



Aberford CE Primary

Weekly Newsletter

27th January 2023

Message from Emma Johnson – Chair of Governors

I've been in school today for a planned governor meeting and as part of that I have also had a walk around the classrooms to see all the brilliant work that the children have been doing. I've also chatted to some of our Year 6 children to see what their favourite subjects are and the things that get them excited to learn.

Being a Governor enables me to see first-hand how brilliant our children are and it's great to be able to see them flourish and be so enthusiastic about their learning.

I've noticed lots of change since I was last in in terms of the displays in classrooms and the focus on reading. The corridors look fabulous and I always love seeing the progress that our children make as they move through school.

We are still looking for parents/carers to join our governing body so please do let Mrs Goddard or Mrs Crossley know if you are interested and we can have a chat.

Message from the Office

Attendance

The national average for school attendance is currently 96.1%. This week our cumulative whole school attendance to date has dropped to 95.8%. We appreciate that there are lots of illnesses around at the moment which has resulted in this week's attendance is only 91.6% - well below the national average.

On Thursday we had 17 pupils who arrived after registration time. This is also having an impact on our attendance figures. The school gates opens at 8.40 with school starting at 8.50. The children go straight into class and after the register and dinner numbers are taken all pupils start their learning. We are noticing that a lot of pupils are missing the first part of lessons, especially the daily phonics lessons which are crucial to every pupil learning how to read. Please can you ensure that your child arrives in time for school to start so that no learning is missed.

We are also seeing an increasing number of pupils who are collected late at the end of the school day – this can often be up to 15/20 minutes. Please can we remind you that school finishes at 3.15 children should be collected promptly. We do, of course, understand that sometimes traffic and other emergencies can delay parents in getting to school and would just remind you to always telephone, rather than Dojo message, if this is the case and we will make sure the children are safe until you arrive.

Dates:

Monday 6th February
Friday 10th February

Class 2 & 3 Trip to Elland Road PHSE
School closes for half term

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Christian Values Award



Class 2

Amelia for trying hard with her handwriting and being enthusiastic in all her learning
Max for giving 100% effort in everything he does in school

Class 3

Isaac KR for showing wonderful enthusiasm and contributing with great ideas in literacy
Indi for working with perseverance and enthusiasm

Class 4

Benjamin F for always working hard, staying on task and showing interest in lessons
Bethany for always putting 100% into everything she does and working hard in all lessons

Staff members of the week –

Mrs Darley for going above and beyond to improve the outcomes for the children she supports in school

Attendance this week

Whole School	91.6%
Class 1	93.3%
Class 2	88.0%
Class 3	89.7%
Class 4	96.8%

Well done to Class 4

our attendance winners this week!

Well done to Sam

for winning the attendance prize draw!

Reading Record Prize Draw

KS1	Amber
KS2	James S

Housepoints

	This week	Running total
Becca	381	44
Lotherton	390	32
Parlington	380	44
Hazlewood	353	41