



## Newsletter – Monday 26<sup>th</sup> April 2021

*Educating 'for life in all its fullness.'*

### Attendance

Week Ending 23<sup>rd</sup> April:

Reception	98.3%
Class 1	97.7%
Class 2	96.9%
Class 3	99.3%
Class 4	98.0%
Class 5	97.7%
Class 6	98.7%

**Overall 98.1%**

**Attendance Champions:  
Class 3**

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### Values for Life

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

#### **COURAGE**

This week's focus will be:  
**Strength**

#### **2 Timothy 1:7**

*'For God did not give us a spirit of timidity, but a spirit of power, of love and of self-discipline.'*

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### Scholastic Book Fair

We now have a range of new poetry books and books specifically selected to promote positive emotional wellbeing as a result of the commission received from previous Scholastic Book Fairs. Thank you for supporting this.



Dear parents/carers,

*Steadfast was our value last week and in worship we discussed that being steadfast is about being firm and determined in a belief or something that you are trying to achieve, having the passion to work really hard and make a change. After learning about the experiences of children at Buhemba Primary School in Tanzania, the children had the opportunity to reflect on something they feel passionate about, what is important to them and what they see as injustice in the world. They considered how they could challenge these injustices and recorded their inspiring and considered responses in our reflection books.*

### Captain Tom 100

*On 6 April 2020, Captain Tom Moore set out round his garden to thank our NHS heroes. One hundred laps later, he'd raised an incredible £38.9 million for the NHS Covid-19 appeal.*

*His simple message of hope – "Tomorrow will be a good day" – inspired millions around the world and brought comfort and joy to so many during the pandemic.*

*The Captain Tom Foundation aims to continue his legacy and it is something we would like to support. On Friday 30<sup>th</sup> April, the children have decided to hold a non uniform day (suitable for participation in active events) to raise the profile of his achievements. The children will undertake the 100 challenge! Perhaps the 100 challenge could be a theme in the home this week.*

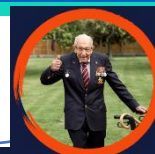
*If you would like to donate to the Captain Tom Foundation you can do so by following this link - [Captain Tom Foundation #100](#)*

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### Diary Dates

- 26<sup>th</sup> April – Eucharist Teaching Opportunity – Rev. Charlene
- 28<sup>th</sup> April – Parent Consultation Meetings
- 29<sup>th</sup> April - Transition to High School Workshop (Wakefield Road Safety Team)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> May – Bank Holiday Monday (School Closed)
- 4<sup>th</sup> May – Bishop Tony Robinson Eucharist Admittance Service
- 21<sup>st</sup> May – Year 2 Class Worship
- 27<sup>th</sup> May – Year 5 Class Worship (Date Changed)
- 28<sup>th</sup> May – INSET Day (School Closed to Pupils)

*On Wednesday we will be holding our Parent Consultation Meetings via the Zoom platform. Here is a link to the letter that was distributed to parents/carers on Wednesday last week – [Parent Conferences Letter.](#)*



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### National Survey of Children, The Big Ask

The new Children's Commissioner for England, Dame Rachel de Souza, has recently launched The Big Ask with the help of Marcus Rashford – the largest ever consultation with children aged 4 to 17 in England. It aims to find out children's concerns and aspirations about the future, so that children are at the heart of our country's recovery from the coronavirus outbreak.

Parents, carers and those working with children are also invited to complete the adult survey to share their views about the future for children and young people and what they think is holding young people back.

The results from the surveys will help the Children's Commissioner identify the barriers preventing children from reaching their potential, put forward solutions and set ambitious goals for the country to achieve.

If you or your child would like to contribute, here is the link – [The Big Ask Consultation.](#)



### Repeating Patterns

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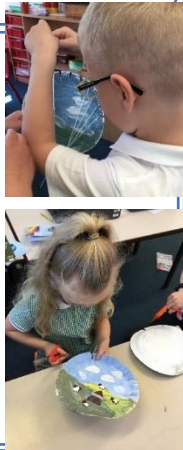
In EYFS the children have read The Enormous Turnip. As part of their Math's learning they have been using different vegetables and paint to create their own repeating patterns.



### Pupil Leadership

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The School Council met last week to discuss their views on the PE uniform consultation and Captain Tom 100 day on Friday. They had some fantastic ideas and shared their opinions confidently.



### Weaving

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Class Two have been working on their weaving project in art. They have carefully painted their background landscapes and prepared their looms which are now ready to begin weaving. They have followed instructions carefully and we can't wait to see the finished results!

### Ackworth Howard Staff

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It is with great sadness that I am informing you that Mrs Robinson and Miss Major will be leaving us at the end of this academic year. They have decided to take time out of teaching and I know that we will miss them both dearly. I wish them every success in their future ventures.

Mrs Jones and Mrs Minghella will also be leaving their posts at the end of this academic year as they are retiring after many years of service to our school community. We wish them both every happiness in their retirement.

It is even more difficult to say goodbye to staff at the moment given what we have all been through together as a team over the last year.

### Atta Kwami

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In art Year 3 have enjoyed creating colourful collages inspired by the Ghanaian artist Atta Kwami.



### Gymnastics

Year 1 really enjoyed learning how to travel and balance on different pieces of Apparatus in the hall. Mrs Robinson was really impressed with their sensible attitudes, skill and the courage some of them showed when faced with the challenge of a difficult piece of apparatus.



### Chickens

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Waffle, Speckle, Jemima and Alexa are thriving and doing really well. The children are enjoying looking after them and they have been laying many eggs. The first box has already been shared with Mrs Telford in the kitchen!



### Bikeability

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Congratulations to the children in Year 5 who took part in the Bikeability course last week. Bikeability is a cycle training course in various stages and progresses from teaching children to ride their bikes with excellent control to developing skills for cycling on roads whilst reiterating the core functions of safe and responsible cycling.



### Howard Family Celebration Worship

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The following children have been recognised for their:

- Outstanding achievements through the school week:  
George (Rec), Grace (Y1), Ben (Y2), Martha (Y3), Connie (Y4), Y5 Bikeability Children (Y5) Charlotte (Y6).
- Living our Christian values:  
Ivy (Rec), Elizabeth (Y1), Ella (Y2), Martha (Y3), Connie (Y4), D'arcie (Y5) Elise (Y6).
- Living our school vision:  
Carter (Rec), Sophia (Y1), Sam (Y2), Victoria (Y3), Harry (Y4), Pippa (Y5) Ava (Y6).



Congratulations to a number of children who undertook fundraising for the Children's Liver Disease Foundation during lockdown impacting on the lives of others and thriving in a shared society.

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

Mr Michael Walker - Headteacher

Proud of our partnership with Mshikamano (Solidarity) Primary School -

Bega Kwa Bega (Shoulder to Shoulder)

