



Newsletter – Monday 6th December 2021

Educating 'for life in all its fullness.'

Attendance

Week Ending 3rd December:

Reception	94.0%
Class 1	88.3%
Class 2	89.2%
Class 3	93.8%
Class 4	85.3%
Class 5	87.3%
Class 6	94.7%

Overall 90.4%

Attendance Champions:

Class 6

Congratulations.

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

Our accumulative attendance for the academic year so far is **94.5%**



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Values for Life

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

HUMILITY

This week's focus will be:

REGARD

Philippians 2:3

'Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves.'

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

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

'Can kindness change the world?'

Dear Parents/Carers,

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We are looking forward to welcoming children to the pantomime this evening. This year's pantomime is *Sleeping Beauty*. The performance will take place in school at 5.30pm and will finish at around 6:45pm. Children will need to arrive at school through the main entrance at 5.15pm for a prompt start at 5:30pm and be collected at 6:45pm. All children must be collected by a parent/carer after the performance. A small treat to enjoy during the performance can be brought in from home.

A place for your child/children can still be booked using the School Money system at a cost of £8.50. This event is open to children from Reception to Year 6.

Christmas Events

We are still hoping that our Christmas events in school can go ahead as planned. Please do not attend events if you feel unwell or have any Covid-like symptoms. We are also requesting that parents/carers take a lateral flow test before entering school. Face coverings should be worn and hands should be sanitised on entry.

Each show has a capacity of 60. Numbers are restricted to 2 family members per household (+ any pre-school siblings) sitting together and windows will be open so you may wish to wear an extra layer.

The measures in place for the events aim to reduce the risk of transmission and outbreaks so thank you for adhering to these.

Chickens

Finally, you may have noticed that the chicken run has been covered with netting. Avian Influenza carried by wild birds means that all bird keepers must conform to government guidance meaning our chickens need to go into lockdown now too!



Hemsworth Food Pantry – Christmas Appeal

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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.

The organisation has launched a Christmas appeal and our pupil Howard Ambassadors would like to support them in this so that local families in need have the best Christmas possible during difficult times.

If you would like to donate any items to help support them in their mission to help local families then please send any items into school so that we can share our generosity. Items could range from general food products to more specific Christmas food items.

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

Diary Dates

December

- 6th – Pantomime (5:30pm)
- 6th – Rev. Paul Worship
- 9th – Year 6 Class Worship **(Postponed Until January)**
- 10th – Christmas Jumper / Dinner Day
- 14th/15th Christmas Productions
- 17th – KS2 Carol Concert
- 17th – School closes for Christmas

These dates/events may change in response to any changes to Covid-19 control measures.



Christmas Jumper Day

Dress festive for 'Save the Children' this Friday - suggested donation of £1. The aim of the day is to raise an awareness of and raise funds for Save the Children who help children to thrive and build a better future.



Hemsworth Food Pantry
find us on facebook: @hemsworthfoodbank

Compassion
Forgiveness
Friendship
Trust



Early Writing Review (Early Years) – 29th November 2021

Janet Mitchel our Early Years advisor visited school to work with us on identifying strengths and next steps in Early Writing. This is a key priority in our school development plan and an area we identified as the most adversely affected as a result of the pandemic.

Strengths:

- *The schools selected phonics scheme is working and being delivered well. The programme is adhesive in that all sections link including the rhyme for letter formation. Children demonstrated good recall of sounds, sound pronunciation and blending skills.*
- *A range of writing opportunities are included in provision areas to support writing for a purpose and a focussed writing session happens during the week. Children are confident at 'having a go' at writing.*
- *Children are encouraged to speak in full sentences when planning activity choices.*
- *The outdoor area has been well developed, children have access to a range of tools and equipment to facilitate mark-making outside.*
- *In Nursery activities are in place, including dough disco, the fine motor table and access to play dough to support the development of finer motor skills. Good opportunities were used to mark-make in the snow on the day of the visit.*

The review indicated that we are in a strong position and the agreed next steps in development were:

- *Continue to add further resources to Nursery provision to practise hand eye coordination and hand strength and enhance different areas of provision further.*
- *Ensure all practitioners are proactive in encouraging children's mark-making and modelling writing within provision.*

Willow Weaving

Creating better spaces to play! Our OPAL (Outdoor Play and Learning) journey continues...

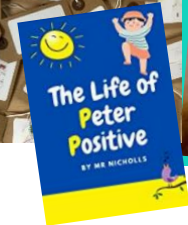


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Community Council Initiative

As part of a School's Community Council initiative, children have designed and created gift tags that will be attached to small gifts and presented to senior citizens at Ackworth School's Senior Citizens Christmas Tea which takes place on Tuesday 14th December. Ackworth School provides a mini bus service to and from the event with sixth form pupils supporting the catering team and waiting on tables.

Well done to all of the schools of Ackworth for working hard on projects and community events together this year which have directly benefitted our community and hopefully made people smile in difficult times.



House Points Last Week:

- Cirrus** – 448
- Cumulus** – 476
- Stratus** – 454
- Nimbus** – 451

Well done Cirrus!

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

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The Life of Peter Positive

Mr Nicholls, our Sports Practitioner, is now a published author! We think what he has created is an amazing concept and we love the questions and mini activities throughout.

He really wanted to get across to the children he teaches that their mental health is just as important as their physical health and came up with the concept of teaching the children through a character, and that's where the Peter Positive series was born.

He hopes that his books will encourage children to shift more of a focus on their emotional well-being and be better off in the future for it. He will be talking to the children about this in worship tomorrow.

You can find the books on Amazon by clicking the link – [The Life of Peter Positive](#).

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How Do Plants Grow?

Year 2 children have been planting bulbs as part of their science learning.



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Circle Time

Year 4 enjoyed a circle time PSHE discussing sharing their thoughts on "don't hold on to what's wrong."

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Ackworth Howard Prayer Requests

Please email admin@howard.wakefield.sch.uk with any prayer requests and our Worship Committee members will add them to our list.

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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)

