

Acresfield News

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Diary Dates

January

7th—INSET day—school closed
8th—Children return
15th—Komodo Dragons trip to Liverpool Maritime Museum
15th—Dance club begins and Meerkats/Penguins football
16th—Basketball club begins
17th—Tag rugby club begins
24th—9am Parent class representatives' meeting

February

4th— School run clubs begin
7th—Wildlife club begins
9th —Cross Country Winter Series Race 3
15th—End of half term

Children return Monday February 25th

March

2nd—Final cross country race
5th—7th—Penguins' Burwardsley residential
12th—Class photos
12th—Choir AmaSing Concert
15th—Meerkats' class assembly
18th—Younique Me Week
18th—All clubs finish
22nd—9am Orangutans class assembly followed by coffee
26th—Danny Jones tournament -Orangutans
26th—Jaguars' trip to the Imperial War Museum/Lowry
26th and 28th—Parents' evenings
29th—9am End of term celebration assembly

Children return April 15th.

Attendance Matters

Our end of year attendance figures continue to show improvement. Letters will be sent shortly to everyone, with an attendance report for your child, along with a chart explaining how to interpret the figures. On occasion, parents comment that 90% attendance is good, however this is not the case. The school monitors attendance that is below 96%, as this is lower than expected. From a Government perspective anything below 90% is categorised as a persistent absentee and each school has its percentage of persistent absentees published annually by the Department for Education. From a school perspective, 90% attendance means a pupil has been absent from school for about four weeks and missed around 100 lessons. Please look carefully at your child's figures and get back to me if you have any questions. Thank you for your continued support with attendance, which currently stands at **97.2%**. All the children with 100% attendance records in the autumn were given a certificate and entered into a class prize draw. A winner was then drawn from each class and given a Christmas present. Thank you to our Pupil Parliament for their ideas and support with attendance matters. It is great to hear the children recognising the importance of excellent attendance and discussing ways to promote it and celebrate it in school.

And Finally

We are looking forward to a hard working and productive start to 2019. You will have the chance to formally discuss your child's progress later in the term at our spring parents' evening. But as always, please don't hesitate to come in and speak to a member of staff or make an appointment, if you would like to discuss any issues before then.

Best wishes
M.Dixon
[Headteacher]



Message from the Headteacher

Welcome back and a very Happy New Year to you all. I hope you had a super Christmas holiday and are refreshed and raring to go again. On behalf of the staff, a massive thank you for all your cards, presents and warm wishes at the end of last term: it is greatly appreciated. It was also great to see so many of you supporting our end of term Christmas performances and celebration assembly. Thank you to everyone who came along and enjoyed the celebrations. This first newsletter of the year is a shorter one, but contains important updates regarding attendance, so please take a close look.

Friends

Thank you to the Friends of Acresfield on their successful Christmas Fair in December, which raised just over £1400. There was a super atmosphere, so thank you to everyone who supported the event by helping to organise it, set up, clear away or run a stall. Details of further Friends events this year will follow shortly.

The recent bout of fundraising, has ensured all the children will have access to the new i-pads that have been paid for by the Friends. These have been set up and are ready to use. Thank you Friends!

HAPPY
NEW YEAR