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# Ackton Pastures Primary Academy

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4<sup>th</sup> December 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

I was delighted to accept the position of permanent headteacher this week. It has been a pleasure to work as acting headteacher for the past two terms and I am thrilled to be able to continue working with such a fantastic staff team, as well as the families and children of Ackton Pastures, to build on the school's success into the future. Many thanks for the lovely messages and emails that have been sent this week.

## Breakfast Club

After a successful re-opening of breakfast club to KS1 and KS2 children we are really pleased to announce that we are now in a position to be able to offer places to children in Reception also. Places are limited and if demand exceeds capacity, places will be allocated to working parents and children of key workers in the first instance.

We have also listened to parental feedback and are now extending the drop off time for children attending breakfast club. Children can now attend at any time between 07:45am and 08:30am and can enter breakfast club via 3/4H classroom door. If another child is waiting to enter, please remember to maintain a 2m distance as you enter the building.

If you would like your child to attend breakfast club please book your place in advance via Scopay.

## Cold Weather

As we creep further into the depths of winter, please can I remind all parents that children must come to school with both a jumper/cardigan and a coat. Our windows are kept open all day to maintain good ventilation, which means that children must have a jumper or cardigan on to keep warm. We also have playtimes outside, regardless of the weather, so layers and a waterproof coat are essential.

## Households awaiting test results

This week, we have had a number of children attending school whilst other members of their household are awaiting test results. It is vital that your whole household isolates if you are waiting for the results of a test. You must not send your child to school until you have received those results. Children can return to school immediately if the result is negative but must complete their period of isolation if the result is positive.

Further information can be found at:

**The Headteacher is the designated person for all child protection issues**

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection>

### Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Lunch

Next Friday is Christmas jumper day in school! Donations of £1 can be given to class teachers on the day and all proceeds are going to the charity Save the Children. We will also be having Christmas lunch in school on this day to add to the festivities!

### Seesaw Christmas Card Competition

Some of the first entries for our Christmas Card competition have been posted on Seesaw and they are looking fantastic! Keep your entries coming in, our school councillors will be picking the winners on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December.

### Reindeer Run

Your child has brought a sponsorship form today for our local charity The Prince of Wales Hospice. They provide care and support for people with life-limiting illnesses within the 'Five-Towns' community. To support them we are hosting a 'Reindeer Run'. This is a sponsored run where the children will run laps around the school field/ playground for a given time. Please return their forms by Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December with their sponsor money. The Hospice are providing all children with antlers to wear for the event. All children will need to wear their PE kits on this date.

### Book Bags

We have a small number of book bags available to purchase in the school office. If you would like a school book bag please order one via your SCOPay account.

I hope you all have a wonderful weekend,



Miss K. Lea

Headteacher