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# Ackton Pastures Primary Academy

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Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy December! Things are starting to feel very festive in school today as preparations for our Christmas Fair have begun. Thank you all so much for your generous donations and for the volunteers who have given their time to help us prepare.

All the children have been working hard on their enterprise projects and have been carefully crafting a range of items to sell on their stalls at the fair. Each class will be given all the profits that they make to spend as they wish in their class. The class that makes the most profit will also receive an extra cash prize!

During the Fair, there will be a range of stalls and games and even the chance to meet Santa. The doors to the fair will open at 3:30pm. We will have a very tight window of time to transform the classrooms and shared spaces after the children have left, ready for our fair so please be patient if you have to wait for us to open the doors.

Finally, we would encourage everyone to bring lots of change. We can't wait to see you all!

## **Christmas Tree**

Our new Christmas tree is looking very bare in the hall. This year we have chosen the theme of 'special memories' for our tree. We would love it if every child could bring in one decoration to add to our tree. It could be a favourite decoration that holds a special memory, a decoration that you have made or something that reminds you of a special time, place or person. We want to create something really special to celebrate Christmas in the heart of our school. If decorations are clearly named with class and full name they will be returned at the end of term.

## **Christmas Meal**

Christmas lunch is now available for parents to order on School Grid. The deadline for ordering is 15<sup>th</sup> December. Please be aware that after this date the option to order will be locked and Parents/ pupils cannot order on the day.

## **Wakefield SEND survey**

Wakefield's Parent Carer Forum have launched their School SEND Survey which is live on their website. Please see the attached message below.

The Headteacher is the designated person for all child protection issues

As part of our commitment to improving SEND services within the Wakefield area, we are gathering parent/carers voice to help us identify areas where improvement is needed & to learn from good practice.

- Your voice is important in helping us to make positive changes, so we need as many of you as possible to help by filling in our survey.
- Education plays a huge part in all of our lives so it's essential that we work together to make positive changes for all SEND children in Wakefield.
- If you have more than 1 child and would like to submit responses for each child, please complete a different survey for each child.
- We know how important your time is as a parent/carer, so as a thank you for taking the time to complete our survey, we will be giving away thank you gifts to 200 parent/carers who will be chosen at random from the fully completed surveys we receive.
- Our survey can be found on our website or by clicking the link below:

[Wakefield Parent Carer Forum \(wakefieldparentcarers.co.uk\)](http://wakefieldparentcarers.co.uk)

Have a wonderful weekend!

Mrs Mason  
Headteacher

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

### **Dates For Your Diary**

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

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

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

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**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 09:15 am 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