

# Ackton Pastures Primary Academy

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Friday 14<sup>th</sup> May

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a really special week in school this week. We were lucky enough to have a flypast to commemorate the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of local hero, Bruce Smeaton's plane crash in Cutsyke. Sergeant Smeaton steered his plane away from housing, saving dozens of lives, when he knew his plane's engine had failed in 1941. The children really loved the opportunity to come together as a whole school and were waiting eagerly for the first glimpse of the plane above us! Each class learnt about why local history is so important and completed some brilliant work showcasing their learning. We were kindly donated a lilac tree so that we can continue to lay lilac under our school memorial each year.



## Sports Clubs

We still have places in our after-school sports clubs. Miss Ball, our specialist sports coach, is running these clubs for each phase in school free of charge. Please contact the school office if you are interested and would like your child to attend.

## Transition for Year 6

This week, transition began for our Year six pupils as we welcomed Castleford Academy into school. Teachers from Castleford Academy shared information about what life will be like in secondary school in September and I know lots of our children are now really excited for the new opportunities ahead. Additional transition activities for children attending other schools are planned for the remainder of the Summer term.

## Holidays

Please remember that our term time dates differ from many Wakefield schools and that we break up at the end of next week, on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> May and return on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June.

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Miss K. Lea, Headteacher

The Headteacher is the designated person for all child protection issues