



ACKLAM WHIN PRIMARY SCHOOL

"Always a chance for everyone!"

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Tonight children from Y2 to Y6 will be bringing home their brand new home/school planner. The spiral bound, hard backed book contains useful information about school, the curriculum and most importantly is another way of communicating with you about your child's learning and development.

The main part of the planner is set out like a diary and staff will be including information about homework, PE days, class messages etc. It's also an opportunity for you to write any notes or responses to things happening at home or school.

We DO NOT want the planners to replace the face to face discussions you may need to have with your child's teacher and we would still want you to have that dialogue when needed.

We are asking that the planners are signed on a weekly basis by a parent or guardian and also any home reading is recorded and signed/initialled.

Home reading is an essential part of our children's development and a new reading rewards system is also being introduced to celebrate the amount of times children are reading at home. Certificates, stickers and prizes will be given out when children reach a set of milestones – 50 reads at home – Bronze Award, 100 times – Silver Award and 150 – Gold Award. Plus, additional awards for children who reach for the stars and go beyond that! Teachers will record any home reading that has been signed in the planners and children will receive their awards in our celebration assemblies.

We have invested into these planners as a key information sharing tool between home and school and ask for your support with this by ensuring the children have their planners with them every day and that they are looked after. If a child does lose their planner, please contact the school office – a small replacement cost may be charged. Children in Reception and Y1 will also have a new Reading Record that will be coming home this week too to help support their reading progress and communication with home.

If you have any problems or questions, then please don't hesitate to get in touch with me or your child's class teacher. We look forward to this becoming another bond that helps us work together for the best for our children.

Yours faithfully,

Mr Gamble
Head Teacher