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# Ackton Pastures Primary Academy

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Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a fantastic time we have had in school this week! There have been so many exciting trips, visits and events to celebrate. It has been so busy but so joyful in school this week.

## **Year Six Visit to Xscape**

This week, 6W were lucky enough to go to the cinema! Last academic year, children across Castleford were invited to take part in a competition to design a piece of artwork to celebrate the 20<sup>th</sup> birthday of Xscape. Sophie in 6W was the overall winner and her artwork is now proudly displayed inside! As a prize for winning the competition, she won a free cinema trip for all the children in her class. 6W had a fantastic time!



## **Anti-Bullying Week**

This week each class has been learning about Anti-Bullying Week. We started with 'odd socks day' where we celebrated everyone's unique differences. Each class has been working hard on an anti-bullying project throughout the week. Next Thursday we will be having a special assembly for each class to showcase the projects they have been working on.



The Headteacher is the designated person for all child protection issues

## Children in Need

The whole school had a fabulous time raising money for Children in Need today. We took part in an exercise challenge to complete 1000 “bear-pees” across school. Our sports leaders did a fantastic job of demonstrating in Celebration Assembly this morning! If you haven't already done so, please remember to donate via the QR code below.



## Vaping and Smoking on the School Site

Please can we remind parents that smoking **and** vaping is strictly prohibited on the school grounds. Please be aware that you will be asked to stop if spotted by a member of school staff.

## Forestry

Please be aware that children are not allowed in the school forestry area before and after school. This is the small wooded area next to the Year 5/6 and Year 6 classrooms. We have had a number of first aid incidents before and after school as a result of children climbing trees when unsupervised.

Have a wonderful weekend!

Mrs Mason  
Headteacher

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<b>Attendance this week</b>	
<b>Reception – Miss Boon</b>	97%
<b>Reception – Miss Lopez</b>	98%
<b>Year 1 – Mrs Turfrey</b>	93%
<b>Year 1/2 – Miss Vollands</b>	97%
<b>Year 2 – Miss Blakeway</b>	97%
<b>Year 3 – Miss Binns</b>	94%
<b>Year 3/4 – Miss Holding</b>	96%
<b>Year 4 – Mrs Longoni</b>	94%
<b>Year 5 – Miss Lynch</b>	95%
<b>Year 5/6 – Miss Gibbins</b>	92%
<b>Year 6 – Miss Woodhouse</b>	98%

## Dates For Your Diary

**Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> November** – UKS2 (Year 5 and Year 6) Curriculum Day – come to school dressed as a Greek God

**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November** – Non-uniform Day for Christmas Fair donations

**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December** – Christmas Fair 3:30pm School Hall

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

**Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December** – Nursery Performance plus stay & play 10:00am and 1:45pm

**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December** – Reception Nativity 2:00pm

**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December** – Year 1 and Year 2 Nativity 2:00pm

**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December** – KS2 Christmas Carol Concert 9:15am and 2:00pm

**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December** – Christmas Dinner Day

**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December** – Christmas Party Day

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