



## Happy New Year

It has been wonderful to welcome the children back to school this week, I hope that you enjoyed a restful Christmas break with family and friends.

As we start the new year, conversations often focus on resolutions and targets that we plan to work towards in the coming months. In our celebration worship today, the children have been reminded of our school vision and how we aspire, with God's help, to 'be the best that we can be.' We always encourage the children to be aspirational in their learning but we have also reflected upon other qualities such as to be a good friend, to help others when they need it and to be a kind and caring member of our ACE community. We enjoy celebrating achievements both in and out of school so do please let us know, via the school e-mail, of any awards or successes from outside school so that we can celebrate these with your child.

In this edition of Highlights, you will find some useful reminders about school attendance. Please do continue to support your child to achieve their best outcomes by bringing them to school every day, arriving on time to take full advantage of the early morning learning and interventions which are in place. Our school attendance target is 96% and we want to work with you to achieve this. Good attendance is celebrated with the children each week in worship and the Infant and Junior classes with the best attendance are rewarded with an extra playtime.

Today you will have received a curriculum map for this half term. This gives you important information about the learning that will be taking place in the coming weeks in your child's year group. Also, look out for details of parent drop-in and information sessions in the coming weeks as these will also share ideas of how to support different aspects of learning at home.

Thank you for your continued support and may I once again extend my best wishes to you and your family for the year ahead.

Mrs Bailey



## Dates for the diary

- 18th January—  
Special New Year Lunch
- 2nd February—  
PTA Movie night
- 6th February—  
Safer Internet Day
- 9th February—  
Gold Award Worship 9am
- 9th February—  
end of first half term—**SCHOOL CLOSING NORMAL TIME**
- 12TH—16TH February—Half term **SCHOOL CLOSED**
- 19th February—  
Children return to school
- 29th February—  
Parents Evening—  
**SCHOOL CLOSING EARLY**

**WE raised £569.35 for Crisis at Christmas—  
Thank you for all your generous donations.**

## Home Learning on Fire!

YEAR 2 have been learning all about the Great Fire of London.. In case you didn't know, the Great Fire of London started on 2nd September 1666 and lasted for 5 days! The weather was hot and it hadn't rained for 10 months. There were no fire engines so people had to use horse-drawn carts to get the water to try to put it out.

Our children used their art skills to show what they think it may have looked like.

We think you will agree that they all did an amazing job.



## We're all going on a Summer holiday

AS the advert says—It's the most wonderful time of the year— holiday booking season. That time after Christmas when we all feel we need something to look forward to and start thinking about a nice holiday in the sun. We would like to politely remind you that we are not permitted to authorise holiday in school time. If you are taking your child out of school during term time you must fill in the form requesting the absence (available in school office).

Absence of 5 days or more will invoke the penalty notice procedure. Please check our holiday dates by scanning the QR code.



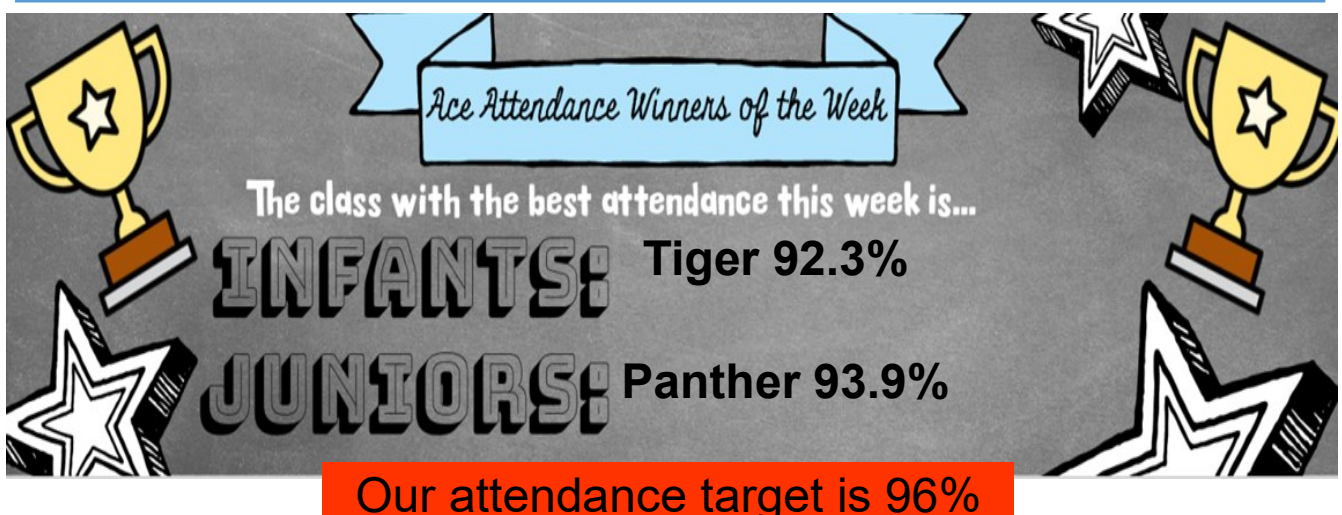
### Penalty Notice for Unauthorised Absence

JUST to remind parents/carers that if they take their children out of school without authority for 5 or more days (which do not have to be consecutive) , they will be liable to receive a penalty notice. Currently the amount payable under a penalty notice is £60.00 per parent/carer per child if paid within 21 days. Thereafter the amount increases to £120.00 if paid between 21 and 28 days. If the penalty notice remains unpaid after 28 days, the Local Authority will consider a prosecution in the Magistrates Court. Please note that penalty notices are issued per parent/carer per child so a family of two parents and two children will receive 4 penalty notices.



# Wisdom is Welcome, Wherever it comes from...

...was said by Odin, a Norse god who was said to have a burning desire and thirst for all knowledge. Today we would say never stop learning; always be open-minded and inquisitive. Year 4 have been expanding their minds learning all about the Vikings. This week they had a visit from Mrs Dove who is an archaeologist based at Chertsey Museum. Chertsey has its own history of Viking attacks and the museum holds a real 10th century Viking sword found nearby in Thorpe. The children enjoyed investigating the lives of Vikings with real and replica items.





# Our ACE

## CELEBRATION STARS OF THE WEEK

	Name	Reason
Koala	Bella SB	For fantastic independent learning about space
	Arthur P	For always making good learning choices
Kangaroo	Penelope	For great effort in RE learning this week.
	Joshua LC	For great listening and a wonderful start to the year
Panda	Nolan	For super listening during learning times
	Talha	For wonderful colour mixing in Art
Tiger	William A	
	Ahana K	For an excellent start to Year 1 Tiger Class
	Keimi S	
Giraffe	Yusif T	For settling in well to ACE
	Harry S	For his thoughtful responses during RE this week
Zebra	Max C	For his fantastic noun phrases in English
	Essa S	For his contributions this week in RE
Lemur	Freddie B	For coming back to school with an enthusiastic attitude to learning
	Gregory	For always working really hard and being a fantastic role model
Meerkat	Manuel	For a wonderful effort in dance with his partner
	Blossom	For having a great learning attitude
Rhino	Roxy A	For choosing exiting adjectives for her winter poem
	Tia W	For her thoughtful predictions about Winters Child
Elephant	Wania T	For making a fantastic start to her time at ACE
	Gracie	For her creative poem about Winter using the positive apostrophe
Llama	Esther C	For her participation and thoughtful response in RE
	Mansur M	For a positive and confident start in Llama Class
Buffalo	Frankie M	For great start to the new term across the curriculum
	Talha Ali	For a hard working start to his time at ACE
Leopard	Hannah G	For always demonstrating a positive attitude
	Valeria	For always demonstrating amazing behaviour
Panthers	Wedase	For a fantastic effort on creating a poster about Buddhism
	Farida	For being a polite and helpful learning partner in English