

# Acklam Whin News



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## Thank You

Can you believe another fantastic year has passed as we head towards the Summer Holidays? We finish for Summer on **Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July** and school will start back on **Tuesday September 3<sup>rd</sup> 2019**.

**Nursery** have their Open Day on the 3<sup>rd</sup> for new starters and children will return on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September.

## Fond Farewells

It will be a sad farewell to our wonderful Y6s who leave us on Tuesday. They will be a huge loss to the school and their fantastic production of the X Factory last night was a fitting end and celebration of our incredibly talented and hugely successful pupils. They leave us as they head off to their secondary schools, more than ready for the next set of challenges they face. We could not be prouder of their attitudes, hard work, dedication, maturity and inspiration to others – they truly are our Acklam Whinners.

## Happy Retirement

Next Tuesday, Mrs Devereux leaves us after 19 years to start her well-deserved retirement. As one of the matriarchs of the Acklam Whin family, she will be a huge loss to us all. I'd like to thank her on behalf of the whole Acklam Whin community for her years of commitment, creativity and love that she has given to the children she has worked with. She will be greatly missed, and we wish her all the happiness in her retirement.

## More Goodbyes

We will also be saying goodbye to Miss Gunn, Miss Clark and Mrs Lennon as they move on to new positions. We thank them for a wonderful year and wish them all the success and happiness in their new jobs – they will always be part of the Acklam Whin family.

## Keeping in Touch

We have had a number of issues with the notifications on our app and are currently looking at more effective options for keeping you up to date with school events and news. We know many of you use our social media and we hope to introduce more ways to keep you informed during the Autumn Term. Don't forget you can update your contact details via the Sims Parent App. This is essential if you have changed any of your contact details. Please contact the school office if you need any further details.

## Attendance

As always, our attendance is a major priority for us and we are delighted that our overall attendance is up 1% to 96.8%, which is outstanding! Persistent absence is any child missing 10% or more of their time at school and the number of children persistently absent has decreased from 28 to 9, which is again, fantastic news. The current standings for each year group since the start of the Autumn Term 2018.

Reception	94.4%
Year 1	96.9%
Year 2	97.3 %
Year 3	96.9%
Year 4	96.9 %
Year 5	96.1%
Year 6	96.5%

**Overall school total is 96.8 % This is the highest it has been for a number of years – many thanks for your support.**

## Dinner Money

Thank you again for your support as we have transitioned to Sims Pay. The school is under increasing pressure from the Council with regards to late payments and to avoid us having to chase you for arrears, please can you ensure that your account is kept in credit at all times. We really don't like having to make those calls, just as much as I know you don't like receiving them. Any changes to lunch arrangements must be made with at least 1 weeks' written notice.

## Looking Great

Our children do look amazing in their uniform and school PE Kit. We look forward to seeing the children smart and ready for school with the correct clothing and footwear (no trainers, including black ones) when we return on the 3<sup>rd</sup>. Can we also request that parents **write their child's name in all school uniform** items to avoid any confusion.

## Parkway Support

**Anyone wishing to apply for the 30 hours provision you must do so by the 31<sup>st</sup> August.** Parkway start back on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> Sept, any parents wishing to pop in and look at the provision or make any enquiries, please come and see Vicky or contact her on 01642 813938 – Option 4

## **Acklam Whinners - We are absolutely delighted to announce that we have been awarded Middlesbrough Sports School of the Year – for the SECOND year running!**

We didn't think we could top the amazing year we had in 2017/18, but this year we have surpassed even that. Here is a selection of participation and achievement, just this term:

Y6 Girls Netball Middlesbrough Competition  
Y4 Football EFL Cup Middlesbrough Winners  
Y3 Tennis Middlesbrough Winners  
Y4 Tennis Middlesbrough Winners  
Y6 Girls Basketball Festival At Newcastle Eagles Arena  
Y5 Whole Year Group Orienteering At Acklam Grange  
SEN PE Inclusion Air Trail  
Y6 Girls Netball Festival  
Y4 Football EFL Cup Final At MFC Rockcliffe (3<sup>rd</sup> Place)  
Y4 Whole Year Group Multi Sports At Acklam Grange  
Y6 Boys Cricket Middlesbrough (Winners)  
Y4 Mixed Cricket Middlesbrough (Winners)  
Y5/6 Mixed Athletics Middlesbrough (Winners)  
Y4 Quadkids Athletics Middlesbrough  
Y5/6 Girls Cricket Middlesbrough (Winners)  
Reception Bear Hunt (Y6 Leaders)  
Y3 Tennis Tees Valley (Winners)  
Y4 Tennis Tees Valley (Winners)  
Y5/6 Tees Valley Athletics Finalists  
Y6 Boys Cricket North Yorkshire Finalists  
Y2 Football Middlesbrough  
Y4 Boys Football Middlesbrough  
Y4 Girls Football Middlesbrough  
Y6 Boys Acklam Grange Football League (Winners)  
Y5 Orienteering Middlesbrough  
Y6 Tees Valley Table Tennis Finalists  
Y6 Boys Cricket North Yorkshire Finalists  
Y3 Tennis North East Grand Final Runners Up  
Y5/6 Highly Commended Middlesbrough Team Of The Year

And best of all we have had a huge number of children representing our school at festivals and competitions. **Over two thirds of the school pupils** have worn our Acklam Whin kit with pride and participated at whatever level or ability. We could not be any prouder of all our achievements. Add to that the incredible before and after school provision for our children, none of which would be possible without the tireless inspiration, passion and dedication of Mr Jackson.

### **Summer Fair**

Thank you for your donations toward our Summer Fair on Thursday. Please keep them coming, any toys, books, items for the raffles/tombola etc. We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible there. The forecast isn't great, so we may need to go indoors.

## **Key Dates for 2019- 2020**

**Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July** – School Breaks up for the Summer

**Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> Sept** – School is **CLOSED** for PD Day

**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> Sept** – Children return to school

**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> Sept** – Nursery Open Day – new starters

**Wed 4<sup>th</sup> Sept** – Nursery children return to school

**Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October** – Children break up for half term

**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November** – Children return to school

**Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> Dec** – Children break up for Christmas

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> Dec** – School is **CLOSED** for PD Day

### **2020**

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January** – School is **CLOSED** for PD Day

**Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January** – Children return to school

**Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February** – Children break up for half term

**Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February** – Children return to school

**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April** - Children break up for Easter Holidays

**Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April** – Children return to school

**Friday 1<sup>st</sup> May Y2 SATs period begins (1 Month)**

**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May** – School **CLOSED** – VE DAY Bank Holiday

**Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May to Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2020** – Y6 SATs Week

**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May** – Children break up for half term

**Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June** – Children return to school

**Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June** – Y4 Multiplication Table Check week

**Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June** – Y1 & Y2 Phonics screening begins

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July** – Break up for the Summer Holidays

**Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July** – School **CLOSED** for PD Day

There will be another PD Day to fit in during the Spring/Summer terms 2020.

Finally I would like to personally thank all the staff, parents, carers and pupils for another fantastic year here at Acklam Whin, and particularly for all the lovely presents, cards and kind words, myself and the staff have received. We know as a school, we have things to do, things to improve and sharpen, but by continuing to work together, we can offer our children the best learning opportunities we can. **Have a wonderful Summer and we look forward to seeing you all in September.**