



ACKLAM WHIN PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

I hope you all had a lovely weekend.

New den building area

Our children had a fabulous week making dens and planting bulbs in our new outdoor classroom. This term, each class will get regular timetabled opportunities to spend time in the outdoor classroom and we will also be having some Outdoor Education specialists delivering sessions with our children too.



COVID Update and a huge THANK YOU

I know you are aware by the frequent notifications you will have been receiving that there have been many positive cases in school in recent weeks-5 year groups have received such a notification just today. This has also had a huge impact on staffing, since our return in January we have had 25 members of staff testing positive and 12 staff are currently absent due to Covid related illness. I know you, like me, will want to thank the staff -they have been absolutely brilliant. They have covered other year groups, they are covering at lunchtimes, even staff who have been ill at home with Covid are trying their best to support our children by planning and preparing learning at home. They are all doing their very best to make sure school stays open for our children.

Mark's Mencap Marathon

Mark Wilson, a former parent of Acklam Whin, is running the London Marathon in support of Mencap. One of Mark's daughters has Asperger's and said he wishes to run in support of Mencap as he and his family have found the services they provide so supportive.

Mark said, 'The services they provide range from round-the-clock care to helping someone join in with local leisure activities, providing advice and information on things like employment and education, helping someone to live independently for the first time, and even things like reporting a crime to the police. In a nutshell, they try to help in any area of a person's life where they need support.'

We would like to help support Mark's amazing marathon run and so on Thursday 17th February we are going to have a non-uniform day and all proceeds will go to Mencap and we all wish Mark the very best of luck.

Important Dates

Just a reminder of important dates for your diary.

Mark's Mencap Day Thursday 17th February

**PD DAYS: Monday 28th February
 Friday 8th April
 Monday 25th July**

**Parents Evening Tuesday 29th March
 Wednesday 30th March**

Have a great week.

Mrs Prince