

# Ackton Pastures Primary Academy

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**'Children at the heart; Inspiring futures'**

Friday 20th March

Dear Parents and Carers,

The recruitment process for our new headteacher started in school this week. The children, parents and staff all had a hand in interviewing potential candidates. Well done to all our amazing children who did a brilliant job of showing candidates around school and making sure they had a warm welcome. Please remember that there will be no celebration assembly next week as we will be hosting our Easter raffle and egg hunt.

## **Easter!**

This is the last call for tickets to our Easter disco! Tickets will remain on sale until Sunday 22nd March at 4pm. This is to allow us to order the food that we need, please be aware there will be no availability of places after this date. To check if you have purchased a ticket you are able to look on your Arbor account. Go on to payments, then invoices, choose the correct term and your payments will be visible.

We will also be holding an Easter Egg decorating competition for children in school. If you would like to enter please bring your eggs into school on Friday 27th March (last day of term). Winners will be announced in our Easter assembly.

## **New Logo**



Thank you for your input into the new school logo. The new school logo is looking fantastic and is ready to be displayed on our new signage that will be appearing around school in the coming weeks!

## **Tesco Stronger Starts Grants Programme**

Stronger Starts is a £5million grant programme in the UK providing up to £1,500 for local projects including education. Successful projects receive grant money based on in store customer voting with blue tokens. Our school's recent application to raise funds towards our Nursery outdoor Area project has been successful and we hope that you will help by using your blue token to vote so we can create an exciting outdoor area that our children deserve.

Please vote for Ackton Pastures with your blue token, voting is available at the following stores:

2076 Pontefract Express Express WF8 2QJ  
 3021 Pontefract Superstore WF8 1BJ  
 4806 Castleford Express Express WF10 5NN  
 6433 Castleford Fryston Road Express Express WF10 3LW

### Dates for your Diary

25th March 2026	KS2 Easter Disco 3:30 - 4:30pm
26th March 2026	KS1, Reception and Nursery Disco 3:30 - 4:30pm
27th March 2026	Easter Egg Hunt and Easter Raffle draw - <b>No celebration assembly this week!</b>
28th-29th April 2026	Year 4 Residential Dearne Valley
30th April 2026	Mrs Mason's last day in school
20th-22nd July 2026	Year 6 Residential Newby Wiske Hall

Attendance this week	
Reception – Miss Ayling	84%
Reception – Mr Smith	96%
Year 1 – Miss Wilson	98%
Year 1/2 – Miss Binns	98%
Year 2 – Mrs Turfrey	99%
Year 3 – Miss Blakeway	96%
Year 3/4 - Miss Gibbins	99%
Year 4 – Miss Stanton	91%
Year 5 – Mrs Longoni	98%
Year 5/6 – Miss Lynch	98%
Year 6 – Miss Woodhouse	99%

Have a wonderful weekend!

Mrs Mason,  
 Headteacher

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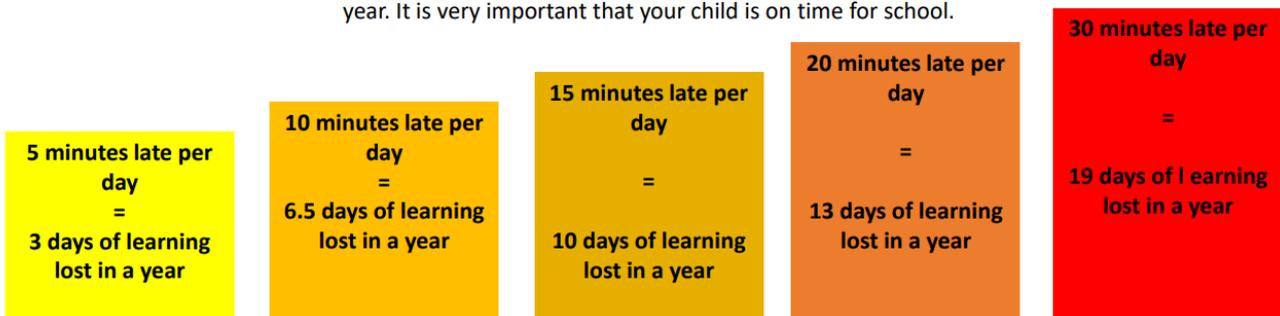
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## Attendance Matters Arrive on Time



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**

## **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 19<sup>th</sup> 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.