



## Newsletter – Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2020

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

### Attendance

Week Ending 28<sup>th</sup> February

Reception	94.8%
Class 1	100%
Class 2	95.0%
Class 3	96.7%
Class 4	98.1%
Class 5	96.7%
Class 6	97.9%
<b>Overall</b>	<b>97.1%</b>

**Attendance Champions:**

**Class 1**

**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 **96.9%**.

### Inspire!

Thank you for attending our recent Inspire Morning sessions. The children have enjoyed producing some fantastic work alongside friends, staff and family members.

Year 5 and 6 held a Shang Dynasty Inspire Morning. Children and their grown-ups completed a range of activities including a Chinese sudoku, mapping features of China and completing world history timelines. Year 3 and 4 explored what it means to be British as part of their topic The UK.



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**BODY**, **SPIRIT**

### Upcoming Diary Dates:

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Mar – Y1/2 Inspire Morning
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Mar – Scholastic Book Fair Arrival
- 4<sup>th</sup> Mar – N/R Inspire Morning
- 4<sup>th</sup> Mar – Y5 Citizenship Ceremony Visit
- 5<sup>th</sup> Mar – World Book Day (**Dress as Favourite Character**)
- 5<sup>th</sup> Mar – Orienteering Competition
- 9<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup> Mar – Sport Relief (**Fri 13<sup>th</sup> Dress in Sports Kit**)
- 10<sup>th</sup> Mar – School's Community Council Meeting
- 11<sup>th</sup> Mar – West Yorkshire Cross Country Finals (**Date Change**)
- 12<sup>th</sup> Mar – Pontefract Castle Visit (Y2)
- 13<sup>th</sup> Mar – Tag Rugby Championships
- 17<sup>th</sup> Mar – Irish Theme Lunch
- 17<sup>th</sup> Mar – Governors Meeting
- 18<sup>th</sup> Mar – Mother's Day Gift Sale
- 18<sup>th</sup> Mar – Y2 Class Worship
- 20<sup>th</sup> Mar – Mother's Day Assembly

### Computing

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In Computing, Year 3 have been learning how to write commands for a rover. They applied their mathematical knowledge of shape and direction to move on screen characters to the positions they needed to create shapes.



### What are we learning this half term?

This half terms curriculum **planning overviews** and **knowledge organisers** are now available on the school website:

[www.ackworthhowardschool.co.uk/what-are-we-learning-term](http://www.ackworthhowardschool.co.uk/what-are-we-learning-term)

The children will also bring home a **home school values** sheet this week related to the value we are currently focussing upon in school.

We hope your family will find the ideas and activities helpful as you explore the value.

### Shrove Tuesday

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The children in Nursery and Reception celebrated Shrove Tuesday last week as well as completing their RSPB Big School Birdwatch. They discussed the ingredients that are used to make pancakes and learnt about the importance of Shrove Tuesday to Christians around the world. The children all enjoyed tasting the pancakes and chose their own toppings. Yum!



### Values for Life

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

This week our focus will be: **GRACE**

**1 Corinthians 15:10**

*'But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me was not in vain.'*

## Makerspace

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**Coming Soon** - You may have noticed some work being done in school. We are currently developing a wonderful new and unique resource in our school to further enhance our curriculum and offer the children additional opportunities to be creative and for children to believe that **'if we can imagine it, we can make it.'** We are very excited!

You can find out more about our makerspace and how it will be used here:

[www.ackworthhowardschool.co.uk/learning/makerspace](http://www.ackworthhowardschool.co.uk/learning/makerspace)

Thank you to Woodstock Timber Yard who are doing a fantastic job for us!



House Points – Last Week

Cirrus – 198

Cumulus – 124

Stratus – 309

Nimbus – 335

Well done Cumulus!



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

Thank you also to Historic Building Restoration who have worked extremely hard to repair our wall ensuring Ackworth Stone was reused to restore the wall to its original look.



## Statutory Assessments:

Please note that this year's statutory assessments are:

- Year 1 Phonics Check (Wk Beg 8<sup>th</sup> June)
  - Year 2 SATs (May 2019)
  - Year 6 SATs (Wk Beg 11<sup>th</sup> 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:**

**'Can kindness change the world?'**

**#GetBritainTalking**

## Pupil Leadership – Reading Ambassadors

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Last week we worked with Wendy Mitchell (Senior Library Officer: Schools Library Service) who talked to us about our favourite books and what kind of books we like to read. She trained us as librarians and gave us tips as to how to read to younger children. We are going to be opening the library at playtimes for children to read and we are going to be reading with KS1 this week. We have lots of ideas of how to keep the library looking tidy and attractive and are reorganising all the fiction books into age groups and 4 main groups for non-fiction. (Imogen – Reading Ambassador)



## Celebrating Us!

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

Jax (Rec), Erin (Rec), Lydia (Y1), Arianna (Y1), Molly (Y2), Oliver (Y2), Connie (Y3), Grace (Y3), Stephen (Y4), Eden (Y4), Elijah (Y5), Rumen (Y5), Erin (Y6) and Skye (Y6).

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



**Congratulations to Sam who received the school vision award recognising his commitment to offering radical hospitality to others and thriving in a shared society.**

**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