

Akroydon Primary Academy

Weekly Newsletter



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W/E 20 December 2019

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Term Dates

Close — 20 December
2019

Open — 7 January 2020

Close — 14 February
2020

Open — 24 February
2020

Close — 3 April 2020

Open — 14 April 2020

Close — 7 May 2020

Open — 11 May 2020

Close— 22 May 2020

Open — 1 June 2020

Close— 18 June 2020

Open — 22 June 2020

Close— 17 July 2020

Open — 2 September
2020

To report an absence
please select option 1
and leave a message.

A member of the
behaviour team will pick
it up. If your child is
unfortunate enough to
get a sickness and
diarrhoea bug please
keep them tucked up for
48hrs.



Key Dates and Information



We would like to wish all our pupils and their families a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, we hope you enjoy the break and will see you in the new year on, Tuesday 7 January.



Please note, the academy is closed to pupils on Monday 6 January 2020, due to a staff training day.

Message from Michael Gosling, CEO

Ofsted

First of all I would like to thank all our parents and carers for their contributions during the recent inspection process. The inspection team highlighted many improvements that have been made at the school, not least the 45% improvement in SATs results over the last two years. It also agreed with our evaluation of areas that are still in need of further improvement, and so lots of hard work still remains! The report will be published shortly after the Christmas break on the Ofsted website and is currently available from the school's website.

Staffing

Akroydon bids farewell to Mrs Bewick this term, whom many of our parents may remember from their time at the school too! Unfortunately, Mrs Bewick has been on long-term sick leave this academic year and so parents may not have been able to say goodbye in person, but she leaves with our best wishes for a happy retirement. At the same time we are delighted to welcome Mrs Iyma Shaikh-Khan, who is joining us from January and will be teaching the Beech class.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank Mr Richard Tipler, who has performed the role of Acting Principal from September 2019. Mr Tipler has now returned to his substantive post within our Trust, at Trinity Academy Halifax, but leaves with our gratitude for all he has done for us over the past few months.

I am delighted to announce two significant additions to our senior leadership team. The first is Mr Richard Browne, who will be taking on the role of Acting Principal from 6th January 2020. Mr Browne is an experienced primary Principal with an outstanding track record of school improvement; his skill set and enthusiasm for the school are exactly what Akroydon needs as it takes the next steps in its remarkable journey to excellence. Furthermore, Mr Alex Severn is joining us in the role of Assistant Principal. Mr Severn is an experienced current senior leader and, like Mr Browne, is really looking forward to meeting you and your children and joining the Akroydon community.

Finally, I would like to wish all parents/carers, along with our pupils and staff, a very happy Christmas and New Year.

Attendance

1st	Linden	100%
2nd	Birch	98%
3rd	Juniper	95%
3rd	Oak	95%
3rd	Elm	95%
6th	Beech	94%
6th	Ash	94%
6th	Hawthorn	94%
6th	Willow	94%
10th	Hazel	93%
11th	Maple	92%
12th	Holly	90%
13th	Yew	88%

This weeks class with the top attendance is **Linden**. Well done!



Mathletics

Champions

Congratulations to this week's Mathletics Champions:

KS1 - Wyatt Chapman (Birch)

KS2 - Laura Tarchala (Holly)





Star of the Week w/e 20 December

KS1

Ash— Vanesa Statkute
Beech— Neo Sykes
Birch— Isla Varey
Elm— Lola Hudson
Hawthorn -Bailey Berry

KS2

Hazel— Wei Hang Guo
Holly—Amelee Monaghan
Juniper— Eleanor Rennie
Linden - Cole Seabourne
Maple -Mathilda Cameron
Oak - Lily Mai Porter
Willow—Caitlyn Bray
Yew—Mae Murtagh



Sports Stars

KS1

Freya Ackroyd
Reuben Richardson

KS2

Reece Kendal
Reuben Richardson

Well done!



My Child's Learning Events

Please note that due to poor attendance at the My Child's Learning events last term, we have decided not to go ahead with the MCL events planned for the first week back next term. However, we will be planning other events to inform and engage you with your child's learning, but the format will be different. Please do not hesitate to ask your child's class teacher at any time throughout the year about your child's learning and progress.

After-School Clubs (Spring Term 1)

You will be able to view the after-school clubs which are due to start in January on MCAS. Please make sure you sign your child up to these clubs as these are due to start in the first week back after Christmas. Please speak to Mr McGrath directly with any queries.



Data Collection

You will have received a letter this week regarding data collection. As parents now have access to their information via the parent portal **we need you to regularly check and amend any data as and when needed.** Reminders will be sent periodically, however it is your responsibility to ensure the data held is kept up to date.

Christmas Performances

Well done to all the pupils and teachers for their effort during the Christmas performances, they all put on fantastic performances. Thank you to all the parents/carers that attended , it was lovely to see so many parents supporting.



Christmas dinner/ Christmas Jumper day



The children have had a festive end to the term with Christmas Jumper day alongside their Christmas Dinner . The pupils and staff enjoyed their Christmas Dinner together in the dining hall. We have also raised **£315.57** for Overgate Hospice from Christmas Jumper Day. Thank you for all your support.

Year 2 Great Fire of London

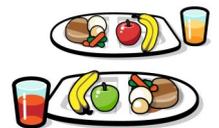
Year 2 recreated their own Great Fire of London this week in their outdoor learning session. We took their wonderful models and made our very own Pudding Lane. We set fire to the bakery and watched as the wind took hold of the fire. Just like in the real fire, our St Paul's Cathedral was destroyed by the flames. The children showed some great knowledge and were able to discuss the fire and recall key facts. We really warmed up a cold winter's day. Well



School Meals

One of the meals to look forward to the first week back is 'jacket potato with various fillings'.

School meals are £2.20 per day. If you would like your child to have our delicious meals, please collect a menu from the school office.



Free School Meals & Pupil Premium

Is your child entitled to a Free School Meal which could save you £418 a year?

Is your child entitled to Pupil Premium Funding which could give your school up to £2300 to provide the best learning opportunities and support with their education?

Free School Meal & Pupil Premium application forms are available from the school office to ensure that you and your child are getting the best financial and educational support.



My Child at School Reminder

Ensure that you are able to access MCAS via an online browser, if not please try to re-set your password or alternatively contact the school office for assistance. If you're making a payment, please don't close the browser until the payment has been confirmed.

The School ID is 11826

Please visit <https://www.mychildatschool.com/MCAS/MCSParentLogin>.



Accelerated Readers

Well done to all of our Accelerated Readers. The stars of the week are:

1st— Jack Robinson
(Yew)

2nd— Alicja Lapacz
(Oak)

3rd— An Qi Guo
(Willow)

