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Friday 28th November

Dear Parents and Carers,

Christmas

As we hurtle towards Christmas at speed, we are very aware as a school that many children find Christmas very difficult as it can be overwhelming from many different perspectives. As a school we really do try our best to limit the effects of the busy period for our children through continuing to provide a structured routine, limiting the sensory overwhelm and providing the necessary supports for children who need additional and extra. We thank you for your support with this.

Christmas Fair

The children are all working hard on enterprise projects; creating games and gifts to sell at the fair next week. Each class will keep the profits they generate to spend on resources that they choose for their class and the class that makes the most will also win an extra prize!

There will be no celebration assembly next Friday as we will be busy preparing for the fair!

To try and alleviate the Christmas rush at the fair we will be opening the fair earlier at **2:30pm**. Parents who wish to collect their children and browse the fair together at **2:30pm** will be able to collect their children from the classroom doors and re-enter school via the school office. Children who do not have a parent to collect will remain with school staff and can be collected from classroom doors at the usual time of 3.15pm. The fair will be still be open at 3.15pm.

Last day of term

On the last day of term we will be holding a hot chocolate and PJs film afternoon, this will take place during the school day. Children may come to school in their pyjamas/loungewear and will enjoy a cosy day with a film, hot chocolate and biscuits in the afternoon. We would welcome a £1 donation towards this, however it is not compulsory. This is now open on Arbor.

Christmas Performances

Please can we ask that grown ups only attend one performance. There is limited space in the hall and lots of children and adults to fit in! We will need to turn parents who have already viewed the performance away in order to ensure everyone that wants to attend can fit! Remember there is no charge to watch the performances but refreshments and programmes will be available at a small cost and we may kindly ask for donations as you leave- the monies raised all go towards the cost of performance licenses, costumes and props. We thank you for your continued support.

Here is a run down of all our Christmas events:



Easy Fundraising

We are now registered with easyfundraising, which means you can help us for FREE. Over 8,000 retailers will donate to us when you use easyfundraising to shop with them – at no extra cost to yourself! All you need to do is sign up and remember to use easyfundraising whenever you shop online. It's easy and completely FREE! These donations really mount up, so please sign up to support us at:

https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/ackton-pastures-primary-academy/?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=pmc&utm_content=email-1

If you sign up during November school automatically gets £2 from each person. Please feel free to share the link with family members. Every little helps! Please see the poster below with QR Code and further instructions.

Dates for your Diary

Friday 5th December	NO CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY
Friday 5th December	Christmas Fair - 2.30pm start Apologies for the confusion it is definitely a 2.30pm start!
Tuesday 9th December	KS1 Nativity - 2pm start EYFS and KS1 Christmas Disco after school 3-30 - 4.30pm
Wednesday 10th December	KS1 Nativity - 9.30am start KS2 Christmas Disco after school - 3-30 - 4.30pm
Thursday 11th December	Reception Nativity - 9.30am and

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	2.00pm
Friday 12th December	Reindeer Run Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day
Tuesday 16th December	Nursery Nativity 9.30am Please see Nursery class dojo for more details.
Wednesday 17th December	Christmas Dinner
Thursday 18th December	KS2 Christmas Concert 9.15am and 2.15pm
Friday 19th December	Mrs Mason returns from maternity leave Last day of term
Monday 5th January	School Reopens

Attendance this week	
Reception – Miss Ayling	90%
Reception – Mr Smith	83%
Year 1 – Miss Wilson	96%
Year 1/2 – Miss Binns	95%
Year 2 – Mrs Turfrey	99%
Year 3 – Miss Blakeway	92%
Year 3/4 - Miss Gibbins	97%
Year 4 – Miss Holding	93%
Year 5 – Mrs Longoni	92%
Year 5/6 – Miss Lynch	92%
Year 6 – Miss Woodhouse	97%

Have a lovely weekend!

Miss Bartle
Acting Headteacher

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WINTER ACTIVITIES FOR 5-16 YEAR OLDS

Activities are **FREE** for children and young people who receive benefits-related free school meals



Healthy Meal Provided



22ND – 24TH DECEMBER & 2ND JANUARY

TRIPS

SPORTS

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**FAMILY
SESSIONS**

GAMES

**AND MUCH
MORE!**

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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.

5 minutes late per day
=
3 days of learning lost in a year

10 minutes late per day
=
6.5 days of learning lost in a year

15 minutes late per day
=
10 days of learning lost in a year

20 minutes late per day
=
13 days of learning lost in a year

30 minutes late per day
=
19 days of learning lost in a year

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.

ONE LIFE

PHYSICAL FITNESS | SOCIAL FITNESS | MENTAL FITNESS

Our Morning Routine explained:



Safe Touch:

Each morning children choose a safe touch to meet and greet their teacher (high five, hand shake or hug) and this is proven to help children feel valued, create a sense of belonging as well as releasing oxytocin, the loving hormone.



Thought Splat/Journaling:

After we have taken the register, we all complete a thought splat in our journals which helps us to write down any thoughts that might be stopping us from being present and our best selves. We want children to know that 'we are not our thoughts' and that not all thoughts are facts. Our minds are powerful and we must choose to pay attention to the positives thoughts because our thoughts affect our emotions which affects how we behave and 'show up' in our lives. We tick and cross our thoughts so we can make space to learn !



Mindful Minute:

Once we have cleared some space in our busy minds, we then pay attention to our bodies and think about our nervous system. We are teaching the children that we have two main 'modes' and we want our children to be in parasympathetic mode which means calm, regulated and when we preserve energy to concentrate and learn. We can't learn when we are in state of high alert (fight, flight or freeze) so we practise breath work to ensure that our nervous system is calm.



Affirmations:

Once the children are calm, we set our intentions for the day. We choose positive I am statements so our minds are being filled with goodness. I am loved. I am safe. I am enough. We are what we think!



Wise Words:

We end our morning routine with some wise words which help us to grow personally and reflect on inspiring quotes and messages. We want to feed our children with goodness so they know better, so they can do better in their ONE LIFE!