

Acklam Whin News



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Welcome Back! We hope you all had a wonderful Summer and are all fully refreshed. The children have come back looking fantastic and are ready for the challenges of the new academic year. Welcome to Mr Riches who is joining the Acklam Whin Family as a School Direct student this year and working in Y2 during the Autumn Term.

As you will be aware there are still contractors working on replacing our roof around school. We have been cleared by Health and Safety to open while the work is taking place, but we do ask that parents and children take care around the site. The work will continue for another 7-8 weeks depending on the weather. That should mean we will have a leak free Winter for the first time in many years!

Looking Great - Our children look so smart and proud in their school uniform and we would like to reinforce how important it is for that to continue. **NAMING** – one thing we do ask is that parents write the child's name in all school uniform items to avoid any confusion.

Attendance & Safeguarding - Attendance and punctuality are essential to ensuring that your child gets the most out of their time at school. Please ensure that your child arrives in time for the start of school at 8.50am. Late arrivals are disruptive for the child who is late and also for the other pupils who will have begun lessons.

CCTV - Over the Summer we have had a new CCTV system installed on the key entrances and pathways around school. We have a CCTV Policy and conform to all the Data Protection Act guidelines. Cameras will only be used to monitor activities within the school and its car parks and other public areas for the purpose of securing the safety and wellbeing of the school and its staff, students and visitors.

Planning Ahead - Look out for the children's new Reading Records and Planners being sent home this week and the accompanying letter. We thank you for your support.

Dinner Matters - If you wish for your child to change from school lunches to packed lunches or vice versa, please can we ask that you give us a weeks' notice of the change in writing. Can you also ensure that dinner money is paid in advance for the week/term ahead via ParentPay.

Keep Reaching

As part of our ongoing monitoring of the positive behaviour polices and reward systems in school, I would like to remind you of a number of ways you can keep in touch with what is happening in school. We will continue with our 'Reach for the Stars' programme – looking for children who bring the 'extra something' to school life as well a range of positive rewards for all children. We also continue our 'Consequence' system in school where the children are reminded and warned of the consequences of their behaviour through stages 1 to 3. This is where privileges like breaks and Golden Time can be lost. Stages 4 to 6 are very serious and will involve contact home and require your support with modifying and dealing with the behaviour issues.

It is crucial that we work together to not only deal with the minority of issues we sometimes face, but also in helping us celebrate the fantastic work and behaviour of our amazing children. Don't forget the best ways of keeping in touch with that is via Twitter @AcklamWhin, Marvellous Me (see the letter coming home this week for login details) and our School App available from the Apple App Store and Google Play.

Parkway Welcome

This term we also welcome Parkway Nurseries to the Acklam Whin Family. Many of you have already signed up to the 30 hours provision for 3 and 4 yr olds and the before and after school care for 3 to 11yr olds. To book a place or speak to the staff contact Rachel or Vicky on 01642 577316

Key Dates for Autumn Term 2017

Friday 20th October – Children break up for Half Term

Monday 30th October – Children return to school

Thursday 21st December – Children break up for Christmas Holidays (Friday 22nd Dec is a PD Day)

Monday 8th January – Children return for Spring Term

I look forward to another exciting and fun packed year for our children and families and continuing the happy and successful relationship with you all.
Mr Gamble