



Newsletter – Monday 20th January 2020

Educating 'for life in all its fullness.'

Attendance

Week Ending 17th January

Reception	97.8%
Class 1	95.7%
Class 2	96.7%
Class 3	99.0%
Class 4	97.1%
Class 5	100%
Class 6	98.0%
Overall	98.9%

Attendance Champions:

Class 5

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 **97.1%**.



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

Young Voices 2020

32 children from our school attended Young Voices last Monday. This is the largest school choir in the world! The children practiced many songs and dances to prepare themselves to take part in the enormous concert and these were by no means easy songs!

The concert was held at Sheffield Arena, with over 5000 other children taking part. The event combined the power of singing together as one, with performances and opportunities for the children to perform alongside The Shires, dance troupe Urban Strides, The Voice 2018 winner Ruti and Tony Hadley!

The atmosphere was electric and made for one of the most exciting and memorable musical experiences.



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Upcoming Diary Dates:

23rd Jan – Eco Council/Howard Ambassador Town and Council Chamber Visit/Debate
24th Jan – Road Safety Assembly and Speed Camera Workshop (PCSO Vicki Jackson)
30th Jan – Y2 Eureka Visit
3rd Feb – African Dance Week
4th Feb – Community School Council Meeting
4th Feb – Y3/4 Murton Park Visit
6th Feb – Y5 Class Worship (*Date Change)

Holy Eucharist

Reverend Charlene led our worship this morning and used the session to teach the children about the Holy Eucharist. The session was very informative and the children asked some excellent questions.



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Afternoon Tea

Children enjoyed receiving their special afternoon tea in recognition of excellent behaviour and attitudes to learning through living our vision during Autumn 2. Well done!



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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: **STRENGTH**

2 Timothy 1:7

'For the Spirit God gave us does not make us timid, but gives us power, love, and self-discipline.'

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Parent Questionnaire

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Thank you for taking the time to complete the recent questionnaire. Although the vast majority of responses were extremely positive, I wanted to take the time to respond to some of the specific points raised by a few parents and provide further clarification. Responses from the questionnaire will also be shared with the governing body for their consideration:

- If you have any issues in relation to **access** to any areas of the school, please contact us so that we can look to resolve these.
- **Coat hooks rather than lockers** are unfortunately not possible. The reason lockers were installed to replace coat hooks was due to fire safety inspections stating that coats and bags were being stored in areas that served as a means of escape. As a result of this, this is not something we are able to change and why we need to encourage that all property is housed within lockers.
- **Repairing the wall** at the front of school is of course a priority for us. Quotes for work are with the insurance company and work will start as soon as possible.
- **Parking** – I continue to work closely with the Wakefield Council Road Safety Team and implement their recommendations in respect of improving parking outside the school. In addition, the school continues to fund the crossing patrol from its own budget even though this service was cut a number of years ago. I thank the majority of parents who continue to show consideration and respect for the safety of others by parking appropriately.
- **Communication** – I would like to remind a small number of parents of the annual calendar which goes out in September stating parents evening dates and other key dates. This is available on the school website alongside all other dates and information about the school. We communicate in a variety of ways such as the weekly newsletter, school website, Facebook page, text message service, phone calls where appropriate, letters etc. We are a very busy school, and we do a great many additional activities with, and for, the children, many in our own time. Occasionally these may be at short notice, and I apologise if this has been a problem. Please do let us know if there is anything else we can do to improve this area.

Happy 1st birthday Howard and what a year it's been!



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Dinner Debate

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

'Is language the most important form of communication?'

#GetBritainTalking

Pupil Leadership – Howard Ambassadors

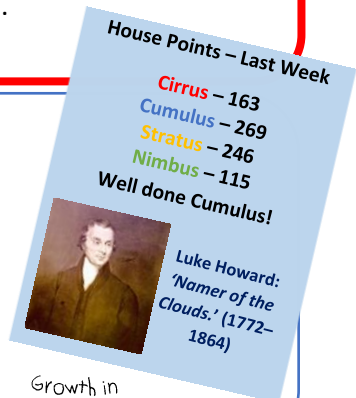
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Last week we undertook two activities. We created stickers to give out to children who we recognise for doing the right thing and living our vision. We are also designing posters to advertise our own Food Bank in school. Look out for the posters soon.

(D'arcie – Howard Ambassador)

Modern Pentathlon

Year 5 and 6 have been working with Ackworth School as part of their community programme that seeks to promote the sport of Modern Pentathlon. We are looking forward to seeing how this progresses. The children are really looking forward to using the laser guns in the shooting event!



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Early Years

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Pirate Pete written by Nick Sharratt has been the recent inspiration for the children recently. They have been learning about hygiene and how to keep themselves safe.

Celebrating Us!

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

Millie (Rec), Isla (Rec), Leo (Y1), George (Y1), Neive (Y2), Holly (Y2), Casey (Y3), Elliot (Y3), Sam (Y4), Connor (Y4), Elise (Y5), James (Y5), Sumer (Y6) and Ellie (Y6).

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



Congratulations to Lilly who received the school vision award recognising improved confidence and resilience. Well done!

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

Mr Michael Walker
Headteacher



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