

# ACKLAM WHIN PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

I hope you are all having a good week.

## Official VIP opening of our library



Last week we shared with you our fabulous, new Acklam Whin library and this week we would like to share with you our official opening with special VIP guest, author **James Harris**. James is a local author and will be inspiring our children to believe that people in Middlesbrough can write books as well as read them. We are so excited that he has kindly agreed to do this for us, and we would like to give you the opportunity to visit our library to thank you for all your help with our fundraising and for you to see what you have helped us to achieve.

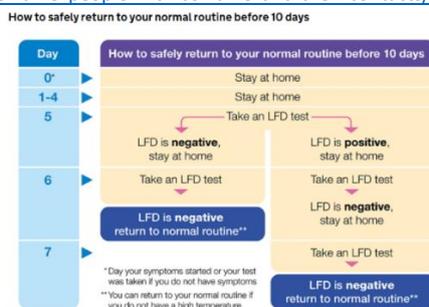
As a result of your help, we have been able to purchase many, many lovely new books that our children are bringing home to enjoy, read and share with you. We are so thankful for your support, and we really couldn't have made this happen without you. We also need to say a big thank you to **Mr Laughton** for assembling and fitting all the new furniture, to **Foresters Financial** for their generous grant and to the **brilliant staff** who came in over half term to unpack, stamp and label all our fabulous new books.

The official ribbon opening ceremony, with our VIP guest **James Harris**, will be on **Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> March** and during the afternoon we will be celebrating our love for reading across school. If you would like to visit the library, it will open during Parents Evening and there will be refreshments available and plenty of books (and cakes 🍰) to enjoy!

## Covid Update

Just a reminder of the latest information, there is no longer a legal requirement for people with coronavirus (COVID-19) infection to self-isolate, however if you have any of the main symptoms of COVID-19 or a positive test result, the public health advice is to stay at home and avoid contact with other people. Below is the flow chart that explains the latest guidance and the link to it is:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-people-with-covid-19-and-their-contacts/covid-19-people-with-covid-19-and-their-contacts>



If your day 5 LFD test result is positive, you can continue taking LFD tests until you receive 2 consecutive negative test results.

## Staff email

During Covid when we were providing daily remote education, we were unable to see many of our children and so Zoom meetings and sharing staff emails were some of the many measures we introduced so we could support parents and communicate with you. However, now we are all back in school and you can speak to or arrange to see staff directly, we have removed staff emails from our website. If you would prefer to email, you can email to school at [awcontact@acklamwhin.co.uk](mailto:awcontact@acklamwhin.co.uk) and your email will be forwarded to the teacher.

## Reporting an absence

If you need to inform us that your child is absent our school App will now have the option of 'Reporting an absence' for your convenience. You will still be able to call the school office, but this will give you another option.

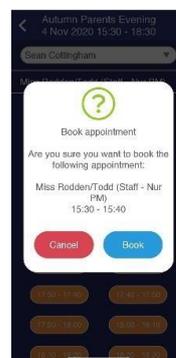
## Parents Evening

Parents Evening will be held on **Tuesday 29th March and Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> March**. We would like to invite you back to face to face consultations with parents. Working with you and sharing the progress and development of your children is such a crucial part of our relationship and we look forward to speaking with as many of you as possible.

We also understand that some parents may be feeling anxious about coming into school and if this is the case, we will be able to offer phone consultations. Please can we also ask that if you are displaying any Covid symptoms not to attend. Many thanks for your support with this.

You will be able to indicate your preference when you are booking your consultation. Parent consultations will be available for the children entering their second year in Nursery and from Reception to Year 6 and you can book your desired slot via our App.

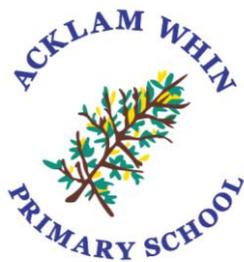
**Click on the Parents' Evening from drop down**    **Choose your evening**    **Book the available slot**    **Confirm**    **Select sibling**



If you do not have access to the app or have any problems, please contact your child's class teacher or the school office.

## Important Dates

We have had to make a change to our Summer Fayre date. Acklam Grange have changed their transition dates for Year 6 from the end of June to the beginning of July and we really don't want our Year 6 children to miss out on such an important Acklam Whin tradition and so we have changed the date to **Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> June** to make sure they can all attend.



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<b>PD DAYS:</b>	<b>Friday 8th April</b> <b>Monday 25th July</b>
<b>Parents Evening</b>	<b>Tuesday 29th March</b> <b>Wednesday 30th March</b>
<b>Jubilee Bank Holiday</b>	<b>Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June</b>
<b>Summer Fayre</b>	<b>Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> June</b>

Have a great week.

Mrs Prince