



Newsletter – Monday 27th June 2022

Educating 'for life in all its fullness.'

Growth in MIND,
BODY, SPIRIT

Dear parents/carers,

I hope that you have managed to grab some of the sunshine that has been around lately. We are hopeful that this maybe the case for Sports Day and the Family Fun Event on Friday!

Staffing 2022-2023

It has been lovely to welcome Mr Bundy onto our team in his new role as Caretaker. His plans for the upkeep of the school are impressive and we can't wait to see him grow into the role.

On a sadder note, Mrs Fletcher will be leaving her post as Teaching Assistant at the end of this academic year to take up a new job closer to her home. She will be missed greatly after 18 years of dedicated service to our Ackworth Howard family. Miss Parker will also be leaving her role of Teaching Assistant as planned to begin her teacher training journey – we wish her luck in this new challenge and thank her for her work during this year.

We are currently advertising for the position of Teaching Assistant and Lunchtime Play Team Member. If you know anyone who may be interested, please ask them to contact school for more information – thank you.

I am now in a position to confirm the teaching arrangements for next year. This will not change from the current academic year:

- **Nursery – Mrs Bloomer**
- **Reception – Mrs Tordoff**
- **Year 1 – Miss Delemere**
- **Year 2 – Mrs Albaya**
- **Year 3 – Mr Nunn**
- **Year 4 – Mrs Thompson**
- **Year 5 – Miss O'Brien**
- **Year 6 – Mr Barstow**

Children in school will be provided with an opportunity to spend time with their new class teachers on Wednesday 6th July and Monday 11th July.

The Big Strum



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Year 3 took part in Wakefield Music Services first ever 'Big Strum' at Wakefield Cathedral last week where they had the opportunity to celebrate their ukulele skills.

The event comprised of a workshop/rehearsal in the morning followed by a performance in the afternoon. This was a fabulous opportunity for the children to perform as part of a large ensemble.

The children were fantastic and represented themselves and the school impeccably. They performed alongside a number of schools and also shared a solo piece brilliantly for a crowd of around 500 children and parents!



Diary Dates



June

- 28th – School Nurse Y6 (Healthy Lifestyles)
- 29th – New Nursery and Reception Parents Meeting
- 30th – Yorkshire Wildlife Park Visit Y1&Y4
- 30th – Community Council Meeting

July

- 1st – Sports Day (Parents/Carers Invited – 1pm – Max 2 adults per family due to limited space)
- 1st Family Fun Event 3:15pm-6pm
- 4th – Y3 Leeds Discovery Centre
- 6th – Whole School Transition Morning
- 6th – Y4 Party on the Green (Ackworth School)
- 11th – Whole School Class Transition Morning
- 12th-14th – Year 5 Northumberland Residential
- 15th – School Reports Issued
- 15th – Y6 Ackworth Methodist Church Visit
- 20th – Y6 Production (Parents/Carers Invited 4:30pm)
- 22nd – Year 6 Leavers Service (Parents Invited 9:45am)
- 22nd - School Closes for Summer
- 25th – INSET Day
- 26th – Queens Jubilee Bank Holiday Re-allocation.

Attendance

Week Ending 24th June:

Reception	96.3%
Class 1	91.9%
Class 2	91.9%
Class 3	98.0%
Class 4	98.7%
Class 5	97.3%
Class 6	99.3%
Overall	96.4%

Attendance Champions:

Class 6

Congratulations.

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



Growth in SPIRIT

Values for Life

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

This week's focus will be: **OPTIMISM**



'The Lord is good, A stronghold in the day of trouble, And He knows those who take refuge in Him.'
Nahum 1:7



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Dinner Debate

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

'What is the greatest invention of all time?'



Safeguarding Week

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West Yorkshire Safeguarding Week took place during last week. The week included sessions for professionals and volunteers as well as a public awareness campaign for different safeguarding issues – for both children and adults.



Throughout the week content was shared on the school's Facebook page which included graphics aimed at Safeguarding children and adults.

If you have any questions about anything or require support, then please get in touch.

Please find a summary of the key messages from this week here: [Content Aimed at Safeguarding Children and Adults](#)

You can also find a wealth of safeguarding information on our [website](#) including resources through the Wakefield Safeguarding Partnership, the Wakefield Early Help Directory, a range of support and guidance documents and information about the Early Help we can offer in school to support families.



RSPB Old Moor

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Year Two visited RSPB Old Moor last week to investigate habitats as part of their work in science. They had great fun pond dipping, minibeast hunting in the woodland habitat and using nets to search for insects in the meadow. The children learnt about how habitats provide everything that an animal needs to survive and enjoyed participating in the games and activities. They were, once again, a credit to the school with their enthusiasm for learning and excellent behaviour!



Geographers

Growth in MIND

As Geographers, Year 4 have been looking at the mountain ranges of the world, whilst plotting them on different continents of the world.



Athletics



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BODY

Year 3 have been enjoying their athletics PE lessons. They have learnt how to position themselves at the start of a race in order to get the best possible advantage, and how to keep their bodies low in order to be aerodynamic. They can't wait to put their new skills into practice on sports day!



Class Worship

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Well done to Reception and Year 1 who led their class worships last week. The children did an excellent job sharing their learning journeys and we were very proud of them. Thank you to everyone who joined us, we hope you enjoyed the experience.



Ackworth Gala



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Enjoy the Ackworth Gala? There was a procession around the gala field with the Gala Queen, Gala King, Attendants and Fancy-Dress Entrants from noon. Well done Jacob and Faith who were selected as the Gala King and Queen from our school.

The Golden Welly Award this week goes to:
Jessica (R) for showing kind manners and sharing her skills whilst playing at lunchtime.

Howard Family Celebration Worship

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The following children have been recognised for their:

- Outstanding achievements through the school week: Elsie (Rec), Reuben (Y1), Zach (Y2), Finley (Y3), Lydia (Y4), Zack (Y5) and Lucas (Y6).
- Living our Christian values: George (Rec), Bowen (Y1), Greta (Y2), Jenson (Y3), James (Y4), Harry (Y5) and Connor (Y6).
- Living our school vision: Isaac (Rec), Lily (Y1), Etta (Y2), Sam (Y3), Max (Y4), Ben (Y5) and Mia (Y6).

Congratulations to Etta (Y2) for being an excellent ambassador for our school when visiting other places.



F1 in Schools

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We have had confirmation that our teams' car entries have been safely received by F1 in Schools and that they will now be scrutineered by their master of measurements, before being placed in Parc Fermé.



Congratulations to all the children who took part for their hard work. We have our fingers crossed that they reach the regional finals!



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)

