

Acklam Whin News



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The Challenges Ahead

Over the coming weeks children in Y1, Y2 and Y6 will be taking part in national statutory assessments. We know this can be an anxious time and all we ever ask is that our pupils 'go for it' and do their absolute best. These assessments are unfortunately part of school life and I cannot praise enough the equal effort and attitude of our pupils. We thank all our parents for their constant support in working with us to help the children prepare for the challenges ahead of them.

Sports Week

We are pleased to announce that our annual Sports Week will run from the 3rd to 7th June 2019. It promises to be another jam-packed week of exciting experiences, challenges and opportunities. It is always lovely to see so many of you in and around school during this very special week. We can't wait!

Behaviour Foundations

Over the past few months we have been working with Pivotal Education looking at our rewards and behaviour strategies. You may have seen on our social media our drive to reiterate and reinforce the foundations of our expected behaviour:

RESPECT

To treat everyone with equal respect

RESPONSIBLE

Be responsible for your own actions

SAFE

Keep yourself and each other safe

Our primary aim to create a welcoming, caring environment, where relationships are based on respect and to develop a positive sense of self-esteem in which every child can thrive. As part of this we are reviewing our consequence systems as well as the rewards in school.

One new reward we are introducing is 'Hot Chocolate Friday' where I will also be inviting children from all classes to join me for a hot chocolate on Friday break time for always doing the right thing and setting the bar for others to follow.

This is just one part of our rewards system and is also a national initiative devised by Paul Dix from Pivotal in his book 'When Adults Change, Everything Changes'. In fact, each week when we tweet our successful Hot Chocolate Friday pupils, we are one of 100s of schools who do the same #hotchocfri. Systems which drive standards of behaviour are crucial in helping the school to have the highest expectations for everyone.

SimsPay – Many thanks for your understanding and support in the transfer from ParentPay to SimsPay. **This necessary change was not just for any parent whose child is on school dinners, but is for ALL PARENTS who can also pay for school trips etc. via the system.** If you have lost your letter or have any queries then please contact the school office. Please note that ParentPay is now closed.

Parking Fine?

The council and the Police have made us aware that we continue to have near misses and parking confrontations outside our school that are unacceptable and a risk to our families. We know it is a very small minority and we thank all those parents who do show respect and consideration to the safety of our children and residents. We have been informed that the police and parking enforcement officers will be on patrol again around school to try and improve safety during this term.

More Winners!

Last term we had over 140 different children out at a wide variety of sporting activities and a huge well done to all taking part – we are so proud of how you represent our school. Congratulations to the Y6 pupils who reached Cleveland Table Tennis finalists, the Y3 and Y4 Middlesbrough Tennis Champions and the Y4 and Y6 MFC Cup finalists at MFC Rockcliffe. A special mention to Zac in Y6 who this weekend was a National Schools Table Tennis finalist at Wolverhampton. Well done Zac!

Holiday Club

Mr Jackson and other local sports leaders will be running a private holiday sports club during half term on and Tues 28th and Wednesday 29th May. More details to follow.

A Fond Farewell

Mr Birch, who has been working as a teaching assistant and PSA in school, is moving on to a new position in the social sector this week. We will really miss him and wish him every success in his new role. He will always be part of the Acklam Whin Family.

Key Dates for Summer 2019

Monday 13th May – Y6 SATs Week

Friday 24th May – school finishes for half term

Monday 3rd June – children return to school

Monday 3rd-Friday 7th June - Sports Week

Monday 24th June – School Closed for Professional Development Day

Thursday 18th July – Summer Fair

Tuesday 23rd July – Break up for the Summer

We will have our final PD Day of the year on **Monday 24th June** where school will be closed. We finish for the Summer on **Tuesday 23rd July**. We will be starting the Autumn Term with a Professional Development training day on 2nd September 2019 which will mean the **children will return to school after the Summer holidays on Tuesday 3rd September 2019.**