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# Ackton Pastures Primary Academy

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Monday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2021

Dear Parents and carers,

What a festive day we had in school last Friday! It was wonderful to see the children in their Christmas jumpers and festive tops. Although we didn't ask for contributions for Christmas jumper day, you kindly donated £60. We will ensure this is sent to the Save the Children Charity. A Christmas dinner was enjoyed by many in the hall with music playing and a festive hat for all to wear.

We are pleased to welcome Mrs Whalley back from her maternity leave today.

## Christmas Performances



Thank you to parents, carers and family members who have been able to join us for our Christmas Performances. The weather has been kind to us and all have gone ahead as planned so far. The children and staff have really enjoyed being able to perform for you and we hope that you enjoyed joining us. PTFA provided refreshments at each performance and your donations to the school fund were very much appreciated. We look forward to the remaining performances taking place this week. Please don't worry if you can't see your child's performance as a link will be shared with you to view the recording from Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> December.

## Christmas Parties



Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> December will be Christmas party day for all classes. This will be a non-uniform day and the children will have party food in their classes supplied by school. Children can wear suitable festive / party clothes for the day. Please ensure that all clothing is suitable for the weather conditions and footwear is safe for break and lunchtimes.

## Christmas Fayre

THANK YOU to everyone who joined us for our small, Covid friendly fayre. It was a great turn out on the playground and seemed to be enjoyed by all. The tombola was cleared with everyone a winner and the cake will be weighed and the winner announced.

## Covid Reminder

We must again take this opportunity to thank all of our families for your continued vigilance regarding your child's health, as numbers continue to rise in the local area. If your child is

displaying one of the main three symptoms – a new, persistent cough, a high temperature of 37.8 degrees Celsius or above, or a loss or change in taste or smell – please do not send them into school and book a PCR test as soon as possible. A lateral flow test is not sufficient where children display one of these symptoms. Please also remember that it is advised that pupils stay at home for 3-5 days if someone in the household has tested positive. They should take a PCR test immediately if they have symptoms or take a test on day 3 after the household member started with symptoms (or took their test if they had no symptoms).

#### Attendance

JP	96.7%
CL	100%
1C	95.4%
1/2S	97%
2V	95.9%
3B	95.5%
3/4H	94.8%
4S	95%
5J	96.3%
5/6L	92.3%
6W	87.4%

Congratulations to 1/2S who just reached our target of 97% and a special congratulations to Mrs Longfield and her class who had the highest percentage last week and it was 100%!

16<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Party Day

17<sup>th</sup> December – 3.15pm finish for the Christmas break

The school will reopen on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> January at 8:50am.

Kind regards,

Mrs R Taylor  
Interim Headteacher