



Abberley Parochial V.C. Primary School

Inspiring Hearts & Minds

NEWSLETTER 16th November 2016

WHOLE SCHOOL NEWS

Swimming Lessons Year 1 and 2

We regret that the remaining swimming lessons this term have all been cancelled due to ongoing maintenance issues with the pool at Abberley Hall.

The travel contributions will be forwarded to next term when hopefully the pool will be reopened.

Book Fayre

The Book Fayre has arrived and will be in school until next Monday. If you wish to purchase a book the Book Fayre will be open until 4.00 each evening and until the end of Parents' Evenings tonight and tomorrow.

It has all the current books available of a wide variety of genres and non-fiction categories suitable for all ages.

The more money we raise means the more money we get back to spend on books as a school, so please come and have a look.

Loxley's Hot Shots

Each half term, a child from each year is chosen as the best reader in the class. This could be based on frequency of reading at home, interaction in guided reading sessions or their overall attitude towards reading.

A huge well done to our winners for this term, who each received a certificate on Monday.

Reception: Isabelle

Year 1: Elliot

Year 2: Max

Year 3: Olivia

Year 4: Megan

Year 5: Alice

Year 6: Joe

KEY STAGE 1 MESSAGES

Lobsters

The Lobsters are now working "Full Steam Ahead" on their Wacky Races element of our topic. Last week the children completed the planning element of the project. They were set the challenge of designing a vehicle that was capable of carrying something. The children came up with some fantastic designs using their knowledge of materials. In School we have kits to make the vehicles which include wheels and the main body. However, many of the children have asked if they could bring in items from home to accessorise their vehicles. If your child would like to bring in some junk modelling items or a small toy to act as a passenger we would be very grateful. Thank you.

Seahorses

We are learning about Diwali (the Hindu festival of light) and have read the story of Rama and Sita. The children are learning about shapes by making 2D rangoli patterns and building 3D shape palaces for Rama and Sita. Our **Learning challenge** this week is to go on a shape hunt to see which shapes your child can spot and name.

We really enjoy seeing how well the children have progressed with their reading this half term. Each Friday we give out certificates to the top reader/s and more children are now earning their bookmarks for reading 20 books. Please keep bookmarks in bookbags as we will use them for our guided reading which starts after the Christmas break.

KEY STAGE 2 MESSAGES

Seals

The children have been investigating basic aerodynamics of paper airplanes this week, and used creative skills to develop a new 'monster' dance routine in P.E.

I am looking forward to seeing all parents in the evenings this week. If you have struggled to get the appointment you wanted then please see Mrs Day in the office to book in another time that suits.

Mrs Shelley is setting a homework project for ICT this week. The children need to design a shoebox backdrop or create a picture to use as a background for their Wacky races animation. You will find more information in homework books.

Sharks

We have started to look at our car design in preparation for our drag race at the Wacky Race event on 29th November. We will be commencing building these next week with each child building their own car to race on the day, with one overall winner.

The Sharks have also received their homework for this half term, which is due in on the 28th November. The children have a little over a week to complete the tasks so all children are expected to complete all 3 areas.

REMINDERS

Flu Spray

Flu Sprays for Year 1, 2 and 3 children tomorrow
Thursday 17th November

Non Uniform Day for Children In Need Friday 18th November

All children need to wear something with spots on ! Please bring £1 donation towards the Children in Need Appeal.

Cake sale 3:15 Friday 18th November

Any donations of cakes for the Children in Need Cake sale on Friday after school will be most welcome. Please would you bring these to the school office in the morning. Thank you.

School Dinner Menus

Please return any completed menus by Friday at the latest.

A reminder about emergency school closures.

In the event of an emergency school closure possibly due to bad weather, please check the school website. We shall also send a text message so please make sure that school has your latest contact details.

Children in need key rings are all sold out. We have a few wrist bands at £1.00 left for sale.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Year 5 & 6 Sports Hall Athletics Tuesday 22nd November

A selection of children from Sharks class will be attending the Sports Hall Athletics at Chantry. Letters will be sent out this week.

Parents' Evenings Wednesday and Thursday.

We look forward to welcoming everyone to the school this evening and tomorrow for the first Parents' evenings of this academic year. Please come to the school office where you will have the opportunity to look around the book fayre before your appointment.

Wacky Race Day

The children have been working hard to design and build their 'wacky' vehicles and we have had some wonderful ideas. To showcase these we are having a whole school 'Wacky Race' on 29th November. This will be held on the school playground (weather permitting) or in the Village Hall. Reception and Key Stage 1 races will begin at 1.15pm and Key Stage 2 races will begin at 2pm, so please come along. All of the children's work on this topic will be displayed in classrooms and the school will be open from 3.15pm until 4pm for parents to view children's work and see who the winners of the vehicle design competition are.