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Friday 11th December

Dear Parents and Carers,

Christmas Fair

Thank you to everyone who attended the Christmas Fair last week, it was wonderful to see so many in school. We raised a total of £2366.60 on the day - Raffle money is still to be added so we'll provide the grand total next Friday!
The raffle prizes will also be drawn in assembly next Friday.

Reindeer Run

Today the children took part in the reindeer run - please could all sponsor money be sent in on Monday morning, as the hospice will be coming to collect donations on Monday afternoon. Thank you for your continued support.

Next Friday

Children may come to school in the Pyjamas or loungewear next Friday and will be treated with films, hot chocolate and biscuits to end the term in style. We will also be welcoming Mrs Mason back from maternity leave!

Christmas Performances

Our Reception and Key Stage 1 children were absolutely amazing in our Christmas Performances this week. We are so proud of them all!



Next week it is the turn of our Key Stage 2 children - you have a lot to live up to!

Aspens

Thank you to everyone for ordering dinners this week - for the first time ever on Thursday everyone who was due to have a dinner ordered one! From January we will be ringing parents/carers if you haven't ordered a dinner and you will be asked to bring in a packed lunch so please keep it up.
Menus will be posted on class dojo on a Sunday afternoon as a reminder.

This Wednesday is Christmas Dinner day, please don't forget to order one for your child if they would like one.

Poppy Appeal

As a school we raised £397.30 for the Poppy Appeal, this was the most raised by all the schools in Castleford.

Attendance

We would just like to you remind that in the case of absence, **parents must leave a voicemail on the absence line before 9am**. Please clearly state your child's name, class and reason for absence. This must be done **every day** of absence. Please give a specific reason for absence such as 'high temperature, diarrhoea' etc a comment of 'ill' or 'poorly' is not sufficient.

Home visits

As part of the Trust policy on attendance and safeguarding, schools have a responsibility to conduct home visits for unexplained absence **and** when a child has not been seen on school premises – despite reported illness – **for 5 consecutive days (including weekends)**.

("The School has the right to conduct home visits on the grounds of non-attendance" – see Trust attendance policy, available on school website).

In such instances, two members of staff will visit your child to say hello and offer support if needed. Such procedures have been put into place by local authorities following well known serious case reviews investigating deaths of children – for instance, Baby P (2007) and Star Hobson (2020). The outcomes of these investigations have found that, had wider agencies – such as schools – followed safeguarding procedures correctly, those deaths could have been prevented. Whilst these cases are incredibly rare, schools and local authorities across the country have a duty of care to check in at home with **any child** – regardless of background and circumstances – who has not been seen on school premises for 5 consecutive days.

On the infrequent occasion where we receive no response at the family home, we will post a calling card notifying you of our visit and an opportunity to rearrange. In instances where the visit is not rearranged, the absence could then be unauthorised. An accumulation of unauthorised absence can lead to a Fixed Penalty Notice being issued. Please also take this into account if considering notifying school of an illness, when you are on holiday.

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

Please feel free to share the link with family members. Every little helps! Please see the poster below with QR Code and further instructions.

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Dates for your Diary

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	81%
Reception – Mr Smith	84%
Year 1 – Miss Wilson	92%
Year 1/2 – Miss Binns	95%
Year 2 – Mrs Turfrey	88%
Year 3 – Miss Blakeway	87%
Year 3/4 - Miss Gibbins	86%
Year 4 – Miss Holding	95%
Year 5 – Mrs Longoni	93%
Year 5/6 – Miss Lynch	95%
Year 6 – Miss Woodhouse	92%

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

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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!