



Newsletter – Monday 11th March 2024

Educating ‘for life in all its fullness.’

Striving for 100%

Attendance

Week Ending 8.3.24:

Reception	92.0%
Class 1	100%
Class 2	98.0%
Class 3	95.5%
Class 4	96.4%
Class 5	97.3%
Class 6	99.3%
Overall	97.0%

**Attendance Champions:
Year 1 - Congratulations**

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

Growth in MIND, BODY, SPIRIT Values for Life

This half term in collective worship we are focusing upon the value of: **RESPONSIBILITY**
This week's focus will be:

CONSCIENCE



Romans 2:15:

"They show that the requirements of the law are written on their hearts, their consciences also bearing witness, and their thoughts sometimes accusing them and at other times even defending them."

This quote suggests that people naturally understand right and wrong. Their conscience acts as an internal guide, either accusing or defending their actions.



Global Citizenship Thread

This half term our whole school Thread is **HEALTH AND WELLBEING**

Dear parents/carers

On behalf of our school community I wish all of our mothers, grandmothers, aunties and carers a very happy Mother's Day. I hope that your day was filled with fun, laughter, family and a bit of time for yourself!

What a fantastic week it was last week, with the highlight being World Book Day on Thursday! The children cracked codes in our book trail, parents joined in story-sharing sessions, the Scholastic Book Fair was a hit, and the creativity in dressing up by both children and staff was outstanding. We even had volunteers, including parents and governors, reading and sharing stories with our children. It's been an incredible celebration of reading!



Staffing Update

Mr. Howard Bundy, our valued and excellent Caretaker, has decided to retire. As we embark on the process of finding a suitable replacement, Mr. Bundy has kindly offered to remain with us until we appoint his successor. We are immensely grateful for his dedication and contributions to our school community. Mr Bundy has also expressed his interest in continuing to support the school in a voluntary capacity going forward. Please join me in extending our best wishes to him for the future.

We are recruiting: Caretaker Post [LINK](#)



Easter Events 2024

I wanted to outline for you the plans for our Easter events this year. It will be wonderful to have parents join us again, it is always one of the highlights of the year!

- Children are asked to submit any decorated egg entries on the morning of Thursday 21st March.
- The Easter Bonnet Parade (Nursery – Year 2) and the Great Egg Race (Key Stage 2) will take place on the afternoon of Thursday 21st March on the front playground – parents are welcome to attend:
 - 2:30pm – Easter Bonnet Parade.
 - 2:45pm – The Great Egg Race.
- The Year 3/4 Easter Production will take place at St. Cuthbert's Church on the morning of Friday 22nd March, commencing at 9:45am. Reception-Year 6 will walk to Church and Year 3/4 parents/carers are invited to attend.

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BODY, SPIRIT

Calendar



March

- Mon 11th** – Andy's Man Club Event (9am)
- Mon 11th** – Wed 13th – Y5 Bikeability
- Mon 11th / Wed 13th** – Parents Evening
- Tue 12th** – F1 in Schools National Finals / Y2 Walking to St. Cuthbert's (Ackworth Schools Easter Service Rehearsal)
- Fri 15th** – Comic Relief / Y2 St. Cuthbert's – Ackworth Schools Easter Service (Y2 Parents Invited – 1:45pm)
- Mon 18th** – Non-Uniform Day (Children's Behaviour Award)
- Thu 21st** – Easter Bonnet Parades and the Great Egg Race
- Fri 22nd** – Y3/4 Easter Production (St. Cuthbert's 9:45am)

**Key Dates
2023-24**

"There is no friend as loyal as a book" – Ernest Hemingway.

Recent Letters – [Changes to School Charging and Remissions Policy](#) / [HSA Easter](#)

[Hamper Raffle](#)

[COMIC RELIEF INFORMATION](#)



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ROAD SAFETY

The Wakefield Neighbourhood Policing Team have advised that they are raising awareness of the dangers associated around roads particularly at School opening and closure times. There have been a number of incidents where children's safety around schools in Wakefield has been compromised due to lack of thought and consideration. In addition, local residents have been unable to enter their driveways due to inconsiderate parking. The Police will be conducting visits to schools and will take formal action against offenders.

Highway Code Rule 140: Think before you park. DO NOT park your vehicle where it would endanger or inconvenience pedestrians or other road users, for example: On a footpath, pavement; Near a school entrance; At or near a bus stop or taxi rank; Within 10 metres (32 ft) of a junction; Near the brow of a hill or hump bridge; Opposite a traffic island or another parked vehicle (if this would cause an obstruction); Where the kerb has been lowered to help wheelchairs users; In front of the entrance to a property.

THE GREEN CROSS CODE

1. Think First

- Find the safest place to cross. Then stop.
- If possible, cross the road at: subway, footbridge, zebra, crossings and traffic light crossings or where there is a police officer, school crossing patrol or traffic warden.
- If you can't find any good crossing places like these, choose a place where you can see clearly along the road in all directions, and where drivers can see you.
- Never cross on sharp bends or just before the top of a hill.



2. Stop

- Stand on the pavement near the kerb.
- Give yourself lots of time to have a good look all around.
- Stand a little way back from the kerb - where you can still be away from the traffic, but where you can still see if anything is coming.

4. Wait until it's safe to cross

- If traffic is coming, let it pass.
- Do not cross unless there is a safe gap and you see that there is plenty of time.
- If you are not sure, don't cross.

3. Use your eyes and ears

- Look all around for traffic and lines.
- Look in every direction.
- Listen carefully because you can sometimes hear traffic before you can see it.

2. Look and Listen

- When it is safe, walk straight across the road.
- Always walk across, never run.

4. Arrive Alive

- Keep looking and listening the traffic while you cross.

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Howard Family Celebration Worship
Gathering Together and Encouraging One Another

The following children have been recognised for their:

- Outstanding achievements through the school week:
Jenson (Rec), Alfie (Y1), Huw (Y2), Thomas (Y3), Poppy (Y4), Lydia (Y5), Jason (Y6)
 - Living our Christian values:
Harvey (Rec), Phoebe (Y1), Charlotte (Y2), Alex (Y3), Alice (Y4), George (Y5), Oliver (Y6)
 - Living our school vision:
Rose (Rec), Eden (Y1), Elsie (Y2), Cameron (Y3), Elizabeth (Y4), Harry (Y5), Holly (Y6)
 - Living our school vision and flourishing /
Oliver F and Albie M – For showing compassion and helping others with enthusiasm
 - Golden (Play) Welly Award:
Safety Monitors – Providing support and leadership, ensuring a positive environment.
 - Reading Class Champions: Year 2

*****Dinner Debate*****

This week's question to debate with family and friends at home:
'Who is your favourite author and why?'

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Advocates for Change

As advocates for change, children identified an issue during litter picking – some children were littering in the den area due to the lack of bins. They took the concern to the school council, which not only addressed the need for a bin but also raised awareness of the environmental impact. Collaborating with the Safety Monitors, the school council organised a competition to design an image for the bin and promoted an anti-litter message through a poster campaign. A fantastic initiative. Well done!



Location, Location, Location



Growth in **MIND**

Year 2 have been learning how to locate places in the UK using an atlas with success!



Prints and Patterns

Growth in **MIND**

Year 1 have been using plasticine to create different prints and patterns. They used shells and leaves to push into plasticine to create an indentation which then transferred onto their page!



Name the Story

Growth in **MIND**

As part of their World Book Day activities, EYFS have enjoyed solving the clues to 'Name the story'. They were really good at recalling some of the events from the different stories.



Read and Draw Along

Growth in **MIND**

Year 3 enjoyed joining the live read and draw along with author and illustrators Nina Peanut and Sarah Bowie!



Library Detectives



Growth in **MIND**

Year 4 enjoyed being 'library detectives', finding different types of books to explore in the future.



Reception Outdoor Provision Development

With funding secured from the Archbishop Holgate Hospital in Hemsworth (Educational Grant), we've created a fantastic small world play area for our Reception children. Featuring houses, rockeries and more, this space will empower children to boost communication and language skills through imaginative storytelling and re-enactments.



Reading Book Wishlist Link: <https://amzn.eu/7KplZVZ>

Stay safe, well and keep the faith – your support is greatly appreciated

Michael Walker – Headteacher

Proud of our partnership with Mshikamano (Solidarity) Primary School



Bega Kwa Bega (Shoulder to Shoulder)

