



Newsletter – Monday 13th January 2020

Educating 'for life in all its fullness.'

Attendance

Week Ending 10th January

Reception	97.2%
Class 1	99.6%
Class 2	97.9%
Class 3	98.3%
Class 4	99.2%
Class 5	100%
Class 6	100%

Overall 98.9%

Attendance Champions:

Class 5 and 6

Congratulations.

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

Our attendance in school for the academic year so far is **97%**.

Parent Surgery:

Mrs Jones is available to meet with parents in order to **support/discuss any behaviour, social and emotional welfare concerns.**

Tuesday: 9:00am-9:30am

Wednesday: 2:45pm-4:30pm

Thursday: 2:45pm-3:15pm

Mrs. Jones can also be contacted by telephone

Stakeholder Questionnaires

Thank you so much for your responses to our recent questionnaire. The staff are overwhelmed by your comments and your clear appreciation for everything they do. Our sole aim is to get things right for the children so that they are safe, happy and learning. If you are satisfied that we are achieving this, and the children are too (their questionnaire was also very positive), then we are succeeding in our aim.

We received 66 responses - 100% of you said that you would recommend this school to others, there is a good range of subjects and activities for children to experience and that the school makes sure its pupils are well behaved. In many areas over 60% of you strongly agreed. That is wonderful. We are grateful for the many kind comments you sent in.

There are some areas which you would like us to continue to develop, and some of these have already been actioned! We will indeed continue to develop these areas so that all children get the very best that we can provide for them.

Full results and analysis can be found on our school website:
<https://www.ackworthhowardschool.co.uk/accountability/stakeholder-views>

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Recent Curriculum Developments

We have been working hard to further develop our curriculum in line with the school's vision, not only to provide the best education and experiences we possibly can for your children but also to give you a clearer understanding of what children are not only taught but also the essential knowledge they will encounter at each stage.

We have now introduced 'knowledge organisers' which will be used in class but you should have also received a copy home with a letter explaining their use.

Subject leaders have also created progression maps for each subject which have informed adjustments to curriculum long term plans.

You can find this wealth of information alongside this terms curriculum planning overviews for Spring 1 on our website in the learning section.

If you have any questions, please get in touch.

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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 our focus will be: **STEADFAST**

Children will be issued a home school values sheet this week related to the value we are currently focusing upon in school. We hope your family will find the ideas and activities helpful as you explore the value.

1 Peter 5

'God cares for you so turn all your worries over to HIM.'

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Upcoming Diary Dates:

- 13th Jan – Young Voices (Sheffield Arena)
16th Jan – Rev. Charlene Eucharist Teaching Session
24th Jan – Road Safety Assembly and Speed Camera Workshop (PCSO Vicki Jackson)
30th January – Y2 Eureka Visit
3rd Feb – African Dance Week
4th Feb – Community School Council Meeting
4th Feb – Y3/4 Murton Park Visit
5th Feb – Y5 Class Worship
6th Feb – Y5/6 Girls Football Event
7th Feb – Road Safety Workshops
11th Feb – Y1 Parents Phonics Workshop
12th Feb – School Disco
14th Feb – School Closes (February Half Term)

Statutory Assessments:

Please note that this year's statutory assessments are:

- Year 1 Phonics Check (Wk Beg 8th June)
 - Year 2 SATs (May 2019)
 - Year 6 SATs (Wk Beg 11th May)
- It is expected that all children attend school during these dates.

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Dinner Debate

This week's question:
'Which would be better, to time-travel into the past, or the future?'

#GetBritainTalking

Pupil Leadership – Worship Committee

We got some funding from Speaking Volumes to buy some new Christian books and have now received them. We are planning our own worship around courage to share across our school.

Ellie Y5

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House Points – Last Week

Cirrus – 429
Cumulus – 340
Stratus – 304
Nimbus – 435
Well done Nimbus!



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

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Severe Weather

In the event of severe weather, we have, on occasions, been forced to close due to health and safety issues. If the school has to close, we will endeavour to make a decision as soon as possible on the day. Parents will be informed by the following methods:

- A message will be posted on the school website and Facebook page.
- A text message will be sent out.
- The Local Authority will be informed and they will update the details on their website.

Protecting the Environment

As part of their topic work looking at materials, Year 2 have been creating posters to persuade people to use less paper and recycle. The children debated a number of environmental issues.

Superheroes!

Year 1 have made a great start to their topic reading different Supertato stories, describing Supertato and Evil Pea, making their own Supertato and writing their own stories.

'I liked it when Supertato set a trap for Evil Pea.' Max Y1

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Celebrating Us!

The following children have been recognised by their teachers for their outstanding achievements within the school week:

Poppy (Rec), Sofia (Rec), Samuel (Y1), Jasmine (Y1), Grace (Y2), Ilaria (Y2), Maisie (Y3), Zack (Y3), Oliver (Y4), Emma (Y4), Ava (Y5), Zakk (Y5), Logan (Y6) and Lilly (Y6).

Well done also to the children who were recognised to be living our vision and values.



Congratulations to Toby who received the school vision award recognising his caring nature towards others and for demonstrating resilience and patience.

Mindfulness

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In school we are practicing mindful techniques, some of which can be found on our website in the 'wellbeing section' if you would like to use them at home.



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

Mr Michael Walker - Headteacher



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Happy Birthday (December)

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