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# Ackton Pastures Primary Academy

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*'Children at the heart; Inspiring futures'*

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Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2021

Dear Parents and carers,

As we enter December, we hope that children are enjoying their advent calendars which were kindly donated by Cutsyke Church. We began our celebrations in school on Wednesday afternoon by decorating classrooms and areas around school with festive cheer. It has been a delight to hear rehearsals underway for our forthcoming performances too.

## Christmas Performances



We are very excited that our Christmas concerts are due to take place from next week. Children will be bringing tickets home today. You will receive 2 tickets for each of your child's performances. All concerts will be held outdoors to ensure that our festive cheer can be shared in a safe way and so that everyone can enjoy a happy and healthy Christmas. Although we are keeping our fingers crossed for dry weather, please be aware that we may have to cancel concerts at short notice if we experience bad weather. We will communicate via Facebook, Twitter and Text in a timely manner. Recordings will be shared of performances on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> December. We are very much looking forward to welcoming you onto the school site to join us for these festive celebrations. Please remember to bring your ticket and to wrap up warm. Refreshments will be available and performances will be no longer than 15/20 minutes.

We have received some concerns about performances being held outside. Please be reassured that we will not go ahead in severe weather and that children will be wearing their coats.

## Poppy Appeal

Thank you to everyone who kindly donated to the Royal British Legion in our recent Poppy Appeal. We are very proud and thankful to have raised £275.22.



## Year 5 and 6 Letter

Please note that a letter regarding children's mobile phones has been sent home to all the parents/carers of our Year 5 and 6 children. It is important that this is read and understood in preparation for Monday.

## Class Dojo reminder

As Class Dojo becomes an integral part of our school life, it is more important than ever to continue to celebrate your child's achievements at home. We ask that you discuss their Dojos with them and continue the positive praise we give them at school, at home. If you have not yet connected to your child's Class Dojo account, please seek support from your child's class teacher.

The Headteacher is the designated person for all child protection issues

## Seesaw

Please be reminded that class teachers upload your child's home learning tasks to Seesaw each week. A list of spellings, which are appropriate for your child's current attainment, along with a further task are made available each Friday. Please contact your child's class teacher for any support with this or the school office team for replacement login codes. Please remember, Seesaw is not a tool for parents to communicate with class teachers about their children. This should be done using the school email address and Class Dojo.

## Covid reminder

Please can I take this opportunity to thank all of our families for your 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 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.**

## Attendance

Reception	93.5%
1C	96.8%
1/2S	93.9%
2V	96.7%
3B	94.8%
3/4H	97.2%
4S	92.9%
5J	94.8%
5/6L	93.3%
6W	90.8%

Congratulations to 3/4H! You are the only class to be above our school target of 97%.

## Upcoming Dates

7<sup>th</sup> December – Flu Vaccinations

10<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Jumper Day, Christmas Dinner Day, Christmas Fayre

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

I hope you have an enjoyable weekend.

Kind regards,

Mrs R Taylor  
Interim Headteacher