
Ackton Pastures Primary Academy

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'Children at the heart; inspiring futures'

Friday 24th July

Dear Parents and Carers,

The end of the academic year is here and many of our children (and adults) are excited at the prospect of the summer break ahead of us. It has been a year filled with several successes and challenges and I am incredibly proud of how our children have grown across the year. This morning, we said farewell to our Year 6 children in their leaver's assembly. The assembly was a fantastic way to celebrate the successes the children have had across their time in school and a great way to bring our community together to celebrate this. We wish all of our Year 6 children the very best of luck on their secondary school adventures in September and hope they will come back and see us and let us know how well they are doing!

Term Dates

Please see our website for the academic term dates for next year. School reopens to pupils on Wednesday 2nd September on which children will enter through their new classroom doors. Our school timings remain the same and for our new families joining us in September, members of school staff will be out on the gate to help you with finding your way.

A reminder about consent forms

The office are busy preparing for the new academic year and this involves resetting some of our parental consent measures. Children who will be in Year 5/6 in September, will be allowed to walk home from school independently and we would ask that parents update this consent on Arbor. It will be available by the end of school on Monday, to ensure children are clear on walking home arrangements from September. Mobile phone use, in line with government guidance, should be limited and controlled in school settings. We appreciate there are a small handful of children that may need their mobile phone. If you feel that your child needs their mobile, parents may email the school office to provide consent for their child to bring in their mobile phones. These consents are, *'I give permission for my child to bring a mobile phone in to school'* and *'Ackton Pastures does not accept responsibility for mobile phones being damaged, lost or stolen'*. All mobile phones must be handed in at the classroom at the start of the day. Once your emailed consent has been received, you will be able to see your consent on Arbor from the 1st of September.

Finally, next academic year we will be starting to use our new Instagram page (more details to follow in September!) but we are asking parents to give consent if they would like their child to appear on our instagram page as a showcase of learning and

The Headteacher is the designated person for all child protection issues

events that take place in school. The office will communicate relevant consent information to parents regarding Instagram in September.

School Dinners

A reminder that school meal prices will be increasing to £2.76 in the new academic year, this is down to an increase in food costs. Please speak to the office if you feel your family may be eligible for free school meals so that we can support you with this application.

Diary Dates

In September, we will be sending out a list of our key dates for the entire academic year. This will include events such as Parents evenings, open afternoons, Sports Day to name but a few! We have listened to parent feedback that you often do not have enough notice of key dates so we hope sharing this in September will support you with planning your diaries for the year ahead and enable you to be active members of our school community. We have also finalised our school trip offer for the year to ensure all year groups have opportunities to take their learning outside of the classroom - more information about these will be sent once it is ready. Finally, we know communication is really important between home and school and we will be consulting with you in the new academic year about how we can communicate most effectively with you.

Contact Details on Arbor

A reminder to please check 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.

Farewell!

Today, we have said a fond farewell to Miss Blakeway (Y3 Teacher), Mrs Robinson (Nursery Teacher) and Miss Ayling (EYFS Leader). Saying goodbye is always very difficult and whilst there have been lots of tears, there has been a huge amount of support for these staff members as they move on to their next exciting chapters working in different schools. I know all three have offered lots of support and guidance to staff, children and families over their time with us. I know you will all join me in wishing these staff members the best of luck in their new roles.

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

1st September	Training Day (School closed to children)
2nd September	School Reopens for Autumn term.

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Attendance this week	
Reception – Miss Ayling	90%
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Year 1 – Miss Wilson	97%
Year 1/2 – Miss Binns	95%
Year 2 – Mrs Turfrey	93%
Year 3 – Miss Blakeway	90%
Year 3/4 - Miss Gibbins	88%
Year 4 – Miss Stanton	90%
Year 5 – Mrs Longoni	91%
Year 5/6 – Miss Lynch	87%
Year 6 – Miss Woodhouse	98%

On a personal level, may I thank parents for their continued support of school and for communicating with us in person and allowing us to work with you to make the relationship between school and home a positive one. My first half term at Ackton has been filled with many memorable moments and I thank the whole school community for making me feel so welcome. I am very excited for September and the academic year ahead and look forward to getting to know even more families next year.

Have a wonderful Summer with your families and we look forward to welcoming you all back into school on Wednesday 2nd September.

Mr Ivel

Headteacher