



Newsletter – Monday 13th December 2021

Educating ‘for life in all its fullness.’

Attendance

Week Ending 10th December:

Reception	90.3%
Class 1	94.3%
Class 2	83.0%
Class 3	95.3%
Class 4	93.7%
Class 5	93.0%
Class 6	94.0%

Overall 92.1%

Attendance Champions:

Class 3

Congratulations.

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

Our accumulative attendance for the academic year so far is **94.3%**



Growth in **SPIRIT**

Values for Life

This half term in collective worship the children are focusing upon the value of:

HUMILITY

This week’s focus will be:

HUMBLE

Ephesians 4:2

‘Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love.’

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*****Dinner Debate*****

This week’s question to debate with family and friends at home:

‘How would you explain Christmas to an alien?’

Dear Parents/Carers,

Growth in **MIND, BODY, SPIRIT**

As this is the last newsletter of 2021, I wanted to thank you for the huge amount of support that you have continued to show us throughout this autumn term. As school recovers from such an unsettled period, we are truly blessed to have a strong school community with such wonderful children. Their attitudes, kindness and resilience are a credit to you.

I would also like to thank all of the staff for their hard work and dedication during this term as it is thoroughly deserved – thank you!

I wish you and your families a very happy Christmas!

Christmas Events – Protective Measures

- Please do not attend events if you feel unwell or have any Covid-like symptoms.
- Parents/carers advised to take a lateral flow test before entering school /Church.
- Face coverings must be worn in school and church and hands should be sanitised.
- In school, each show has a capacity of 60. Numbers are restricted to 2 family members per household (+ any pre-school siblings). Seats must be booked in advance by contacting school.
- If attending St. Cuthbert’s Church as a KS2 parent on Friday, please help us by limiting attendance to a maximum of 2 family members (+ any pre-school siblings). This is 2 family members per family not per child – thank you.

After a difficult couple of years, we hope that this week can bring some joy to parents and children as a result of being able to attend, with protective measures in place.

Hemsworth Food Pantry – Christmas Appeal

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Our Howard Ambassadors responded to Hemsworth Food Pantry's Christmas appeal by supporting them to help local families in need have the best Christmas possible during these difficult times.

Hemsworth Food Pantry is a community Food Bank set up to help families during Covid-19 and well into the future. They also help the community by offering support and advice.

Thank you so much for supporting the children in their project by donating so many items to help support the food bank and showing so much generosity.

Thank you to Hemsworth Food Pantry for collecting from our children on Friday and allowing them to share our vision and why they felt it was an important initiative.

‘Do not forget to do good and to share with others.’
Hebrews 13:16

Diary Dates

December

14th/15th Christmas Productions

17th – KS2 Carol Concert (9:45am St. Cuthbert’s)

17th – School closes for Christmas

January

3rd – Bank Holiday Monday.

4th – INSET Day.

5th – School Reopens (Spring 1).

Please note that school reopens on Wednesday 5th

January 2022

After School Activity Clubs Spring 1

I am pleased to confirm that we have again been able to put together a programme of after school activity clubs for Spring 1. The booking system will open at 4:30pm today as stated in the letter issued last week.

[Activity Club Letter](#)

Christmas Jumper Day

On Friday, the children enjoyed their Christmas dinner and Christmas Jumper Day. The aim of the day was to raise an awareness of and raise funds for Save the Children who help children to thrive and build a better future.

Thank you for your donations. I am pleased to say that £125 was raised.



Find us on Facebook: @hemsworthfoodbank



Pantomime

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BODY, SPIRIT

The children were thoroughly entertained by our friends at M&M Theatrical Productions and their interpretation of Sleeping Beauty last Monday. A big thank you to all of the staff who stayed to ensure we could provide this experience for the children.



Energy and Home Support Services

Please find a link to the November edition of the Energy and Home Support newsletter with information about live projects and help available. There is a stronger focus on energy, winter preparedness and available help in this edition.

<https://www.wakefield.gov.uk/housing/energy/money-smart>



Children's Parliament Event

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You may remember that we recently took part in the Children's Parliament. It was a huge success, breaking the world record for an online parliament with 270 child MP's all having their say on many important climate change issues.

The official report for the event has now been finalised and makes very interesting reading!

https://saintpierreschool-my.sharepoint.com/:b/g/person/sltshare_saintpierreschool_co_uk/Ef0iECrWMMxQmtVX0rURv4By7yDD_tiBovOya8sfGLG5A?e=gcBqVg

The Children's Parliament will be held annually in memory of Sir David Amess.

Parachute PE

Growth in MIND,
BODY

In their PE lessons, the children in Reception have enjoyed playing lots of different parachute games. The children worked well in their teams to follow the instructions. They all had lots of fun whilst developing their gross motor skills. Well done everyone!



House Points Last Week:

- Cirrus – 289
- Cumulus – 367
- Stratus – 351
- Nimbus – 306

Well done Cumulus!



Luke Howard:
'Namer of the Clouds.' (1772-1864)

Adinkra symbols

Year 5 have completed their artwork around Adinkra symbols and produced some wonderful prints as a result. Adinkra symbols are from Ghana and represent different concepts such as good fortune, encouragement and justice. The children designed their own symbol, with a particular meaning and then created a stamp in the Makerspace, followed by rolling black ink and creating their patterns. They completed the project by printing their creation alongside their partner's and creating a design to go between.



Forest School

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With Mr Baker in Forest School last week, the children have been building shelters, thinking about how to keep dry and warm. It has been wonderful to see the children also using these skills at break times too now that they have access.



Science - Rocks

Growth in MIND

Year 3 have enjoyed reflecting on their learning whilst working on their end of unit double page spreads. They have been drawing different types of rocks and sharing their knowledge of where and how they are made.

Join Our Team...

We currently have a vacancy for a Lunchtime Supervisor / Play Leader. If you are interested contact school or view the advert on the Wakefield Council website.

Howard Family Celebration Worship

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The following children have been recognised for their:

- Outstanding achievements through the school week: Edison (Rec), Evan (Y1), Whole Class (Y2), Ernie (Y3), Holly (Y4), Emilee (Y5) and Danny (Y6).
- Living our Christian values: Mia (Rec), Matilda (Y1), Jax (Y2), Charlie (Y3), Lottie (Y4), Poppy (Y5) and Oliver (Y6).
- Living our school vision: Huw (Rec), Ivy (Y1), Elizabeth (Y2), Jenson (Y3), Millie (Y4), Jack (Y5) and Emmie (Y6).

Congratulations to Fraser (Y3) for living and sharing our school vision, being inspired by the 'good shepherd' to support others.



The Golden Welly Award this week goes to:

Layla for being an excellent role model both in play and in the dinner hall.

On behalf of everyone at Ackworth Howard, may I wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



Mr Michael Walker – Headteacher



Proud of our partnership with Mshikamano (Solidarity) Primary School

Bega Kwa Bega (Shoulder to Shoulder)

Babies crying can be extra stress, especially during the festive season

Support is here though for anyone

Visit bit.ly/ICONWF for coping with crying advice.

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