



Newsletter – Monday 7th December 2020

Educating 'for life in all its fullness.'

Attendance

Week Ending 4th December:

Reception	97.7%
Class 1	99.6%
Class 2	98.6%
Class 3	95.9%
Class 4	99.0%
Class 5	98.6%
Class 6	98.6%
Overall	98.3%

Attendance Champions:

Class 1

Congratulations.

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

Our accumulative attendance for the academic year so far is 96.5%



Values for Life

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

FORGIVENESS

This week's focus will be:

Pardon

1 John 1:9

'If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.'



A Journey Through the Bible:

Creation and covenant: Joseph slavery, dreams, freedom (Genesis 39-42)

Values home learning

Please look out for the Home Values sheet arriving home this week.

Growth in SPIRIT



Growth in MIND,
BODY, SPIRIT

Dear parents/carers

Our children have continued to enjoy their learning this week and it has been great to have so many family members engaging in our Inspire projects. The work produced and the creativity shown has been phenomenal.

A huge well done is in order for Year 2 who last week completed their phonics screening check. This is something that all schools nationwide have had to complete. The children have done exceptionally well and have done their parents proud. Thank you to all of the parents and staff for their support with phonics over the past few months. The extra push has really helped!

A (virtual) Maths review was undertaken by the local authority last week led by our School Improvement Partner Sarah Wright. The review focussed on three key questions:

- Do KS2 children have sufficient opportunities to reason and problem solve in maths lessons?
- Are children currently making good progress across KS2?
- Are the 'daily review' sessions having a positive impact on children's learning?

The review went well. We were particularly pleased about the positive reaction to our new curriculum, evidence of problem solving across the school, children working collaboratively, children engaged in their learning and enjoying the new maths lesson structure, children speaking with confidence about their learning and the impact of daily reviews which have been a focus for us this term in school.

The advisors agreed with our focus areas of wanting to further develop teaching and support staff's understanding of the concrete, pictorial and abstract (CPA) approach within Maths, further development of the use and application of our knowledge organisers as part of working walls and Maths mastery professional development for support staff.

Friday will help us all to spread some Christmas cheer as we continue the countdown. The children will be having their Christmas dinner and it is also Christmas jumper day. Children are invited to donate £1 to support Save the Children, a great cause.

Christmas parties will take place in class bubbles during the last Friday of term. Children may come to school in sensible party clothes on the day including practical footwear. Please remember to provide children with a coat as they will still be spending time outside. School will provide a drink and a small treat for children to enjoy.

Pupils eligible for FSMs will be provided with a voucher payment of £15 per child per week to go towards the cost of Christmas food bills. Letters including instructions on how to redeem voucher codes, will be received by families the week commencing the 14 December 2020. Please note that these vouchers will be distributed via the Council and not by school directly.

Wakefield Council have put together their Holly-days at Home family pack to help people stay safe and stay jolly this Christmas season. You can download the family pack at: <https://bit.ly/HollydaysAtHome>

Thank you for your continued support. I hope that you have a lovely week.

Compassion
Forgiveness
Friendship
Trust

Inspire Projects

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As I am sure you are aware, we are trying to ensure that the children enjoy school life in a way that is as close as possible to business as usual... With that in mind, it was great to be able to provide an opportunity for parents to engage with their children's learning through our alternative Inspire sessions.

It is wonderful that so many family members enjoyed sharing in planning projects linked to children's learning and then sharing in the outcomes through the celebration Zoom opportunities. We hope that you really enjoyed this Covid safe alternative.

The work produced has been simply incredible and has included WW2 Anderson Shelters, musical instruments created out of household objects, limericks, Christmas baubles and much more...



There was a young elf in my bed,
Whose nose was awfully red,
He started to sneeze -
So I gave him some cheese,
Which he shared with my favourite ted.

by Harry Powell



Statutory Assessments:

Please note that this year's statutory assessments are:

- Year 1 Phonics Check (Wk Beg 7th June)
- Year 2 Assessments (May)
- Year 6 SATs (Wk Beg 10th May)

It is expected that all children attend school during these dates.

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Dinner Debate

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

'Why are people good when they don't have to be?'

Upcoming Diary Dates:

December:

- Tue 8th – School Nurse Flu Vaccinations (Additional Visit)
- Fri 11th – Christmas Jumper Day (Suggested Donation £1 for Save the Children)
- Fri 11th – Christmas Dinner
- 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)

What is God Like?

In RE, Year 2 have been studying Christian beliefs.

Last week they read the story of Jonah and thought about what that told them about Christians and God. They reflected on the question, if God is invisible, how do we know what he is like?



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WMS Virtual 'BIG PLAY' At Christmas

You can join Wakefield Music Services for a festive concert and celebration of music making across the district from lockdown projects, virtual ensembles and wonderful performances in the run up to Christmas. No need to register, just tune into the Facebook broadcast and enjoy.



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

Mr Michael Walker – Headteacher

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