



# Abberley Parochial V.C. Primary School

*Inspiring Hearts & Minds*

## NEWSLETTER 5<sup>th</sup> October 2016

### WHOLE SCHOOL NEWS

#### Steam Traction Engine visit

The whole school were very excited on Monday morning at the arrival of a steam traction engine on the front playground, which was kindly brought in by Mr Marriott.

Each class had a chance to see the engine up close and have their questions about it answered by Mr Marriott throughout the day.

This has helped to inspire the children and given them ideas ready for making their own mini movable vehicles in their classes over the next few weeks. For more information please see the article on our website.

#### RHS School Gardening Award!

We are delighted to announce that we have been awarded the highest award available to schools - level 5, by the RHS. The children have been working through the levels during the past 2 years, achieving level 4 in November 2015. To achieve level five we used our Malvern garden as evidence that our children could talk enthusiastically and inform others about the garden and plants we grow. The award recognises the fact that Abberley children are confident in passing on their gardening knowledge to others and acknowledges their contribution to the local community. The school garden will certainly continue to be a significant feature in our grounds. Congratulations to all who contributed to this success!

#### Year 5 & 6 Football Fixture

The football team hosted Astley and Broadheath on Monday in the cluster league fixture.

The team played extremely well for their first full match together. We lost the first game 3-0 to Astley and then came back from 2-0 down to win 6-3.

Well done to Matty for receiving Player of the Match in both matches and to our scorers: Lucas (3), Dan, Timmy and Ben.

Our next fixture is in a couple of weeks' time at Broadwas.

### KEY STAGE 1 MESSAGES

#### Lobsters

We had a fantastic day on Monday with the visit of the steam engine. The children were really excited to learn all about the history and how the engine worked. The visit inspired our science learning this week looking at changes of state. The children faced a challenge how to release a trapped Lego man from a block of ice and put their learning into practice to set him free!

Next week we will be looking at seasonal changes and learning about harvest. We are keeping our fingers crossed for good weather so we can look at the effect of autumn on our outdoor environment. Please can you ensure your child has a pair of wellies or old trainers in school.

#### Seahorses

The children had a wonderful time on Monday with the visit of a steam traction engine to the school and were really motivated to create their own mini models of it.

We are all really enjoying having our P.E games lessons outside on a Friday and the children are getting more confident with their throwing, aiming and catching skills. To maximise the time we are able to spend outside this week's **learning challenge** is to see how quickly and independently your child can get dressed. Simple things like being able to take jumpers on and off by themselves gives children more confidence and independence. Why not start a getting dressed race by setting a timer each morning and seeing if they can beat their best time?

### KEY STAGE 2 MESSAGES

#### The Seals

Everyone enjoyed the visit from Mr Marriot and his steam engine on Monday. The children went back into the classroom to learn all about how this relates to moving vehicles and locomotives. I am pleased with the response so far for recyclable materials being brought in. We still need more so please bring it into the classroom in the morning.

A reminder for the Seals that have been chosen for the Hockey tournament; you can collect your children early from school (2:45pm) in order to make it over to Malvern Chase school in good time

Thank you!

#### Sharks

The children handed in their first topic homework this week and the quality was outstanding overall. We were really impressed by their great ideas and effort in creating their own steampunk outfits and steampunk buddy.

Well done to Libby and Chris for answering the most Sumdog questions correctly and earning the Money in the Bank briefcase, which means they will be challenging Thomas D or Thomas B for their maths' belts over the next week.

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## REMINDERS

### **Open Morning Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> October**

School will be open from 9am until 12 noon for you to come and have a look around and to join in our coffee morning.

### **Coffee Morning in aid of Macmillian and Marie Curie Nurses**

Donations of cakes and Biscuits will be gratefully received on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> October. Thank you.

### **Friends Association AGM**

Everyone is welcome at the Friends' AGM to be held on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> October. Please come along if you would like to become involved in anyway either on the committee or as a helper when needed.

The Chairperson will be stepping down this year, along with a few other members of the committee as their children move on to High School so if you would like to take on any of the roles available or would like more information about what is involved please ask.

We need new ideas of raising money and helpers to run the events.

All the money raised goes to paying for various items for the pupils of Abberley Primary School. The Friends pay for the cost of coaches to take our children to their residential visits, they pay for the water cooler in school. Last year the friends brought new school i-pads, furniture for the new classroom and 2 new sheds. They also help Father Christmas with the cost of Christmas presents for every child in the school, along with providing the crackers and drinks etc at our Christmas Lunch.

This is just a small list of the various things the Friends do for our school for which we are very grateful but they need new members with new ideas.

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### **Year 3/4 Quicksticks Hockey Friday 7<sup>th</sup> October**

Mr Gartrell and the team will be attending this School Games Quicksticks Hockey tournament. Good luck to our team!

### **Year 5/6 Netball Fixture Monday 10<sup>th</sup> October**

The netball team will be attending their second fixture at Broadwas Primary. Children will have received a letter if they are in the team.

### **Year 5/6 Cross Country Friday 14<sup>th</sup> October**

Next week the Sharks will be attending the School Games cross country finals. All children will be participating in a race in the event.