



Newsletter – Monday 16th March 2020

Educating 'for life in all its fullness.'

Attendance

Week Ending 13th March

Reception	92.6%
Class 1	96.0%
Class 2	99.3%
Class 3	98.7%
Class 4	94.2%
Class 5	95.3%
Class 6	93.8%

Overall 95.8%

**Attendance Champions:
Class 2**

Congratulations.

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



Easter Activities:

Please submit any decorated egg entries on the morning of Friday 3rd April. The Easter Bonnet Parade (Nursery – Year 2) and the Great Egg Race (Key Stage 2) will take place on the afternoon of Friday 3rd April – entries are welcome.

2pm – Easter Bonnet Parade.

2:30pm – Great Egg Race.

Values for Life

This half term in Collective Worship the children will be focusing upon the value of:

THANKSGIVING

This week our focus will be:

PRAISE

Coronavirus

Growth in **BoDY**

We are aware that some parents and children may be anxious about Coronavirus (COVID-19) and the stories in the press about schools closing or keeping children off school. With this in mind, we would like to clarify the actions we are taking in school.

The Department of Education has issued guidance to schools, and as a school, we will continue to follow this guidance. The current guidance is, as with any cold or virus, to avoid infection by:

*Washing hands often with soap and water (or alcohol sanitiser if soap and water are not available)

*Covering your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throwing it in the bin – “Catch it, Bin it, Kill it”.

Staff have been, and will continue to, speak to children regarding the importance of hand washing.

The latest advice is, if you or your child have a new persistent cough or are showing any other signs (including a high temperature), to self-isolate for 7 days. **Please ensure that you inform school if you or your child are self-isolating.**

We currently have no confirmed cases of Coronavirus (COVID-19) so there is no reason to close the school or keep any children off school. If there are any confirmed cases then Public Health England will contact us and issue guidance on the next steps. We would urge you to consider contingency child care arrangements for your child should school have to close in the future as a result of Coronavirus (COVID-19).

As you will be only too aware, the situation is changing rapidly so we may need to cancel planned events at short notice, in response to updated advice. **We have no plans to cancel any events/activities at this stage.** If you feel you are at risk, display symptoms or are vulnerable, please do not attend school events and/or contact your GP for advice.

Please be assured that the safety and welfare of both the children and staff are of paramount importance. We will continue to follow guidelines from the DfE and Public Health England. If this advice changes, we will let you know.

Upcoming Diary Dates:

- 17th Mar – Irish Theme Lunch
- 17th Mar – Governors Meeting
- 18th Mar – Mother's Day Gift Sale
- 18th Mar – Y2 Class Worship
- 20th Mar – Mother's Day Assembly (9:15am)
- 25th Mar – Y4 Visit to Methodist Church - Ackworth
- 25th Mar – West Yorkshire Orienteering Finals
- 25th Mar – Tanzania Celebration Singing Event (Y5) and Visiting Schools
- 1st April – SEN Coffee Morning
- 1st April – Easter Theme Lunch
- 2nd April – Parents Evening
- 3rd April – Easter Bonnet Parade and The Great Egg Race
- 3rd April – Easter Service (St. Cuthbert's)

Sporting Events

Growth in **MIND,**
BODY, SPIRIT

Last week we had 40 children take part in the West Yorkshire Cross Country Finals at Temple Newsam. The children did extremely well to qualify for the event, particularly in such great numbers and we are very proud of their achievements. Howard children showed great team spirit as usual!

On Friday, a group of KS2 children also took part in the Wakefield School Games tag rugby competition. The children enjoyed the event, learning new skills.



Ashley Guest - Minister of the Community Church

Growth in **SPIRIT**

It was great to welcome back Ashley to lead our worship recently. The children always enjoy his assemblies and relish his story telling.

Growth in **BODY, SPIRIT**
*****Dinner Debate*****
This week's question to debate with family and friends at home:

'Would you rather hear the world's funniest joke, the most exciting story, or the most surprising fact?'

Pupil Leadership – School Council

'Last week we started our fruit tuck shop. Each playtime we take the trolley out and children can pay £1 for a piece of fruit every day of the week. The stall is run by KS2 school councillors and other children help us out too. This helps us to keep healthy and it is a good opportunity for us to learn about money.'

(Ellie and Archie – School Councillors)



Sport relief 2020

Growth in **BODY,**
SPIRIT

On Friday the children were active at the end of our Celebrating Us assembly and during the week they had the opportunity to take part in sporting challenges at break times.

We are pleased to inform you that our school community raised £185.20 to support people living incredibly tough lives in the UK and around the world.



Pontefract Castle Visit

Growth in **MIND**

Year 2 recently visited Pontefract Castle to explore life as a Tudor. As well as exploring the castle, the children undertook a workshop where they had to prepare the castle for a royal visitor, create Tudor remedies, prepare black work (a form of embroidery) and check the dungeon for stores of food. The children also got to handle Tudor artefacts.



House Points – Last Week

Cirrus – 117
Cumulus – 215
Stratus – 134
Nimbus – 192

Well done Cumulus!



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

Celebrating Us!

Growth in **MIND,**
BODY, SPIRIT

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

Harriet (Rec), Elizabeth (Rec), Ewan (Y1), Emily (Y1), Whole Class (Y2), George (Y3), Molly (Y3), Ryan (Y4), Jessica (Y4), Juno (Y5), Florence (Y5), Drew (Y6) and Sumer (Y6).

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



Congratulations to all the staff and pupils who received the school vision award recognising their commitment and contribution to our positive and happy school culture!

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

Mr Michael Walker - Headteacher



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

Compassion
Forgiveness
Friendship
Trust