



Newsletter – Monday 6th November 2023

Educating 'for life in all its fullness.'

Striving for 100%

Attendance

Autumn 1:

Reception	95.1%
Class 1	96.2%
Class 2	95.4%
Class 3	95.3%
Class 4	96.7%
Class 5	95.7%
Class 6	97.4%
Overall	96.0%

**Attendance Champions:
Class 6 - Congratulations**

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

Attendance Really Does Matter... Autumn 1 Statistics

- 62% of children (129) achieved above 97% attendance.
- 40% of children (84) achieved 100% attendance.
- 13% of children (26) are classed as persistently absent as their attendance is **below 90%**. This is being monitored by school and the local authority.
- 118 sessions were marked as children arriving late during the half term. **School starts at 8:50am.**

Dear parents/carers,

Welcome back to the new term! We hope you had a wonderful October half term making memories with your children.

Firstly, I'd like to extend our warmest congratulations to Miss O'Brien, who celebrated a beautiful milestone over the break and is now known as Mrs. McConnell. Wishing you a lifetime of happiness and joy, Mrs. McConnell!

I am pleased to share some exciting news about our school team. Following a recruitment process, we are delighted to inform you that Mrs. Simmons will be taking on the vital role of Kitchen Manager. Mrs. Kerepeczki will step into the position of 2nd in charge and we are also thrilled to announce that Mrs. Wilkinson will be continuing her additional hours in the kitchen on a permanent basis. Together, they are already forming a strong and dynamic team, and we wish them all the best in their new roles. **Congratulations!**

Next week is Anti-Bullying Week, where we unite to promote kindness, respect, and inclusion throughout our school community. Parents, you should have received a letter detailing the 'Stay and Learn' sessions focusing on our school-wide approach to anti-bullying. Throughout the week, there will be a variety of engaging activities, many of which have been thoughtfully designed by our pupil leaders. We kick off the week with 'Odd Socks Day' on Monday, a fun and meaningful way to start our collective efforts.

We have a very busy and exciting half term ahead, brimming with opportunities for our children to learn, grow, and thrive. We can't wait to share these moments with you, our valued school community.

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Diary Dates



November

- Wed 8th – Fri 10th PGL Residential (Y6)
- Mon 13th – Fri 17th Anti-Bullying Week
- Tue 14th – Governors Meeting / Stay and Learn
- Wed 15th – Stay and Learn
- Thu 16th – Y6 British Dodgeball Competition
- Fri 17th – Children in Need / Y3&Y4 Football V Badsworth
- Mon 20th – Parents Evening
- Thu 23rd – Parents Evening / Police Visit
- Fri 24th – Christmas Fair
- Thu 30th – Y5&Y6 Football V Badsworth

**Key Dates
2023-24**

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Values for Life

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

"Forgive one another, as God in Christ forgave you."

Ephesians 4:32

Global Citizenship Thread

This half term our whole school Thread is **VALUES AND PERCEPTIONS**

Autumn 2 – Values & Perceptions	
EYFS	How do we celebrate special events?
1/2	Can I understand that people have different values?
3/4	Can I understand how our values affect the way we live?
5/6	Can I understand how different values build society?

Community Support: Your Donations at Work with Pontefract Community Kitchen

Thank you again for your generous donations which have now been collected by Pontefract Community Kitchen who are not just a community kitchen but there to help everyone. They provide warm food and spaces, sandwiches, tinned food, warm drinks and food parcels and are always grateful for donations.

Book Fair

The Book Fair will arrive this week and can be browsed during these times:

- Tuesday 7th 3:15pm – Reception, Y2, Y4 & Y6
- Wednesday 8th 3:15pm – Nursery, Y1, Y3, Y5
- Thursday 9th to Monday 13th 3:15pm – All Classes
- Friday 10th 9-9:30am – Additional Parents Only Session... Christmas Shopping Opportunity.



Supporting the Royal British Legion

Snap bands, wrist bands, reflective poppies and other Remembrance Day memorabilia is now on sale.

Recent Letters – [Stay and Learn](#) / [Wrap Around Update](#)



Local

Introducing the Positive Parenting Pathway

Wakefield Council are thrilled to announce a new partnership with Solihull Approach, a trusted provider of online courses dedicated to enhancing children's emotional health and wellbeing. As part of this exciting initiative, we're pleased to inform you that all residents within our council's area can now access a wide range of these online courses at absolutely no cost.

Here are some of the key highlights from the Solihull Approach online courses:

- Gaining insights into your child's emotional health and brain development.
- Understanding your child's behaviours.
- Enhancing your communication skills.

To get started on this invaluable journey, simply visit www.inourplace.co.uk and follow the straightforward registration process. Don't forget to enter the access code 'Hepworth' when prompted. These online courses are designed to be convenient, accessible anytime and anywhere, and completely personalised to your needs.

'The Pobble Who Has No Toes'

The children in Year 2 have written some wonderful letters inspired by Edward Lear's poem, 'The Pobble Who Has No Toes'.

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Bird Feeders

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In Nursery, the children have been making bird feeders. This has been part of their PSED focus where they have been learning to care for others, including our wildlife. The children are excited to hang up their bird feeders. I am sure that the birds will enjoy them.



Spooky Disco Fun

The children had a wonderful time at the Spooky Disco. A huge thank you to our wonderful HSA for organising and hosting this fantastic event.



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Road Safety Initiative

A big thank you to Wakefield Council's Road Safety Team for once again leading the 'School Gate Parking Initiative' at our school. Our Junior Road Safety Officers have been an integral part of this, ensuring that our school entrance remains a safe environment for all our pupils.

We'd also like to thank parents who returned the 'Parking Promise' slip. It's heartening to see our community come together with the shared goal of keeping our children safe.

Remember, safe parking is everyone's responsibility. Let's continue to support one another in making our school a safe space for all.



A New Chair for Baby Bear

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In Year 2, the children had fun applying their knowledge and skills in creating stable structures to craft a new chair for Baby Bear.



Know More, Remember More and Do More

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We've been thoroughly impressed with the children's end of unit open response tasks which allow them to showcase and apply the knowledge they've acquired.

Year 5 have worked hard to showcase their knowledge of the decline of the Benin empire, and answered the question 'Was the kingdom of Benin a successful period in history?' in their end of unit essays.

Year 3 have enjoyed completing their end of unit writing task for their history topic, Stone Age to Iron Age. They certainly know more and remember more!

Year 6, marked the conclusion of their RE unit by creating a double page spread on creation and Science: conflicting or complementary.



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Dinner Debate

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

'How do our values affect the way we live?'

Fundamental Skills

In PE, Year 3 enjoyed applying all the fundamental skills they've been learning.

They thought carefully about how to safely use each piece of apparatus, risk assessing as they went.



"When you go home, tell them of us and say, for their tomorrow, we gave our today."

John Maxwell Edmonds

Wakefield Council are now accepting applications for school places in Reception for the 2024/25 academic year. If you know of any child eligible, parents need to be applying for a place before the closing date on 15th January 2024. Parents can [apply online](#)

APPLY

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

Mr Michael Walker – Headteacher

Proud of our partnership with Mshikamano (Solidarity) Primary School

Bega Kwa Bega (Shoulder to Shoulder)





Christingle Services in Ackworth

Sunday 3rd December

4pm All Saints

6pm St Cuthbert's

All Welcome

*We will collect for the Children's Society
during the service*

