



Newsletter – Monday 14th December 2020

Educating 'for life in all its fullness.'

Attendance

Week Ending 11th December:

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| Reception | 99.3% |
| Class 1 | 95.6% |
| Class 2 | 100% |
| Class 3 | 94.6% |
| Class 4 | 99.0% |
| Class 5 | 97.9% |
| Class 6 | 98.0% |
| Overall | 97.8% |

Attendance Champions:

Class 2

Congratulations.

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

Our accumulative attendance for the academic year so far is 96.6%



Values for Life

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

FORGIVENESS

Luke 6:37 “

‘Do not judge, and you will not be judged. Do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven.’



A Journey Through the Bible:

Season of Advent

Mary's Journey to Elizabeth -

Luke 1

The Journey to Bethlehem -

Luke 2 1-6



Growth in **SPIRIT**

Dear parents/carers

The Christmas countdown has begun... The children enjoyed their Christmas dinner on Friday, the Christmas tree is up in the hall and £157.55 was raised for Save the Children during Christmas Jumper Day – thank you.

We are looking forward to our Christmas Extravaganza on Thursday. We will be using Microsoft Team's live event feature to enable you all to watch. The link will be sent out first thing on Thursday morning. Each class has been allocated a key question in relation to Christmas and they have been preparing something to share during the event. Reverend Charlene will offer a reading and we have also created a collective video to share during the session as a festive finale treat!

We are anticipating the return of after school activity clubs during next half term. These will be organised in a similar way to the first half term of this year. A letter will be issued this week when bookings are open on the online system.

School will close as planned on Friday 18th December 2020 and reopen on Tuesday 5th January 2021. We look forward to welcoming you back then. Monday 4th January 2021 is an INSET day designated for teacher training.

As we approach the end of the autumn term, I wanted to thank you all again for your support and understanding during these last few months. Hopefully as we enter the new year, things will start to improve and we can begin the journey back to normality and finally end the restrictions. I would like to thank all of the staff for their hard work and dedication during this term as it is thoroughly deserved – thank you!

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

Sky Try

Featherstone Rovers have been in school during this half term to deliver the Sky Try programme to Year 1 and 2. The children have been developing their rugby skills and have enjoyed the sessions.



School's Community Council

This half term, schools across Ackworth have been working on projects together. The Community Council is made up of representatives from our School Councils and they work together on projects that benefit the residents of Ackworth.

During this half term, the council have led two projects in their schools. They have worked with children to design and create labels to attach to presents hoping to make senior citizens smile this Christmas and they have also contributed to a community carol – we can't wait to see the result of this!

Growth in **MIND,**
BODY, SPIRIT

Upcoming Diary Dates:

December:

Tue 15th - WMS Virtual Big Sing at Christmas 2020

Thu 17th – Christmas Extravaganza (9:30am Zoom)

Fri 18th – Class Christmas Parties (Non-Uniform Day)

Fri 18th – School Closes (End of Autumn Term)

January:

Mon 4th – INSET Day (School Closed to Pupils)

Tue 5th – School Reopens for Pupils (Spring 1)



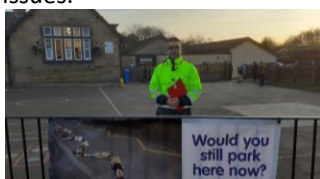
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School Gate Parking Programme

Chris Nickerson, Road Safety Advisor at Wakefield Council, sent us a video to share with the children where he talked about road safety.

Following this, a banner was erected at the front of school and you may have seen him undertaking a survey.

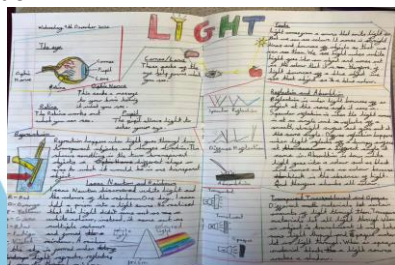
His team have been out visiting numerous schools across the district to tackle school gate parking issues.



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New Curriculum

This half-term, Year 6 have been investigating light and how we see. At the end of each science topic, children in school now produce a double page spread demonstrating their knowledge and understanding of the topic they have studied. The children have been producing some very impressive pieces of work to show what they know, remember and can do.



You can find out more about how we have designed our new curriculum and what approaches we are using on our website:

<https://www.ackworthhowardschool.co.uk/curriculum/broad-and-balanced-local-curriculum>

Christmas Safeguarding Tips

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At this time of year, revisiting online safety is always important. You can find links to information and resources on our school website:

<https://www.ackworthhowardschool.co.uk/wellbeing/online-safety>

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)

Covid Update:

The DFE are asking schools to remain contactable during the Christmas break so that they can assist with contact tracing where necessary. I will therefore be monitoring emails and responding to positive cases until Christmas Eve where.

If a member of our school community tests positive during this time, please can you inform me by email using the following address only:

covid@howard.wakefield.sch.uk

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Dinner Debate

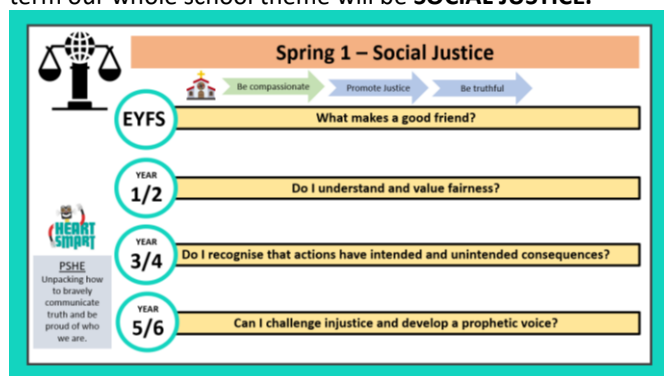
This week's question to debate with family and friends at home:

'How would you explain Christmas to an alien?'

Curriculum Focus – School Threads

We have developed our new curriculum around 6 whole school threads that we believe enable pupils to become positive global citizens. 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.

This half terms thread was **VALUES AND PERCEPTIONS**. Next half term our whole school theme will be **SOCIAL JUSTICE**.



Howard Family Celebration Worship

The following children have been recognised for their:

- Outstanding achievements within the school week:

Ollie (Rec), Greta (Y1), Sam (Y2), Mason (Y3), Grace (Y4), Connor (Y5) and Archie (Y6).

- Living our Christian values:

Carter (Rec), Isla R (Y1), Emily (Y2), Tom (Y3), Molly (Y4), Emma (Y5) and Connor (Y6).

- Living our school vision:

Corey (Rec), Zach (Y1), Jasmine (Y2), Neive (Y3), Riley (Y4), Jessica A (Y5) and James (Y6).



Congratulations to Samuel for showing kindness and honesty by standing up for another class member.

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