

# Acklam Whin Christmas News



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We Ho Ho Hope you enjoyed our Christmas performances last week. The children and staff worked so hard to bring their fantastic stories of Christmas to you – we are so proud.

### Christmas Jumper Day

Wednesday the 19<sup>th</sup> December will be our Christmas Jumper Day for Maisie's Hope. If you wish to wear a Christmas Jumper, we would ask you to bring a £1 donation into school on Wednesday.

**Don't Forget – We need your email address to ensure you are up to date with your contact information and to receive school news. Please contact the school office if you have not already sent yours in.**

### Looking Forward

Next year promises to be another memorable year in the life of Acklam Whin. As well as all the new exciting topics and learning experiences we have planned, we will be looking to continue our drive towards constant school improvement and exploring ways we can work more collaboratively with local schools and partners. One certainty we know is that by working together **with you** we can continue to grow and develop our school as we strive to meet the needs of our children and families.

**May I take this opportunity to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and every happiness in the New Year from all the staff and friends of Acklam Whin.**

## Important Dates

Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> December - Break up for the Christmas Holidays

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2019 - Children return to school

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> February - Break up for Spring Half Term

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> February – Children return to school

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April - Break up for Easter Holidays

Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April – Children return to school

Key Stage 1 SATs Period – May 2019

Key Stage 2 SATs Tests

Mon 13<sup>th</sup> May to Thurs 16<sup>th</sup> May 2019

Year 1 Phonics Screening w/b 10<sup>th</sup> June 2019

## Attendance

As always, our attendance is a major priority for us and here are the standings for each year group for the Autumn Term so far.

Reception	94%
Year 1	97.2%
Year 2	97.1%
Year 3	97.4%
Year 4	97.4%
Year 5	96.5%
Year 6	96.8%

**Overall school total is 96.6 % - better than last Dec by 1.4%**

We really want to work with you with problems with attendance and as you know, under the government guidelines, persistent absenteeism and unauthorised absences may be liable to fines and court appearances, beyond our control. If you have any questions or issues regarding any of this information then please contact the school.

## Parking Fine

As you may have seen recently, we were visited by PCSOs as part of the Police's traffic monitoring programme – Operation Roachford. The vast majority of the people they spoke to were helpful and co-operative and they asked me to thank you for that. We know it is busy out there before and after school and we really do appreciate your support, not only for considering our local residents but for primarily ensuring our children and families are safe as they come to school. The PCSOs will continue to monitor the situation and will return in the New Year.

## What a Sporting Term !

We've had such an array of sporting experiences and achievements this term including; Middlesbrough Table Tennis Champions, bronze medals in the Y3/4 & Y5/6 Sports Hall Athletics, Y3 Skipping event, Key Steps Gymnastics for Y2 and Y5 & Y6 individual Gymnastics, Y1 Gymnastics at Acklam Grange, Y4 football at Green Lane, Destination Judo in school for all pupils, Tees Valley Cross Country – 9 finalists representing M'boro, Y4/5/6 Tag Rugby, Bronze in Tri Golf, Middlesbrough Cross Country Champions and Y6 pupils reaching the District Football Team. In 2018 we've had over 400 of our pupils representing the school with pride at sporting events.