

Akroydon Primary Academy

Weekly Newsletter



Rawson Street North, Boothtown, Halifax, HX3 6PU

W/E 11 September 2020

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Term Dates

Opens — 2 September 2020

Closes — 16 October 2020

Opens — 3 November 2020

Closes — 18 December 2020

Opens — 5 January 2021

Closes — 12 February 2021

Opens — 22 February 2021

Closes — 1 April 2021

Opens — 13 April 2021

May Day — 3 May 2021

Closes — 28 May 2021

Open — 7 June 2021

INSET Day — 25 June 2021

Closes — 21 July 2021

Open — 2 September 2021



Welcome back

After many months of not being at school, the children have settled really well and are looking very smart in their new uniforms. Their manners have been lovely and they are following the new procedures in school to keep everyone safe. You can support us by emphasising the following principles at home, please:

Social distancing

- Teach, model and remind children about the 2m social distancing, when out and about, at all times
- Encourage children to remind each other politely about 2m social distancing
- Ensure that children do not socialise with others outside of their bubble, for example when playing out on your street
- Supervise children when moving around, as much as possible, so that they are keeping 2m apart, from other families.

Hand hygiene

Teach children how to:

- wash and sanitise their hands properly and revisit regularly
- Remind children to wash and sanitise their hands and build into daily routines
- Supervise younger children when washing their hands.



Respiratory hygiene

Teach and remind the children to:

- cover their nose and mouth with a tissue when they cough or sneeze
- throw the tissue in the bin straight away: 'catch it, bin it, kill it'
- cough or sneeze into their elbow, if they do not have a tissue
- wash their hands immediately after blowing their nose, coughing or sneezing
- avoid touching their mouth, nose and eyes with their hands.

Attendance

1st	Alder	100%
2nd	Willow	99.23%
3rd	Ash	98.51%
4th	Elm	98.15%
5th	Yew	97.74%
6th	Hazel	97.44%
7th	Juniper	97.12%
8th	Maple	96.15%
9th	Oak	95.74%
10th	Holly	95.22%
11th	Linden	95.10%
12th	Hawthorn	93.41%
13th	Acorns	92.70%
14th	Birch	92.40%
15th	Elm	88.04%

Well done Alder!



Mathletics

KS1 – Wyatt C

KS2 – Freya K

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Symptoms

- Know what the coronavirus symptoms are and be alert to any family member showing any signs of these (high temperature, a new continuous cough, a loss or change to sense of smell or taste)
- Remind children that they must tell an adult, if they are experiencing any symptoms
- Any child displaying symptoms must be isolated from others straight away and a Covid test ordered by phoning 119.

Drop-Off and Pick-Up Times

We thank you for your support and your co-operation over the last couple of weeks, as we have worked towards the best solution for school drop-off and pick-up times. We are constantly assessing and reviewing the process and we are therefore making improvements to the current system, to ensure your child receives the best education, at the same time as keeping everyone safe. Starting on **Monday, 14th September morning, parents and carers will not be able to enter the school site when dropping off, with the exception of Nursery parents.** Staff will take over supervision, as children enter the gate from Grantham Street and walk down the school path to their classes. Please prepare your child by explaining what will be happening. Please ensure they are all carrying their own book bags, lunch boxes etc. and say goodbye to them just before arriving at the gate, so we can maintain the flow into school. Afterwards, parents will then cross over the road and use the other pavement, to socially distance and go back up or down Grantham Street. Please take care on the road and do not park on zigzags or opposite other cars which will block the road. **Please ensure your child is in line for their starting time, so no learning time is lost.** Thank you.



Healthy Eating

At Akroydon, we want the children to live as healthy a lifestyle as possible, and food nutrition plays a big part in this.

It is expected that children will have a sandwich, as part of their packed lunch, some fruit, salad or vegetables and healthy desserts.

Children will be allowed **ONE** of the following food items, as part of a balanced meal:

- A bun
- A piece of cake
- A packet of crisps
- A chocolate-based dessert e.g. chocolate mousse



Packed lunches **MUST NOT** include:

- Meat and pastry products, such as sausage rolls, pies or pasties
- Nuts or nut products (although they can be healthy) because they are dangerous to the children in school who have severe allergies
- Extra salt to add to food after it has been cooked
- Sweets, chocolate bars or fizzy drinks

Unhealthy food, or food not following the guidelines above, will be removed by staff, returned to the child/parent at the end of the day. An alternative, such as a piece of fruit, will be provided. The full policy can be found on our website. Thanks for your co-operation in this matter.

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Reading

Reading is the key to your child's learning and it is essential for children to develop good reading habits and a love for reading to help with all their other subjects in school. Please read with your child every night and ask them questions about what has been read. Questions such as how characters are feeling, what do they think will happen next, where is this story set etc. will really help your child engage with the text.



Holidays in Term Time

Please note that holidays in term time will not be authorised, following government guidelines.

Safeguarding

If you are concerned that any child may be in danger, being abused or being neglected, please contact Mrs Greenwood, our Designated Child Protection Officer at school, in confidence, so we can ensure action is taken to keep every child safe.

Jeans for Genes Day

All children and staff are invited to wear their jeans on Friday 18th September. We would like everyone to take part so please send your child into school on the day wearing their jeans and with a £1 donation. Please note, your child should wear the rest of their school uniform with their jeans: this includes their shirt, tie, jumper or cardigan and school shoes.



Contingency Planning

In line with current guidelines, it is possible you may need to self-isolate and your child could need to learn from home. In the event of this happening, we have made contingency plans to support your child continue their learning from home using the platform Microsoft Teams. A more detailed explanation of this will be shared in a separate letter shortly.

My Child at School

The School ID is 11826. You can book onto Breakfast Club and the wraparound After-School Club through your mychildatschool parent portal.

School Dinners

Please note, no changes can be made to dinner choices during the term. If you would like your child to change onto a school meal, we would require 1 full weeks' notice.

Reminder

The school office remains closed to parents. For any queries, please call the office on 01422 351291 or email admin@akroydon.trinitymat.org. Thank you.

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Stars of the Week

Acorn's Star of the Week is **Phoenix A**. Phoenix is very helpful, and has been very good at tidy-up time, helping Mrs Gibson and Mrs Turner to put the toys away.

Ash's Star of the Week is **Jacey-Jai C** for settling into reception so well and producing some fantastic work about bears.

Alder's Star of the Week is star of the week is **Riley S** for being kind to others and sharing toys.

Birch's Star of the Week is **Annalise R** for being a kind friend.

Elm's Star of the Week is **Noah G** for settling into Elm class and Akroydon superbly.

Hawthorn's Star of the Week is **Mila** for settling in really well and always contributing in class.

Hazel's Star of the Week is **Hope K** for always setting a good example to her peers. She always follows the AP Absolutes and takes pride in her work.

Holly's Star of the Week is **Loriana D**. Loriana has settled into year 3 really well. She has been polite, well-mannered, and worked hard on her studies this week coming up with some great ideas in English.

Linden's Star of the Week is **Amelee M**, as she has settled back to school quickly, and tried to ensure others are settled too. She consistently works to a high presentation standard, and acts like a role model for the rest of the class.

Juniper's Star of the Week is **Rueben C**. Rueben has made a great first impression. He is always listening and excited to learn. He has tried his very best every day.

Maple's Star of the Week is **Lilac willow B**. Lilac has settled into Year 5 exceptionally well and has been following the Akroydon Absolutes. As well as this, the presentation in her books has been amazing!

Oak's Stat of the Week is **Hannah S**. Hannah has had a brilliant start to Year 5, is always willing to contribute to class discussion and listen to other students contributions.

Willow's Star of the Week is **Oliver H** for having a brilliant start to Y6. He has been focused and mature in both his work and behaviour; a real role-model to others in class.

Yew's Star of the Week is **Lucy B**. Lucy's contribution during lessons is exceptional and especially during Science where she blew us away with her knowledge of the circulatory system.



Well done, Children.



The Day Walker

I sauntered down the leafy lane,
Looked up to see the weather vane.
The night had gone,
And now the sun shone.

When you look up to see the candy-floss
clouds,
It makes you feel like you have a crown.
I look up at the blue cloudy sky,
Dragon-shaped clouds pass me by.

The clouds are fluffy,
Like a new puppy!
The sky is bright,
As a powerful light.

One cloud looked like a lion with a mane,
Another like a candy-cane.

The sun shone on the dazzling flowers,
I saw a black cloud that will bring rainy
showers.

As I look up to see a cloud,
I hear children playing and shouting
loud,

I felt a drop, its started to rain,
Our weather is so insane.
I walk down the lane,
I see my friend walking her dog in the
rain.

The clouds whisper and tease,
Saying, "Feel the breeze!"

Poem written by OAK.