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Friday 18th February 2022

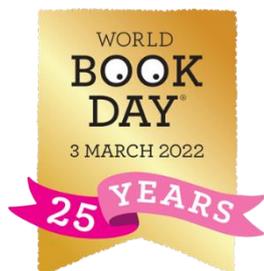
Dear Parents and Carers,

And just like that, another half term comes to a conclusion. It has been a busy time with the learning of children being at the centre of all we do in school. Thank you for all your continued support; it is always very much appreciated.

World Book Day

Thursday 3rd March is 'World Book Day'. We are inviting children to come to school dressed up as a book character of their choice on this day if they desire. Children may wear their school uniform if they so prefer.

As part of our wider 'World Book Day' celebrations, every child in school will spend some time writing their own original story which they will publish into a book and bring home at the end of the week. They will be given the opportunity to create illustrations and front covers for their books as well. You may want to start discussing with your children what their story might be about. Children will begin writing their books on Tuesday 1st March and will work on them throughout the week, so on World Book Day they may wish to dress up as a character from their very own story!



Our PTFA team challenged you to read once a day for 22 days in a row. This could be 22 pages, 22 chapters or even 22 books. The reading challenge began last week and will end on World Book day on the 3rd March. You will have received your sponsorship form to record your sponsors and books that you have read. Please bring your sponsorship money to school on World Book day or by **Friday 4th March**. ALL children who have fundraised will be entered into a prize draw to win a mystery World Book day prize!

There will be prizes for Early Years, Y1 and 2, Year 3 and 4, and Year 5 and 6.

Good luck!!

The Book Fair is coming!

Tuesday 1st March – Tuesday 8th March.



We are delighted to announce that after two years on hold, the Book Fair is returning to Ackton Pastures!

Children will be invited to visit the Book Fair with their classes and complete their wish lists to take home. Families can leisurely browse the shelves at:

www.bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/bookcases

Families will be welcome to visit the book fair after school each day in the hall where we will support you in making purchases. Please be aware that this is a cashless event. Please see the image below for more information of how Scholastic have advised that this will run.

The Headteacher is the designated person for all child protection issues

Payment at our Book Fair

Please check with your school for the best way to pay for your books

- You can pay easily and securely for these books and many more when you attend the Fair by using our online payment link at www.bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/pay and simply selecting your school from the drop down menu.
- If you're unable to visit the Book Fair, your child will be sent home with a Wish List and you can pay for their chosen books using our online payment system. Please make sure the Wish List is returned to your child's school.
- Pre-paid gift vouchers are available in £5, £10, £15, £20 and £25. Go to www.bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/gift-vouchers to buy vouchers for your child before the Fair.

Help earn free books for your school*

Books benefit everyone and to ensure that as many children as possible have access to the best books, Scholastic donate over £6.4 million worth of free books annually to schools nationwide to support literacy and reading for pleasure. You can help make a difference by purchasing from your Scholastic Fair – every purchase earns your school rewards which they can spend on free books to stock their library and classrooms.



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All books subject to availability. Book range may vary. ⚠ Warning: Not suitable for children under 3. Small parts.

Comic Relief 2022



'Red Nose Day' takes place on Friday 18th March 2022. The theme this year is 'Superheroes'. We will be joining schools right across the UK in a dressing-up day to remember – whether it's as Superman, Wonder Woman, a superhero of your own creation or a local hero in your community, come dressed as your favourite for a donation to the charity. If superhero isn't your child's theme of choice, appropriate red clothing can also be worn for a donation.

More information will follow after half-term about what Ackton Pastures will be taking part in across the day so look out for that!

Our own Ackton Pastures 'Superhero'



We are so very proud of Mia in class 1/2S for being our very own 'superhero' in her very own mission to 'save the environment'. Mia received a litter picker of her very own for Christmas and has been using this to clean up around our school site. We noticed a clear difference after our superhero had been on the case. I hope our Ackton Pastures community send their own special thank you to Mia and support her by keeping our school community clean.

Communication

At Ackton Pastures, we believe that close links with parents and carers and a positive relationship between home and school is of benefit to pupils. Whilst we continue to encourage communication through emails and phone calls, we do appreciate that face to face is a preferred method. Some staff have recently experienced a negative attitude during communication which shows a lack of respect and may result in further action being taken. Please respect all school staff equally and understand that we all have so many roles and responsibilities to deal with during the school day. We thank our families who do always show respect and patience when communicating with our school team.

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Goodbye and Good Luck!



We say a very warm goodbye to our temporary Premises Supervisor, Mr Hickes, who so thankfully filled the role whilst we recruited a permanent member of the Ackton Pastures team. Mr Hickes has planning his next adventure in joining the Navy and has helped us here tremendously until the time came. We thank him for all his support – especially his work in continuing to help transform our spaces within the early years.

Attendance

RL	91.4%
RP	93.3%
1C	96.6%
1/2S	93.5%
2V	97.2%
3B	98.6%
3/4H	97.8%
4S	97.9%
5AP	93.9%
5/6L	93.1%
6W	91.2%

Congratulations to all those classes with a percentage above our school target of 97% and a special congratulations to **Miss Binns' class – 3B** - who had the highest percentage this week!

Polite Notice

Please be mindful that **school is closed to children** for a staff training day **on Monday 28th February** and we will welcome our children back on Tuesday 1st March.

I hope you have a pleasant and relaxing half term break with your wonderful children.

Mrs R Taylor
Interim Headteacher