



Newsletter – Monday 2nd November 2020

Educating 'for life in all its fullness.'

Attendance

Term: Autumn 1

Reception	95.9%
Class 1	93.8%
Class 2	96.1%
Class 3	95.0%
Class 4	97.3%
Class 5	96.4%
Class 6	96.4%
Overall	95.8%

Attendance Champions:

Class 4

Congratulations.

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

Local Authority Average for Primary Schools in Autumn 1 – 86%



Values for Life

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

FORGIVENESS

Forgiveness is fundamental to the character of God. Throughout the Bible, God is

described as slow to anger, abounding in love and forgiving sin (Numbers 14:18).

This week's focus will be:

Forgiveness



Global Citizenship Thread

Last half term the children focused on **DIVERSITY**. This half term our whole school theme will be **VALUES AND PERCEPTIONS**.

Growth in MIND,
BODY, SPIRIT

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to school... It is hard to believe after such a strange year that I find myself talking to you about the run up to Christmas.

As you will have seen, the Prime Minister has announced that England will begin a new month-long lockdown on Thursday, but that during this time schools will remain open. If you would like to find out more about the restrictions and what they mean for you, please visit: <https://bit.ly/3jQUU69>

As last term, we are committed to ensuring our school can offer what we normally would, as much as is feasibly possible. It is really important that we continue to help children feel reconnected to the normal of school and re-establish a sense of community and belonging.

As you might imagine, Christmas, along with many other things, is likely to be quite different this year but we continue to try and find alternatives to delivering our usual events programme.

I will attempt to outline some of these changes and adaptations within this week's newsletter.

Wakefield Schools Health and Well-Being Charter

Healthy Wakefield Charter Mark Schools

I am very pleased to inform you that we have achieved the Wakefield Schools Health and Well-Being Charter, the first school to do this. We are looking forward to receiving our plaque this half term. The Charter Mark acknowledges our commitment to health and wellbeing in school. Our thorough and detailed action plan that is currently being delivered was noted. They also commented that it was clear that our school takes the health and well-being of our school community very seriously and that this can be seen also by the content on our website which they commented was impressive.

You can find out more about mental health and wellbeing on our website:

www.ackworthhowardschool.co.uk/wellbeing

Upcoming Diary Dates:

November:

Thu 5th – Primary School's Community Committee Meeting

Fri 6th – Year 6 Class Worship (9:20am Zoom)

Wed 11th – Remembrance Day

Fri 13th – Children in Need

Mon 16th – Fri 20th – Anti-Bullying Week

Wed 25th – Parent Conferences

Wed 25th – Year 3 Class Worship (9:20am Zoom)

December:

Tue 1st – Fri 4th – Inspire Celebrations (Zoom)

Tue 8th – School Nurse Flu Vaccinations (Additional Visit)

Fri 11th – Christmas Jumper Day

Fri 11th – Christmas Dinner

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

Act NOW if you have Covid-19 symptoms:

- High temperature
- Loss of taste or smell
- New continuous cough
- Isolate immediately - get tested**

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We're working towards Artsmark
Awarded by Arts Council England

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School Events and Updates

Although we normally plan dates for the whole academic year, the current restrictions mean we need to adapt our usual programme and as we do not know when they will be lifted we are taking each half term as it comes. It is our intention to be able to deliver this programme of events but this obviously depends on where we are within the pandemic.

- Autumn 2 After School Activity Clubs:
 - Unfortunately, as a result of the national lockdown, there will be no after school activity clubs this half term. Wrap around care will continue.
- School Residentials:
 - Robinwood (Y6) - Postponed until 7th-9th July 2021 / Northumberland (Y5) – Provisionally Booked 15th-17th June 2021.
- Inspire Sessions:
 - A collaborative project linked to one of the children's subjects. Children to undertake a planning activity with their parents at home with the project to be undertaken in school by the children. A brief celebration Zoom session will follow after completion to share the outcome.
- Children in Need (13th November)
 - The School Council will discuss this during this week.
- Anti-Bullying Week (16th-20th November)
 - Wear odd socks! Celebrating what makes us all unique in Anti-Bullying Week. This will be held on Monday 16th November 2020, the first day of Anti-Bullying Week.
- Parent Consultations (25th November)
 - Zoom meetings 2:30pm – 7pm. Parents will enter the waiting room on Zoom, teachers will admit each parent at their allotted time. 10 minutes will be allocated and must not overrun. A specified agenda will be followed and teachers will be unable to deviate from this. If parents have additional questions/concerns, these should be followed up on another occasion or prior to the 25th November.
- Christmas Dinner / Christmas Jumper Day (11th December)
 - Christmas dinner will take place but under the current restrictions may need to be modified. Children to wear Christmas jumpers – Suggested donation £1 (Save the Children).
- Christmas Extravaganza (Friday 17th December)
 - Unfortunately, although it is still only November, we have been forced to make the decision that our annual Christmas productions, KS2 Carol Service at St. Cuthbert's and Christmas Fair will not take place. These events take weeks of planning and rehearsals so, rather than disappoint at the last minute, we thought it best to let you know now. Instead we will prepare a Christmas Extravaganza. Something a little different that we can get excited about!
 - Each class will be allocated a key question in relation to Christmas and prepare something to share during a Zoom session with parents.
 - Classes will also be asked to contribute to a collective video to share during the session.
 - Rev. Charlene will also offer a reading as part of the event.

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Poppy Appeal

Snap bands, wrist bands, reflective poppies and other Remembrance Day memorabilia are on sale now.

All items have been quarantined over the half term break and will be split into class groups so that pupils can purchase items.

Growth in **SPRIT**

Howard Family Celebration Worship (23/10/20)

The following children were recognised for their:

- Outstanding achievements within the school week:
Lottie (Rec), Ernie (Y1), Jensen (Y2), Teddy (Y3)
- Living our Christian values:
Lily (Rec), Alice (Y1), George (Y2), Tom (Y3)
- Living our school vision:
Ivy (Rec), Hallie (Y1), Madison (Y2), Isla (Y3)

Congratulations to the children who had to self-isolate but continued to work hard on their home learning. Your teachers are very proud of you!



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

Mr Michael Walker – Headteacher



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

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