

Ackton Pastures Primary Academy

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Friday 11th July

Dear Parents and Carers,

Sports Day

Next week we will be holding Sports Days for all year groups. The weather is forecast to be very very warm, please ensure children have hats, sun cream and water with them on the day.

If anyone has any gazebos that they would be willing to lend to school we would be very grateful.

Children will be able to buy ice pops for 50p on their day (please send them into school with 50p) and adults will be able to buy cans of cold pop for £1.

Careers Day

The children have enjoyed an amazing day today listening to a variety of speakers and taking part in workshops. We have heard from players from Castleford Tigers, midwives, accountants, nursery nurses and photographers to name a few. Children in 6W have taken part in a CPR workshop led by paramedics.

We also heard from a former Ackton Pastures pupil, Jodie Wilkinson, who has gone on to be a commonwealth boxer.

Thank you to all parents (and everyone else!) who gave up their time so willingly and to Miss Woodhouse for coordinating the day.



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Celebration Assembly

We had a wonderful last celebration assembly of the year today. Lots of happy tears were shed from staff, parents, grandparents, carers, brothers etc. Thank you to everyone who attends and sends in pictures each week. The children speak with such pride and confidence about their outside achievements, we definitely have some future stars. Hopefully in 20 years time they will come back and speak to the children of Ackton about all their successes just like Jodie did today, and as she said in her presentation to the children this afternoon, she once sat in that assembly hall just like them.

Playground Equipment

Please note we do not allow children to play with our outdoor equipment before and after school, if an accident should occur we would not be liable and may not be around to assist in an emergency, it would be your responsibility. Parents and carers would also be liable for any damage to property that occurs during these hours. We are aware of equipment that has been damaged in our Reception area and this is especially maddening as it directly affects your children's learning and development. Please be mindful of this when allowing your children to use the equipment.

Change of Email Address

Please note that our office email has now changed to:

ap-enquiries@inspirepartnership.org.uk

Please do not use the old email address as your mail will bounce back! The old email address is not checked regularly therefore important emails may be missed.

Dates for your Diary

Monday 14 th July	Year 6 Production 1:30pm
Tuesday 15 th July	Year 6 Production 1:30pm
Wednesday 16 th July	Nursery Sports Day (Further details to follow on class dojo) Reception Sports Day 9:30am KS1 Sports Day 1:30pm
Thursday 17 th July	LKS2 Sports Day 9:30am UKS2 Sports Day 1:30pm Reports go out
Friday 18 th July	Transition Day No Celebration Assembly
Monday 21 st July	Reception Celebration Event (Details on class dojo)
Monday 21 st - Wednesday 23 rd July	Y6 Residential
Thursday 24 th July	Summer Fair
Friday 25 th July	Last day of term

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Attendance this week	
Reception – Miss Ayling	98%
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Year 1 – Miss Wilson	97%
Year 1/2 – Miss Vollands	98%
Year 2 – Mrs Turfrey	97%
Year 3 – Miss Holding	99%
Year 3/4 – Miss Binns	97%
Year 4 – Miss Richardson	97%
Year 5 – Miss Gibbins	93%
Year 5/6 – Miss Lynch	97%
Year 6 – Miss Woodhouse	97%

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Free School Meals

All applications for free school meals are now completed electronically online where you will usually get an instant decision.



To Apply:

Scan the barcode with your phone and it should take you straight to the free school meals online application.

Alternatively search "Free School Meals Wakefield Council" and click on the top result. [Free school meals - Wakefield Council](#)

You can also apply by going through your account on the Parent Portal.

Please ensure all details are correct as this can delay the application

process

Free School Meals

Your child may be able to get free school meals if you get any of the following:

- Income Support
- income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- the guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Universal Credit - if you apply on or after 1 April 2018 your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)

Please be aware that the following benefits do not qualify for Income Related Free School Meals:

- Contributions based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Contributions based Employment & Support Allowance
- Working Tax Credit
- Invalidity Benefit
- Disability Living Allowance/Personal Independence Payment
- Housing Benefit
- Council Tax Benefit
- Child Benefit

Universal free school meals

All Children Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will be able to get free school meals if they're in a government funded School.

But if you are on benefits or low income, it is beneficial to apply for income related free school meals, as you may also be eligible for other schemes that could be running and your school receives extra funding.

You can contact free school meals fsm@wakefield.gov.uk 01924 305061

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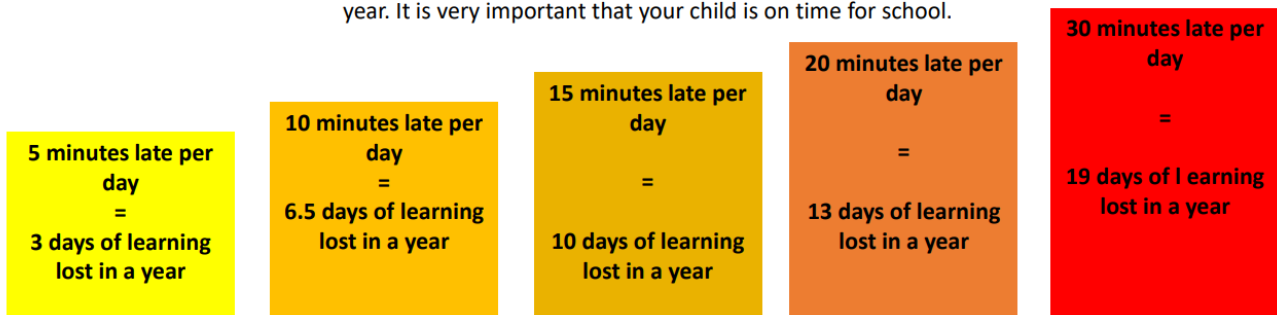
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Attendance Matters Arrive on Time



Every school day counts, arriving a few minutes late a day can mean days of learning is lost over the school year. It is very important that your child is on time for school.



L code = Late arrival after classroom doors close at 9am

U code = Late arrival after registers close at 9.10am (Unauthorised absence)

An accumulation of 10 U codes over a 10 week period can result in a Fixed Penalty Notice from the Local Authority for Irregular Attendance

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PENALTY NOTICE FINES FOR SCHOOL ATTENDANCE ARE CHANGING!

With the introduction of the New National Framework for Penalty Notices, the following changes will come into force on 19th August 2024.

PENALTY NOTICES WILL BE ISSUED FOR

Term time leave: Penalty Notice Fines will be issued for Term Time Leave of 5 or more consecutive days

10 sessions of unauthorised absence in a 10 week period: A Penalty Notice may be considered/issued when a pupil has had 10 sessions of unauthorised absence in a 10 week* period.

*School Week's

PER PARENT/PER CHILD

Penalty Notice Fines will continue to be issued per parent per child.

For example: 3 Siblings absent for term time leave, would result in each parent receiving 3 separate fines.

FIRST OFFENCE

The first time a Penalty Notice is issued for a Term Time Holiday or Irregular School Attendance the Penalty Notice will be charged at:

£160 per parent, per child if paid within 28 days of issue, reducing to £80 if paid within 21 days**.

SECOND OFFENCE (within 3 years of the First Offence)

Where it is deemed appropriate to issue a second Penalty Notice to the same parent for the same pupil within 3 years of the first notice, the second Penalty Notice will be charged at:

£160 if paid within 28 days (no reduced fee for paying early).

(**Unpaid Penalty Notice's after 28 days may result in a parental prosecution)

THIRD OFFENCE (within 3 years of the First Offence)

On the third time that an offence is committed for either a Term Time Holiday and / or Irregular Attendance a Penalty Notice will not be issued, the case may proceed straight to Parental Prosecution under the Single Justice Procedure. If found guilty of the offence of 'Failure to send a child to school' the Magistrates can impose a fine up to £1000.