



**Newsletter – Monday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2022**  
*Educating ‘for life in all its fullness.’*

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**Dear parents/carers,**

**Welcome back to school, I hope that you have all had a lovely Easter with your families.**

**Parents Consultation Meetings**

**Thank you to everyone who attended our parent consultation meetings prior to the Easter break. It was great to have such a huge turnout and I am pleased the blended approach was well received again. If you were unable to attend and would like to see your child’s class teacher, please contact school to make an appointment.**

**Refurbishment**

**Over the Easter break, the Key Stage 1 shared area and toilets have been refurbished and look great. The children have been very excited this morning! The Reception outdoor canopy has also been stripped and repaired to ensure it is water tight.**

**Caretaker Post**

**The Caretaker vacancy is still currently advertised on the Wakefield Council website. If you know anyone who may be interested, please ask them to contact school.**

**School Lunch Menu**

**Our new summer term lunch menu is available on the school website:**

**[Summer 2022 Lunch Menu](#)**

Diary Dates	
<b>May</b>	
2 <sup>nd</sup>	– Bank Holiday Monday (School Closed)
9 <sup>th</sup>	– Rev. Paul Worship
18 <sup>th</sup>	– Y2 Charles Waterton Workshop
23 <sup>rd</sup>	– Rev. Paul Worship
27 <sup>th</sup>	– Queens Jubilee Celebration Lunch
27 <sup>th</sup>	– School Closes (Spring Bank Holiday)
<b>June</b>	
6 <sup>th</sup>	– INSET Day (Teacher Training)
7 <sup>th</sup>	– School Reopens (Summer 2)

**Attendance**

Spring 2:

Reception	96.3%
Class 1	91.5%
Class 2	94.3%
Class 3	96.3%
Class 4	96.8%
Class 5	93.6%
Class 6	96.1%
<b>Overall</b>	<b>95.0%</b>

**Attendance Champions:  
Class 4 - Congratulations.**

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



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**Values for Life**

This half term in collective worship we are focusing upon the value of: **WISDOM**

This week’s focus will be:  
**DISCERNMENT**

**‘The heart of the discerning acquires knowledge, for the ears of the wise seek it out.’  
Proverbs 15**



**Incumbent of the Benefice of Ackworth and Badsworth Update**

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**‘We are pleased to announce that the Revd Karen Young, currently serving as Incumbent of the Benefice of Heckmondwike (with Norristhorpe and Liversedge) in the Huddersfield Episcopal Area, will be Instituted and Inducted as Incumbent of the Benefice of Ackworth and Badsworth in the Wakefield Episcopal Area on Monday 23 May 2022 at 7.30pm at St Mary’s Church Badsworth, with the Bishop of Wakefield officiating.’**

**Easter Celebrations**

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Thank you to everyone who attended the Easter Bonnet Parade and the Great Egg Race and to those children who entered the Decorated Egg Competition. It is always wonderful to see the end result of everyone’s hard work. There were some very innovative ideas and designs! Thank you for your efforts in supporting the events, we hope that you enjoyed them. It was a delightful afternoon.



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**\*\*\*Dinner Debate\*\*\***

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

**‘What is the most important human right?’**

Year 3 and 4 did a wonderful, heartwarming interpretation of the Easter story during their production at St. Cuthbert’s church. Thank you to everyone who attended. We hope that you enjoyed The Tale of the Three Trees.





### HSA Update

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A huge thank you from the HSA (Howard School Association), for the generous donations towards our Easter Raffle and to everyone who supported us by purchasing raffle tickets. We raised a whopping £201!!!

We are aiming to raise enough money to invest in the development of the school's forestry area. In the coming months we may need help with labour, expertise and materials so any help that you can provide at the time would be amazing to help achieve the schools vision. More info to follow!

### Global Citizenship Thread



Last half term the children focused on **HEALTH AND WELLBEING**. This half term our whole school Thread is **RESILIENCE**.

EYFS

What do I need to do next?

YEAR 1/2

How do we recognise problems?

YEAR 3/4

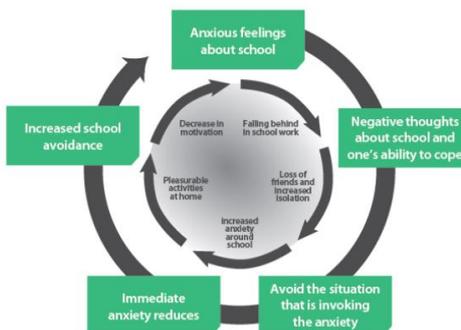
What strategies do we use to solve problems?

YEAR 5/6

Can I understand how to apply problem solving strategies in various situations no matter how impossible they may seem?

### Emotionally Based School Avoidance

The Wakefield Educational Psychology Service have produced a parent and carer information pack which outlines what EBSA is, signs of EBSA and how to support your children if they are worried about coming to school. It also includes a range of signposts to further sources of support such as Young Minds and MindEd for Families.



[Emotionally Based School Avoidance – Parent Guide](#)

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### Safeguarding – TikTok

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#### What is it?

A video-sharing app that's popular with children and teenagers right now. You lip-sync to music or do comedy sketches, and can add effects to your videos. You can also gain followers (or 'fans') and watch other people's videos. **The age recommendation is 13 and above**, but it's easy for younger children to sign up too.

#### Why should I be concerned?

You need to be aware that some of the songs and video content used in this app may contain explicit language and sexual imagery, which may not be suitable for your child to view.

#### Privacy settings

If your child is using TikTok then we recommend setting the account as private. Even with a private account, your child's profile information such as their photo and bio is still visible so ensure your child understands the importance of not adding personal information (e.g. address, age and phone numbers) to this area.

#### Family Safety Mode

TikTok have created Family Pairing to help you keep your child safe whilst using TikTok. Family Pairing allows parents to link their own TikTok account to their child's account. This will allow you to control screen time, restricted content and direct messages.

Useful Link: [TikTok App Safety – What Parents Need to Know](#)  
**If you have any concerns are require any support, please contact school.**

### Healthy Wraps - Year 2

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The children have used their knowledge of food groups and healthy eating to design and make wraps. They began by investigating which foods went well together, thinking about how to create a balanced diet then learnt how to use the bridge and claw to cut vegetables safely. The children made their wraps and thoroughly enjoyed eating them for lunch!



### Inter-House Competition

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Mr Nichols has run inter-house multi-sport competitions for all year groups recently. The competitions developed children's teamwork, communication and fundamental movement skills.

**Congratulations to our brides, Miss Hunter and Miss Duckett (and their prospective husbands), on their recent weddings. Miss Hunter will be known as Mrs Bloomer and Miss Duckett as Mrs Thompson - Congratulations to both of you!!!**

**Thank you for your continued support, take care and have a lovely week.**



Mr Michael Walker – Headteacher



Proud of our partnership with Mshikamano (Solidarity) Primary School

Bega Kwa Bega (Shoulder to Shoulder)

