth of contact details and information that is easily accessible, demonstrating the focus which leaders and governors have in creating a positive culture and ethos where Safeguarding is an important part of everyday life in the school.'

SATs

Good luck to Year 6 taking their SATs next week. You have all worked incredibly hard this year and we are extremely proud of you all!

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

Mr Michael Walker - Headteacher