

# Acklam Whin News



Friday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2018

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## Happy New Year!

A belated Happy New Year to you all from the staff and friends of Acklam Whin Primary. The children have started the term really well and have come back with great enthusiasm and determination.

## New Faces

This January we welcome new members to the Acklam Whin Family. **Mrs Prince** joins us from Lingfield Primary as Deputy Head and is keen to meet as many of you as possible as she gets to know our fabulous school. **Mrs Richardson** joins us as Behaviour Support Teaching Assistant working in Year 4 and **Miss Gunn**, School Direct student, will be completing her second placement working in Year 1. A warm welcome to them all.

## Attendance & Safeguarding

Attendance and punctuality are essential to ensuring that your child gets the most out of their time at school. Please ensure that your child arrives in time for the start of school at 8.50am. Late arrivals are disruptive for the child who is late and also for the other pupils who will have begun lessons.

## Fitness Watches

Many children have returned from the holidays wearing fitness watches/straps for school, which is fine. However (and I do understand the irony of this) due to health and safety, all jewellery, including watches, must be removed when participating in PE.

## Key Dates for Spring 2018

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> January – school closed for PD Day

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February – school finishes for half term

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February – children return to school

Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March – school finishes for Easter

## Hair Raising!

On Friday 19<sup>th</sup> of January we will be holding a 'Hair Raising Day' in aid of Ward 14 at James Cook University Hospital in Middlesbrough, which treats and supports patients suffering with cancer. For a minimum of £1 donation, children and staff can come to school with the wackiest of hair styles – spikey, curly, temporary colour or even wigs – nothing permanent please 😊

We have been incredibly inspired by Y6 pupil **Harvey Main** who has been growing his hair to donate to The Little Princess Trust to make wigs for children following cancer treatment and is also leading the fund raising for Ward 14.



Like so many of us, Harvey was moved by two people close to his heart who have suffered with cancer and his aim was to raise £1000 for the hospital. He already has raised nearly £600 and we are hoping to help him smash his target with our 'Hair Raising Day'.



## The BIG CUT

Harvey will also be getting his 'famous locks' chopped in front of the whole school in a special assembly on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> January to celebrate his achievements. Keep an eye on our Twitter feed for photos and videos of this fantastic event.

You can also donate to the cause by visiting Harvey's JustGiving Page - <http://bit.ly/2DjMHE4>