



Abberley Parochial V.C. Primary School

Inspiring Hearts & Minds

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WHOLE SCHOOL NEWS

Mr. Sharpe

We have to report that, in January 2017, Mr Sharpe will be moving to a new job in Leeds. Whilst we are delighted for him to have this opportunity to develop his career, all of us here at Abberley will be sad to see him go. Mr Sharpe has been Year 5/6 teacher here since 2012 and his innovative teaching has inspired many children. Since he became our English Coordinator he has introduced many new ideas which have captured the children's imagination and encouraged them to achieve high standards. As PE Coordinator he organised the Play Leaders and developed the PE curriculum throughout the school.

We wish Mr Sharpe every success in his new post and hope he enjoys the remainder of his time with us in the run up to Christmas.

The Governors aim to appoint a replacement teacher for January, who will work alongside Mrs Gregory for the remainder of this academic year.

Indoor Athletics

18 Year 5 and 6s attended the Indoor Athletics tournament at Chantry on Tuesday and they had a fantastic time. We came 2nd overall out of seven teams. It was a brilliant performance and the children showed great team spirit. Well done to all who took part!

Book Fayre

Thank you to all those who made purchases from our book fayre. We raised a grand total of £438.44 smashing our target of £300, and as you know, a portion of this money can now be used to buy books back into our school.

KEY STAGE 1 MESSAGES

Lobsters

We have had a very busy week constructing our Wacky Race vehicles in preparation for the big race next Tuesday. The children have worked very hard on their designs and we have now reached the stage of putting the finishing touches to the interiors and decorating the vehicles. Please could you ensure that any remaining materials and passengers that the children want to add to their vehicles are in school by Monday?

Rehearsals for this year's nativity play "Stable Story" are now in full swing. The children have been working very hard practising the songs. If your child has a speaking part please could you encourage them to practise at home?

Seahorses

Seahorses had their own Mini Wacky Races with Abberley Pre-School on Monday and really enjoyed testing out their vehicles. All children had a wonderful time and swapped some design tips with the Pre-School children.

Learning Challenge: We have been learning the names of different coins this week and talking about which coins are worth more money. Can your child name each coin and tell you which is worth the most/least? Why not set up a shop scenario at home with some simple prices for items and see if your child can match the correct coin to each price?

KEY STAGE 2 MESSAGES

Seals

The children have made a fantastic start to their Wacky race car models this week. They have been learning to be safe with glue guns and wood saws which has meant that all of the work is their own. Later in the week the children will cash in their Wacky tokens for extra building materials. Then they will add their power source and test them. Looking at the design drawings, we are in for a treat when they are finished!

Children will not require wellies this week for gardening.

A huge well done is in order for the children's animation homework. The standard was very high and is helping the children complete their movie clips this week.

Sharks

We are currently building our cars ready for the Wacky Races event next Tuesday and the children are doing a fantastic job using the measurements from their designs to create accurate and high quality vehicles.

Don't forget that homework is due in on Monday (28/11) and I am looking forward to seeing what crazy contraptions you can conjure.

REMINDERS

Milk Bottle Tops

If you have any milk bottle tops for the Pensax Thrift Shop could you please bring them into school by 5th December. We will start collecting them again next year, date to follow.

Christmas Fayre

We have a few spaces left at our Christmas Fayre Market. If you would like to hire a table please see Lucy Wedgwood, the new chair of the Friends Association, or Mrs Day in the office.

Christmas Lunch Menu

The Christmas Lunch Menu has gone out in book bags today. Could you please make sure all orders are in school by Wednesday 30th November.
N.B. There is a charge for KS1 (Seahorses and Lobsters)

Friends Association Meeting

Next meeting is on Monday 28th November, everyone welcome.

Children's Christmas Craft Workshop and Christingle Service Saturday 10th December

1.30pm at Lindridge CE Primary School for Christmas Crafts
Followed by
3pm Family Christingle Service at St Lawrence Church, Lindridge.

Dates

Nativity – 8/12/16 at 2pm
Christmas Fayre – 8/12/16 at 3.15pm
Carol Service – 14/12/16 at 2pm and 6pm at St Mary's Church Abberley
Christmas Lunch – 15/12/16
Break up for Christmas Holidays – 3.15pm on 16th December

UPCOMING EVENTS

Wacky Race Day

Tuesday 29th November at 1.15pm

We are all looking forward to our Wacky Races afternoon and the children are busy putting the finishing touches to their vehicles. Due to wet weather we will be holding our races in the Village Hall, so please come along and join in the fun. The Key Stage 1 races start at 1.15pm and the Key Stage 2 races are at 2pm. Classes will be open from 3.15 – 4pm to showcase children's design work and this will be your opportunity to see who the winners of the design competition are.

Storybook Cook

This Friday

We will be drawing inspiration from the popular book by Judi Barrett this week, 'Cloudy With A Chance of Meatballs'. The children will be making their own delicious homemade meatballs.

FESTIVE NEWS FROM THE FRIENDS OF ABBERLEY PAROCHIAL VC PRIMARY SCHOOL

The Friends Association are really excited for this year's **Christmas Fayre & Market on Thursday 8th December** and are working hard to make it a special festive occasion for all – especially the children! If you'd be kind enough to lend a hand, we're looking for holly jolly volunteers to help out on the refreshments stall and with the setup/dismantling of the marquee. Please contact Lucy Wedgwood or Mrs Day in reception if you're able to give some time, all help is very much appreciated!

There's been a great response to the request for volunteers to help out with year's **Christmas lunch on Thursday 15th December**. This is a great event enjoyed by all, not just the children! If you'd like to help, there's still time to get involved, please contact Tracy Dewis or Mrs Day for details.

With such a busy festive time ahead it's been decided to postpone the **school disco** until January, extending the fun into the New Year! We look forward to sharing further details about the event shortly.