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# Ackton Pastures Primary Academy

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'Children at the heart; Inspiring futures'

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Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week I have seen some fantastic learning happening in school. Reception have been honing their PE skills with a session led by The Castleford Tigers. KS1 have been busy finishing their amazing pieces of writing based on the book Dougal's Deep Sea Dive. Lower Key stage 2 have been exploring clay sculpture in art and Upper Key Stage 2 have been so enthusiastic about their space themed paintings that they have been working on.



## Lost Property

We have accumulated a staggering amount of lost property since the beginning of the school year. Please can we ask that all items of clothing are named using your child's full name not just initials so that we can reunite lost items with their owners. Hand written names in jumpers are beginning to fade so please check all your items again. All our unclaimed items will be outside the school office at the end of the day. All unclaimed items will be donated to the Airedale Uniform Exchange during the October holidays.

## Cauliflower Cards

Even though we are only in October, preparations for the festive season have already begun! This year we will be using Cauliflower Cards once again for children's Christmas cards and gifts. Over the next two weeks your child will be completing a piece of Christmas artwork which will be sent home on the 20th October, not 21<sup>st</sup> as previously stated in last week's newsletter. If you would like to purchase any cards, calendars or gifts with your children's artwork on you must return the artwork to school by the end of this half term, by **Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October**.

Have a wonderful weekend!

Mrs Mason  
Headteacher

The Headteacher is the designated person for all child protection issues

| <b>Attendance this week</b>     |     |
|---------------------------------|-----|
| <b>Reception – Miss Boon</b>    | 96% |
| <b>Reception – Miss Lopez</b>   | 97% |
| <b>Year 1 – Mrs Turfrey</b>     | 82% |
| <b>Year 1/2 – Miss Vollands</b> | 97% |
| <b>Year 2 – Miss Blakeway</b>   | 94% |
| <b>Year 3 – Miss Binns</b>      | 93% |
| <b>Year 3/4 – Miss Holding</b>  | 93% |
| <b>Year 4 – Mrs Longoni</b>     | 98% |
| <b>Year 5 – Miss Lynch</b>      | 79% |
| <b>Year 5/6 – Miss Gibbins</b>  | 99% |
| <b>Year 6 – Miss Woodhouse</b>  | 96% |

### **Dates For Your Diary**

**Thursday 26th October – Children’s flu vaccinations**

**Friday 27th October – Break up for Half Term**

**Monday 6th November – Back to school**

**Thursday 9th November – Reception open evening – for parents of 2024 starters 3:30pm – 4:30pm**

**Monday 13th November – Odd Socks Day**

**Monday 13th & Thursday 16th November – Parents evening (details to follow)**

**Friday 17th November – Children in Need**

**Thursday 7th December – Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day**

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

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