



Newsletter – Monday 14th September 2020

Educating 'for life in all its fullness.'

Attendance

Week Ending 11th September

Reception	98.2%
Class 1	96.3%
Class 2	100%
Class 3	96.7%
Class 4	96.7%
Class 5	96.7%
Class 6	100%
Overall	97.8%

Attendance Champions:

Class 2/6

Congratulations.

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



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

Values for Life

This half term in collective worship the children will be focusing upon the values of:

RESPECT AND REVERENCE

Romans 12:10 - Be devoted to one another in brotherly love. Honour one another above yourselves.



Growth in **SPIRIT**

Parent Surgery:

Mrs Jones (Learning Mentor) is available to **support/discuss any behaviour, social and emotional welfare concerns.**

Mrs. Jones can be contacted by telephone/email initially.

Growth in **BODY**

Welcome back...

After a very unusual period of time, it was lovely to see all of our children back in school last week. They have worked really hard to learn the new routines and systems and have been full of enthusiasm for being back at school. Thank you to all the parents who followed the new systems so well too! I hope everyone feels reassured that the school community's health and wellbeing is being well taken care of at the same time as resuming full time education for the children. We will continue with all of our new systems for the foreseeable future in the hope that we will slowly be able to resume more normality for everyone as time goes on and will keep you all fully informed of changes as we make refinements.

I would like to extend a very warm welcome to the children and parents new to our school. It's been a difficult time to start a new school but the children and parents have taken it all in their stride. We hope the children's time at Howard will be happy and successful and we are looking forward to getting to know you all over the coming year.

I would also like to extend a big thank you to all of the staff who work at The Howard School who have gone above and beyond to make sure the school was ready for the children's return and for their commitment and dedication during this unusual period of time – thank you.

Over the summer, the local authority has undertaken a 5-week boiler replacement project to provide a more energy efficient system. Our Makerspace has also been completed thanks to funding from the school's budget, the HSA, the Trustees of the Education Committee of Archbishop Holgate Hospital in Hemsworth and the Edina Science Grant.



New Curriculum / New Website

We have been working extremely hard to transform our curriculum and are very excited to share this with you.

It will continue to evolve and be refined as we move through the year but I am now able to share with you all of the documents. These are now available on our new website. Thank you for your contribution in its development. We hope that you are just as excited about it as we are!

Our website has had a major upgrade and revamp. The main noticeable improvement is the accessibility on mobile devices. You can even install an app which brings the content straight to your device!

www.ackworthhowardschool.co.uk

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Upcoming Diary Dates:

September:

Tue 22nd – WMDC and School Junior Road Safety Assembly and Road Survey

Fri 25th – Howard Heritage Day

Fri 25th – Virtual Macmillan Coffee Afternoon (Zoom – Families Invited)

Tue 29th – WMDC Road Survey

Wed 30th – Year 6 Parents Meeting (Zoom – Y6 Parents Invited)

October:

Black History Month

Thu 1st – Languages Day

Fri 2nd – Pupil Photo Day

Thu 8th – Harvest Festival (Zoom – Families Invited)

Wk Beg Mon 12th – Inspiring Diversity Week

Mon 12th – Flu Vaccinations (R-Y6)

Mon 12th – World Mental Health Day

Thu 22nd – Year 6 Class Worship (Zoom – Y6 Parents Invited)

Fri 23rd – School Closes (October Half Term)

November:

Mon 2nd – School Reopens (Autumn 2)

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Curriculum Focus – School Threads

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We have developed our new curriculum around 6 whole school threads that we believe enable pupils to become positive global citizens. Our curriculum is designed to put character education and PSHE at the very centre of what we do. The 6 threads are all characteristics of human beings who make moral informed choices and aspire to make a difference in the world. Interwoven with our PSHE scheme they provide opportunities for our pupils to broaden their understanding of global topical issues, help them understand the world and evaluate choices people make. These 6 threads also feed into our whole school reading spine.

You can find out more about our Global Citizenship Threads and our new curriculum on our website.

Global Citizenship Thread

This half term the children will be focusing on **DIVERSITY**



Diversity

Activity Clubs – Autumn 1

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I am very pleased to confirm that we have been able to put together a programme of after school activity clubs for this half term. You should have received a letter about this on Thursday.

Monday

- Year 3 – Multi-Skills Sports Club (Xcite)
- Year 5 – Code Club (Mr Nunn)
- Year 6 – Young Voices (Mrs Robinson)

Tuesday

- Reception - Early Years Adventures (Mrs Tordoff)
- Year 1 – Story Time for Healthy Hearts and Minds (Miss O'Brien)
- Year 6 – Catch Up/Booster Club (Mr Barstow)

Wednesday

- Year 2 – Football (Ackworth Juniors Coach and Mrs Devine)
- Year 4 - Creative Club (Mrs McLoughlin)

Thursday

- Year 1 – Lego Club (Mrs Robinson)
- Year 2 – Baking Club (Mrs Telford)
- Year 4 – Woodwork Club (Mr Walker)
- Year 5 – Textiles Club (Mrs Fisher)
- Year 6 – Forest School Club (Mr Baker)

Friday

- Year 3 - Baking Club (Mrs Telford)

Zoom Worship

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As we adapt to our new ways of working whilst striving to create a sense of normality for the children, we have had to adapt how we undertake our worship sessions. It has been wonderful having the whole school back together, albeit through zoom, for the first time in 6 months!

Pupil Leadership – School Council

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Since returning to school, the children have been learning about democracy and taking part in the process of electing this year's junior leadership team (School Council). A number of pupil leadership roles are currently being allocated across school.

Change of Circumstances

Please remember to inform the school office if you have recently changed your address, telephone number or if your child's medical records need updating. Thank you.



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Green Flag

I am very pleased to inform you, that in recognition of the hard work of our Eco-Council and other members of the school community, we have achieved the Green Flag Eco-Schools award. This is the top accolade after having previously achieved the bronze and silver awards.

In their letter, Eco Schools have congratulated us for all the time and effort that has been invested in environmental education. Well done!



Howard Family Celebration Worship

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The following children have been recognised for their:

- Outstanding achievements within the school week:
Clara (Rec), Daisy (Y1), Heidi (Y2), James (Y3), Zack (Y4), Oscar (Y5) and Zachary (Y6).
- Living our Christian values:
Bowen (Rec), Zach (Y1), Jasmine (Y2), Ewan (Y3), Heath (Y4), Chase (Y5) and Josh (Y6).
- Living our school vision:
Clara (Rec), Daisy (Y1), Heidi (Y2), James (Y3), Zack (Y4), Oscar (Y5) and Zachary (Y6).



Congratulations to Chase who received the school vision award for supporting others and being kind and courteous.

Covid-19 Plan Update

As we go along, the plan and procedures are being adapted and refined as we find the best ways of working.

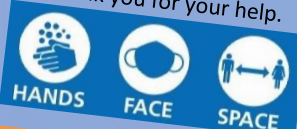
To ensure a swift and safe drop off and collection time, please can you ensure:

Times are strictly adhered to. Only 1 adult attends with their child/ren.

Please ensure social distancing. Please do not wait on the pavement, KS2 children can go straight to their designated cone to wait.

Please ensure a face covering where you access the narrow parts of the school site.

Thank you for your help.



Thank you for your continued support, I hope that you have a lovely week.

Mr Michael Walker - Headteacher

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



Compassion
Forgiveness
Friendship
Trust