



Newsletter – Monday 22nd January 2024

Educating 'for life in all its fullness.'

Striving for 100%

Attendance

Week Ending 19.1.24:

Reception	96.3%
Class 1	97.7%
Class 2	96.0%
Class 3	96.9%
Class 4	95.0%
Class 5	100%
Class 6	94.3%
Overall	96.2%

**Attendance Champions:
Class 5 - Congratulations**

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



Dear parents/carers,

As we navigate through January, you might have heard about "Blue Monday," often described as the most depressing day of the year. It's important to understand that this is a myth, created for commercial reasons and lacking scientific support. Mental health is a unique journey for each of us, and it's essential to recognise that everyone experiences good and bad days differently.

While seasonal changes can impact our mood and wellbeing, it's a reminder that we should be attentive to our mental health throughout the year. At our school, we are committed to supporting the mental health and wellbeing of our entire community. This includes providing resources and assistance to our families.

If you or your family are seeking support, we encourage you to reach out to us. We are here to help in any way we can. Additionally, our website's wellbeing section includes information on our early help offer and other resources. We also remind you of our family library, a valuable resource accessible to you at any time.

Let's support each other in prioritising our mental health, not just during challenging times, but every day. Here's to a healthy and fulfilling year for our whole school community.

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Calendar



January

Mon 22nd
Year 5 Class
Worship
(Parents
Invited –
9:15am)
Fri 26th
Inclusive
Bowling
Competition

February

**Mon 5th – Fri
9th**
Children's
Mental Health
and Online
Safety Week
Mon 5th – F1 in
Schools
Regional Finals
Wed 7th –
Police Cyber
Protect Team –
Y5/6
Wed 7th –
Spring Disco
Thu 8th – Y5/6
Netball
Competition
**Fri 9th – School
Closes**

Key Dates
2023-24

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Values for Life

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

Corinthians 1:3-4:

"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to comfort those who are in any affliction, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God."

This verse highlights the role of God as a source of comfort in times of distress, and it encourages us to extend the same comfort to others in their times of need.

Global Citizenship Thread

This half term our whole school Thread is **SOCIAL JUSTICE**



Pupil leaders in action again...

Well done to the children who planned and led worship on Monday. Linked to our value of compassion and last week's focus of helpfulness, the children used the parable of the Good Samaritan in a very insightful and thought-provoking way.

Some of our older pupils have been litter picking lately and identified it as an issue they wanted to address. They have done this by spreading the message across school, creating a poster campaign and requesting a new bin in KS2 that they are designing. Well done everyone!

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Class Worship

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Year 2 children led a fantastic class worship on Tuesday. It was full of fascinating facts, learning experiences and reflections. It is a great way for the children to look back and appreciate the moments of gratitude and pride they've experienced and share these with others.

Thank you to all of the grown ups from home who also attended the worship.

"Many thanks to all who joined us for the open afternoon on Friday. We trust you found it beneficial to review your children's work and engage in meaningful discussions with them about their learning journey."

"This week, your children will bring home this term's 'Home-School Values' sheet. It's a great opportunity for you to explore and discuss the value of compassion together."



Recent Letters – [Notification of SIAMS Inspection](#)



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PSHE and RSHE

Thank you to everyone who attended the online information evening to explain the rationale, structure and content of our PSHE curriculum.

Please find below the link to the short Parent Consultation survey that we would appreciate completion of after you have seen the PSHE policy and curriculum details.

<https://forms.office.com/e/XJ6XfJ6bre>

Here is the link to the relevant section of the school website:

<https://www.ackworthhowardschool.co.uk/wellbeing/pshe-and-rshe>

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Florence Nightingale

In their 'One Day Creative' workshop, Class 2 worked as a team, using drama to explore the life and impact of Florence Nightingale. They thoroughly enjoyed the experience and impressed Florence with their focus and knowledge!



Seasonal Changes

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In Nursery, the children have been learning all about how the trees will change come Spring. The children have drawn their own winter and spring trees to compare the differences.



Persuasive Letters

Growth in **MIND**

Class 1 were greeted with an unpleasant message from a wolf! Following a visit to the woods, it seems they have upset someone and our school dinners are on the line! Persuasive letters pending...



Henri Matisse

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Class 3 have enjoyed 'painting with scissors', creating art inspired by the work of Henri Matisse.



Colour Mixing

Growth in **MIND**

Reception have been investigating what happens when they keep adding white paint. They have created some lovely shades of blue pictures. They tried really hard to use a tripod grip to control the paintbrush.



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Embodying our Vision: Towards "Life in All its Fullness"

As we journey together in shaping the future of our children, it's paramount for us to be aligned in our goals, aspirations, and the values we instill in them. Today, I'd like to remind you of the commitment we share with you.

Our Vision in a Nutshell

You've perhaps heard it echoed in the corridors and classrooms: "Educating for 'life in all its fullness.'" This isn't just a tagline. It's our promise to ensure that your child doesn't only excel academically but thrives holistically, in mind, body, and spirit, all grounded in a deeply Christian ethos.

Our Triple Pledge: Mind, Body, Spirit

- **Mind:** We strive to ignite curiosity and passion within every child. Our staff work hard to foster an environment where discovery is celebrated, ensuring that every child is prepared for the paths they wish to tread in the future.
- **Body:** Your child's well-being is a priority. We endeavour to create a community where every learner feels valued and empowered to explore their unique strengths, growing confidently into the best versions of themselves.
- **Spirit:** Beyond academics, we're dedicated to nurturing the spirit. We support each learner, no matter where they are on their faith journey, through prayer, worship, and by living our core values of Compassion, Forgiveness, Friendship, and Trust.

The Christian Cornerstone

Our commitment, as a Church of England school, is to intertwine the teachings of Jesus in our curriculum and ethos. His message of 'life in all its fullness' (John 10:10) inspires us daily. We're called upon to shepherd our children with wisdom, love, and protection.

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Life Cycles

Class 2 have been thinking about lifecycles and how we change as we grow in science. There were interesting discussions about what we are able to do at different ages!



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Cross Country Championships

Resilient performances, in tough conditions on Friday from the children during the Five Towns Cross Country Championships with a number of children qualifying for the West Yorkshire Cross Country Championships taking place shortly. Well done everyone!



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

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

"When I see someone in need, I can't just walk on by. I have to try to help." - Onjali Q. Raúf, The Boy at the Back of the Class

How can we, make a difference in someone's life, even in small ways? Can you think of a time when a small act of kindness made a big impact on you or someone else?



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

Michael Walker – Headteacher

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Bega Kwa Bega (Shoulder to Shoulder)

