

A Few Words from Mr Hancox

We are over half-way through Spring 1 half term and the children have been very busy with their learning. We have also had visit from the local PSCOs, who showed children around their police car. Every child has taken part in forest school and really starting to show a development in their outdoor skills and teamwork.

Most of your children have been taught by Nikki James in the Nursery, and it is with a heavy heart, that we share the sad news that she has left her role as Nursery manager, we wish her good luck!

Well done to all the children who have shown perseverance .

Value Champions : 26th January

Reception/Year 1- Presley S/Tayte C
Year 1/Year 2 – Charlie L/Trip S
Year 3 – Florence W
Year 4 – Caitlin T
Year 5/Year 6 – Brodie H/Tommy C



Value Champions : 2nd February

Reception/Year 1- Harper C/Ellie F
Year 1/Year 2 – Wyley ND/Evie D
Year 3 – Ila M
Year 4 – Mya S
Year 5/Year 6 – Olivaris P/Vinnie H

Changes to the school

Since joining the school in September, I feel that I have been warmly embraced by yourselves, the children, and the staff and can honestly say that due to your trust and support I feel as if I have been part of your community for a long time.

Ankermoor is also part of a family of schools belonging to Fierté Multi-Academy Trust. As a group of schools, we believe passionately in the power of working as one entity and maximising the learning and care given to our pupils. The vision and mission of Fierté Multi-Academy Trust is one I am fully committed to achieving.

To this end, I am writing to let you know that I have accepted the role of Head of School, here at Ankermoor, with the exciting appointment of David Shakeshaft as Executive Headteacher. David Shakeshaft is currently the Executive Head at Dosthill Primary Academy who have their own Head of school like myself, with the skills and knowledge to drive improvements on a day-to-day basis. What David will bring to Ankermoor is an extra layer of strategic leadership and experience and between us the school will have a stable and consistent leadership team which will greatly benefit the education and development of all of our children.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to speak to me or the leaders at Fierté Multi-Academy Trust.



**Executive Head Teacher
David Shakeshaft**



**Head of School
Gareth Hancox**

Parents Evening

Parents Evening will be on Wednesday 21st and Thursday 22nd February. We will send you a link on Marvelous Me to book your appointment. Please complete the online form by Wednesday 7th February. Every effort will be made to accommodate your requests. Your appointment will be confirmed by Friday 9th February.

Please note - separated parents must attend together unless there is a legal reason that prevents this (eg. a non-molestation order).



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Attendance

School aspirational target – 97% School attendance this Year – **95.4%**

96 – 100%

Attendance is good to excellent.

0 – 8.5 days off during the academic year

Class Teacher to celebrate attendance

Warm welcome, praise and encouragement. Rewards e.g., certificates.

Attendance this week

Reception/Year 1 – 88.94%

Year 1/Year 2 – 95.47%

Year 3 – 96.47%

Year 4 – 100%

Year 5/Year 6 – 93.33%

90 – 92%

Attendance levels are causing **significant concern**.

14.5 to 19.5 days off during the academic year

High/severe risk of underachievement.

Senior Leader to contact family to offer an improvement plan. Consider legal action (risk of fine being issued)

93 – 95%

Attendance levels are beginning to cause concern.

9– 14 days off during the academic year

Risk/high risk of underachievement. Child will struggle to reach their full potential.

Class Teacher to contact parent to discuss absences

Well done to Year 4!

Under 89%

Attendance decreased to an **unacceptable level** – despite intervention and support.

20+ days off during the academic year

Senior Leader/Trust Wellbeing Lead/EWO Legal action (fine)

Extreme risk of underachievement.

Attendance Reminder

We are focussing on reaching our aspirational attendance target of 97%. If your child's attendance percentage is below 95%, you will have received a letter explaining what percentage your child is on. If your child's attendance is below 92% you will be invited into school so we can discuss the reasons their absence is low and arrange a support plan. **A child is classed as absent if they do not attend the morning or afternoon session or they arrive after 9.10am.**

A week in photos Reception/Year 1



We have had a wonderful time on our Forest Friday, doing lots of interesting activities.

What is happening in school (in the next 2 school weeks)

Monday 5th February– Volley Ball Club – KS2 (3.20pm – 4.20pm)

Tuesday 6th February–KS1 (3.20pm – 4.20pm)
Multi Sports Club
Year 6 SATs meeting (3.20pm – 4pm)

Thursday 8th February– Chinese New Year menu (option 1 = chicken, 2 = spring rolls, 3 = jacket)

Friday 9th February– Achievement Assembly
Year 5/6 family lunch
Break up for Half Term

Monday 19th February– INSET Day – Children not at school

Tuesday 20th February– New Term (back to school)
KS1 Multi Sports Club (3.20pm – 4.20pm)

Wednesday 21st February – Parents Evening 3.30pm – 5pm

Thursday 22nd February - Parents Evening 3.30pm – 6pm

Friday 23rd February– Achievement Assembly
Reception/Year 1 family lunch
Forest Friday – Year 5/6

Communication Reminder

Please ensure that your children are not wearing any type of trainers in school. This is not part of our school uniform!



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**Come along and join us for our
Chinese New Year Menu
Thursday 8th February 2024**

**Battered Chicken Chunks (G)(D) with Sweet Sour Sauce, egg
noodles (E)(G) and rainbow rice**

Or

Crispy Vegetable Spring Roll (SS)(SO)(M)(G)(C)

Served with egg noodles (E)(G), rainbow rice (E)

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Vanilla Ice Cream Tub (D)

Fortune Cookie (G)(E)