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# Ackton Pastures Primary Academy

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Monday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

The daffodils are growing, the sun is shining and our Year 3 children were the first to enjoy a visit out of school last week to attend the Trust Handball Tournament held at Dewsbury Rams. We are thrilled to announce that our school had the winning team across the whole tournament so well done!! All children represented our school with respect, resilience and great teamwork.



Staff are excited to have been planning visits out of school to support their topic focus over the summer term. We are aiming to confirm these as soon as possible so it allows plenty of time to make payments. We appreciate the rising living costs currently and understand the difficulties this may pose where you have more than one child in school.

## Parent Consultations

These are taking place WB 4<sup>th</sup> April. Please ensure you make an appointment time to speak with your child's class teacher. An opportunity to come into school and look at books will be planned for the summer term.



## Easter Friday at Ackton Pastures

Children are invited to enter our Eggciting Easter competitions – 'Decorated Egg' (for the whole school) 'Decorated hat' (Early years and KS1). Entries should be clearly named and brought into school on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> April. Judges will select winners from each phase in the relevant categories. Winners will receive an Easter Egg kindly donated by our PTFA.

There will also be an Easter Hunt on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> April where children will have the opportunity to take part during the school day. Each class will enjoy the hunt and someone will be lucky enough to find the 'Golden Egg' which can be exchanged for a prize. Good luck!

A Chocolate Raffle will be the last event of the day! Tickets will go on sale from Monday 4<sup>th</sup> April at a cost of 20p each and are available from classrooms. ALL children in school will receive a FREE ticket. Donations of chocolate treats and delights will be greatly received from Monday 4<sup>th</sup> until 7<sup>th</sup> April.

## School uniform

Please see the link below for a supplier of our school uniform which includes the logo. Please remember this is an option and not an expectation.

The school receives 5% commission from orders.

<https://www.fairwaygraphics.co.uk/ackton-pastures>

### COVID Cases

We are currently seeing a rise in positive cases across school. We would like to thank parents and carers for your support in ensuring children are well enough to attend school or collecting at your earliest convenience when informed children are unwell. Please see the website for the current Risk Assessment.

### Lost Property

We have a significant amount of lost property at the moment. Please call round to the reception and check if anything belongs to your child. We can easily return named items so please ensure they are labelled.

### Picture News

Picture News is a resource we use to provide our children with opportunities to learn from the world around us. We look at and discuss a current issue and question that is linked to the news. This helps to open up the world for the children and broaden their interests so that they can make more informed decisions.

Last week's issue is shown on the poster below. We would encourage you to talk about this at home with the children. There are no right or wrong answers, it is an opportunity to discuss opinions together.



### Let's look at this week's story



Royal Mail has announced that stamp prices are to go up for both 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> class options. The price of a 1<sup>st</sup> class stamp will rise by 10p to 95p on 4<sup>th</sup> April. The cost of a 2<sup>nd</sup> class stamp will increase by 2p to 68p. Royal Mail has explained that prices have had to go up as people are sending fewer letters and its running costs have increased. In a statement it said, "Royal Mail has considered these pricing changes very carefully in light of the long-term structural decline in letter usage".

### Attendance

<b>RL</b>	<b>97.7%</b>
<b>RP</b>	<b>97%</b>
<b>1C</b>	<b>91.4%</b>
<b>1/2S</b>	<b>85.8%</b>
<b>2V</b>	<b>95.3%</b>
<b>3B</b>	<b>98.3%</b>
<b>3/4H</b>	<b>88.2%</b>
<b>4S</b>	<b>92.8%</b>
<b>5AP</b>	<b>89.2%</b>
<b>5/6L</b>	<b>94.8%</b>
<b>6W</b>	<b>90.8%</b>
<b>Whole school</b>	<b>90.5%</b>

Congratulations to our reception classes who have a percentage above our school target of 97% and a special congratulations to **3B** who had the highest percentage!

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## Welcome Back!

We are pleased to share with you that Miss Lea – now known as Mrs Mason will return to school on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> April. She not only had twins during her time away from school but also got married – CONGRATULATIONS! I'm sure you will be very pleased to see her and I know she is looking forward to returning.

I would like to take the opportunity to thank all of the parents and carers I have had the pleasure of meeting since September for your support, understanding and enthusiasm in whatever context our paths have crossed. It has been wonderful to spend time with the amazing children of Ackton Pastures – YOUR children. They are an absolute credit to you. Staff have made me feel very welcome and I have thoroughly enjoyed working with such a great team. I wish you all the very best for the rest of the year.

## Term Dates

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> April – Class Photographs

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> April – Decorated Egg, Decorated Hat, Chocolate Raffle, Easter Egg hunt

Week beginning 4<sup>th</sup> April - Parent/Carer consultations

Friday 8th April – Break up for Easter

Monday 25th April – Children return to school

Monday 2nd May – Bank Holiday

Thursday 5th May – Staff training day (school used for Polling Station) – school closed to children

Friday 20th May – Break up for Half Term Break

Monday 6th June – Children return to school

Have a great week

Mrs R Taylor

Interim Headteacher