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# Ackton Pastures Primary Academy

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**'Children at the heart; Inspiring futures'**

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Friday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! It has been so lovely to welcome everyone back to school for the new academic year. I was so happy to see so many children so excited to start in their new classes with their new teachers. There is such a happy buzz of learning as you walk around school.

All the children are looking so smart, we are really promoting correct uniform this year – particularly correct PE kit and it has been fantastic to see so many children ready to start the new year with all the correct uniform.

## **Building work**

You will have noticed some redevelopment and building work that has taken place over the Summer. Reception have a fantastic new art room in the back of their classroom and the hard landscaping for their larger outdoor area has been completed, the transformation is still a work in progress so watch this space!

Our library has been extended by removing some existing cupboards and sink units and we have had some new storage built in the hall. The school is looking wonderful and we are looking forward to welcoming parents in to see the transformation.

We have also had a giant sand pit built in the playground and are awaiting the delivery of our new mud kitchen very soon! If you have any buckets and spades left over from your holidays that you could donate for the children to use in the new sand pit we would really appreciate it!

## **RAAC**

There has been a lot of information in the media over the holidays about the dangers associated with RAAC (Reinforced autoclaved aerated concrete) in schools. Please be assured that there is no RAAC in Ackton Pastures and so we are not impacted by this.

## **Holiday Consultation**

This week you will have received an email regarding our holiday dates for the academic year 2024-25. The holiday dates are set by the trust and we would really welcome your feedback. The link to the consultation can be found here.

<https://forms.office.com/e/3QCeaHs7XL>

The Headteacher is the designated person for all child protection issues

### **Breakfast Club**

Just a reminder that we have had to increase the price of breakfast club to **£3** a session from September. Last year Breakfast Club operated at a loss and so we were left with no alternative but to increase the price in order to keep what I know is a valuable resource to so many parents.

### **Fresh Pastures Milk**

Fresh Pastures no longer supply us with milk. We will be moving to Cool Milk UK however, this will not happen until week beginning 2nd October. In the meantime, children under the age of 5 years will receive milk in a cup. We will email parents when Cool Milk start supplying us giving you the opportunity to order milk for children over the age of 5 years if you so wish.

### **Newsletters**

Last year you told us that you would like to receive more information about what your children are learning about throughout the year. In response each phase has written a half termly newsletter with information about current topics and how you can support your children at home. These have been published on class dojo and are also displayed in the noticeboard at the front of school.

Mrs Mason  
Headteacher

<b>Attendance this week</b>	
<b>Reception – Miss Boon</b>	93.18%
<b>Reception – Miss Lopez</b>	94.62%
<b>Year 1 – Mrs Turfrey</b>	98.36%
<b>Year 1/2 – Miss Vollands</b>	94.74%
<b>Year 2 – Miss Blakeway</b>	96.36%
<b>Year 3 – Miss Binns</b>	98.21%
<b>Year 3/4 – Miss Holding</b>	95.08%
<b>Year 4 – Mrs Longoni</b>	89.83%
<b>Year 5 – Miss Lynch</b>	80.00%
<b>Year 5/6 – Miss Gibbins</b>	95.00%
<b>Year 6 – Miss Woodhouse</b>	93.65%

### **Dates For Your Diary**

**Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September – School starts!**

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> September – 4L Trip to Roman Aldborough**

**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> September – Jeans for Genes day**

**Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> September – Individual and Family photos**

**Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October – Break up for Half Term**

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November – School re-opens to pupils**

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December – Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day**

**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December- Break up for Holidays**