
Ackton Pastures Primary Academy

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Friday 10th July

Dear Parents and Carers,

We regularly remind the children of the 3 R's of Ackton whilst in school and this weeks weather, has again shown us all how resilient our children can be and seeing them adopt such a 'business as usual' attitude towards the heat, working together and making every day count is hugely humbling to see across school. The next two weeks will be incredibly busy in school and we are beginning to think about plans for September with our transition days approaching next week.

Parental Conduct

Given some conversations I have had to have this week, I felt it was important to remind parents/carers of the expectation of them whilst on school grounds. My expectation of all our school community is that we act as role models to our children, in society and daily life. A polite reminder that smoking/vaping are not permitted on school grounds and mobile phone use should be kept to a minimum (we expect our Year 5/6 children to not use their mobile phones on school grounds, so would ask that parents respect this also). Similarly, disagreements between parents should not be held on school grounds, especially not in front of our children/staff team. We **ALWAYS** encourage our children to talk to each other respectfully if they have disagreements, this becomes a harder message to embed if they witness parents doing the opposite to this. May I thank you in advance for your support in this area.

Attendance

As we head towards the end of the year, it is crucial we remember the importance of good attendance. Our curriculum learning often continues until the end of term and children will continue to learn new skills they need for their next academic year's work and beyond. We also include lots of exciting end of year events such as today's colour run and Year 6 leavers performances to name but a few. Children will also spend time in their classes preparing and discussing the upcoming transition into their new classes so it is crucial children attend school as much as possible to be a part of this and allow them every success for September. We appreciate that illness does occur but would ask parents to support school by informing us by 9am on each day of absence, otherwise school will carry out our usual absence procedures of phone calls and home visits in line with our duty of care and policy.

Transition Days

We are busy in school preparing for our transition days into new classes at the end of next week. Annual reports will be issued to parents on Wednesday 15th July.

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These reports will contain information about your child's new class teacher for September. I will be sending an accompanying letter via Class Dojo with information on how transition days will work this year so please ensure you have read this, in conjunction with your child's report. Transition days will take place on Thursday 16th July and Friday 17th July. Our new Reception children will have one transition day on Friday 17th July as shared at our recent New Starter meeting.

Colour Run

Today's colour run was a huge success and despite the heat, children (and staff!) had a wonderful time, helping us raise vital funds for school whilst ending the week with a splash of colour. A big thank you to Miss Woodhouse and the staff team for making this event happen and giving our children another memorable occasion to talk about!

Warm Weather

Temperatures are set to return to a more normal level again next week, so children will return to school uniform from Monday and hand held fans will not be required in school. We will continue to monitor any planned temperature changes and update you via class dojo to any further changes.

Celebration Assemblies

A huge thank you to those of you who have been able to join us for celebration assemblies this year, they really are a highlight of the school week for so many of our school community. We will be busy with transition activities in our new classes and Year 6 leavers events on the next two Fridays so there will be no more Friday celebration assemblies this academic year.

Contact Details on Arbor

Please can all parents/carers check their contact information including telephone numbers and email addresses on Arbor ready for the next term. If you have any changes, please contact the School Office so we can update these for you.

After School Club Changes

Just to give you some advanced notice, from September, our wrap-around after school club will only run until 5pm due to insufficient demand for 6pm places. Please do let our office team know if you would be interested in taking up a regular 6pm place, and if there is sufficient demand, school will look at arrangements to reextend this. Bookings until the end of this academic year can still be made until 4/5/6pm.

Summer Activities

A reminder of the below link with a range of activities and information available over the summer holidays, we hope there are some activities that may be of interest to families:

<https://creativewakefield.net/summer-scool/whats-happening/>

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Diary Dates:

A reminder of some up and coming dates in our school diary:

14th July	Year 6 performance - 1.30pm
15th July	Year 6 Performance - 9.30am Annual reports issued to parents/carers
16th/17th July	Transition days in school (Reception through to Year 5 pupils)
20th-22nd July	Year 6 residential leaving at 10.30am
24th July	Year 6 leavers assembly - 9.30am School Closes for Summer at 3.15pm
1st September	Training Day (School closed to children)
2nd September	School Reopens for Autumn term.

Attendance this week	
Reception – Miss Ayling	97%
Reception – Mr Smith	97%
Year 1 – Miss Wilson	99%
Year 1/2 – Miss Binns	99%
Year 2 – Mrs Turfrey	98%
Year 3 – Miss Blakeway	96%
Year 3/4 - Miss Gibbins	95%
Year 4 – Miss Stanton	97%
Year 5 – Mrs Longoni	94%
Year 5/6 – Miss Lynch	94%
Year 6 – Miss Woodhouse	97%

It is set to be another hot weekend, please enjoy the sunshine and remind children of my assembly on water safety! Keep cool and we will see you all again on Monday,

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