

Ackworth Howard

Church of England (VC) Junior & Infant School

Newsletter – Monday 11th September 2017

Attendance

Week ending 8th September:

Reception:	100%
Class 1	96.4%
Class 2	96.7%
Class 3	95.4%
Class 4	100%
Class 5	98.3%
Class 6	100%

Overall 98.2%

Attendance Champions:

Reception and Class 6

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.'

House Points

Cirrus – 33
Cumulus – 44
Stratus – 38
Nimbus – 44

Well done Cumulus and Nimbus.

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to a new school year, I hope you all had a wonderful summer despite the British weather. The children have come back to school ready to learn and it has been lovely to talk to children since their return about their adventures and activities. Thank you all for helping the children look so smart in their new uniforms.

We welcome all of our new children and new staff. I'm sure that you'll have chance to meet them in the near future and I'm sure they'll be very happy with us!

Our cleaning staff have worked very hard over the holidays to make sure the building was ready and they have undertaken a deep clean. Thank you to them for all of their hard work. The teaching and support staff have also been working hard to make their classrooms and the school environment as bright and stimulating as they possibly can be. A big thank you to all of the staff for their continued hard work and for making sure that the school looked fantastic for the children's return!

Nursery Launch

We are pleased to announce that our Nursery class is now open! It has taken a lot of hard work and we are excited about the new provision.

It has been lovely to see the children settle so quickly. Miss Keable and Mrs Winder have worked very hard to set up the space and integrate the children. We will continuously review and improve the provision and are looking forward to working closely with the Reception class.



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: **'Worth'**

This week you will receive a Home School Values sheet so that you can continue the conversation at home.

Useful Information

Diary Dates:

During this week you will receive a 'Key Dates 2017-18' calendar. I hope that you find this useful.

Lunchtime:

The school menus are now available on our website.

Clubs:

Clubs will start again next week, letters will follow shortly.

Peripatetic Lessons:

Lessons start this week – Monday Brass 1pm, Tuesday String 11am, Thursday Woodwind 9am and Friday Drums 9am.

School Money:

We have recently launched 'School Money' as a result of comments on the parental questionnaire. We hope you find this useful and if you have any questions about it please ask, we will be happy to help.

Statutory Assessments:

Please note that this year's statutory assessments are:

- **Year 1 Phonics Check (Wk Beg 11th June)**
- **Year 2 SATs (May 2018)**
- **Year 6 SATs (Wk Beg 14th May)**

It is expected that all children attend school during these dates.

Our New Reception Class

We would like to let everyone know that our new Reception class have settled in really well!

Miss Hunter and Mrs Thorpe have been impressed with how quickly the children have settled into a routine and it was lovely to see the children so well behaved in their first Celebration Assembly on Friday.



School Council

Since returning to school, the children have been learning about democracy and taking part in the process of electing the new school council. Based on election speeches, the children will vote for the candidate who they think will represent them best. The new school council will be revealed next week.

Celebrating Us!

The following children have been recognised by their class teachers for going above and beyond whether it be academic, socially or physically within the school week:

Tolan A (Rec), Grace N (Rec), Noah S (Y1), Myles L (Y1), Emily G (Y2), Daniel W (Y2), Alex B (Y3), Florence H (Y3), Jayden L (Y4), Ruby M (Y4), Maddison G (Y5), Amelia BG (Y5), Alec H (Y6), Harry W (Y6).

Well done to the children who have been living our value of service this week.

School Crossing Patrol

I am pleased to inform you that the new School Crossing Patrol, Sandra McCall, commenced her role on Thursday. We look forward to working with her.

Parental Information

Please remember to keep us informed if you change your personal details so that we can update our system. We need up to date contact numbers in case we need to contact you in an emergency. Thank you for your support in this.

Uniform Reminder

The school uniform policy states that earrings are not to be worn in school at any time. The uniform policy can be found on the school website and in the children's planners. Thank you for adhering to this rule.

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

**Mr Michael Walker
Headteacher**