



# Abberley Parochial V.C. Primary School

*Inspiring Hearts & Minds*

## NEWSLETTER 30<sup>th</sup> November 2016

### WHOLE SCHOOL NEWS

#### Wacky Races

We had our Wacky Races yesterday and were very impressed with all of the children's designs and vehicles. The children all had a fantastic afternoon and it was lovely to see the variety of designs that the children had thought up.

Thank you to all of the parents who came to watch and for the wonderful comments about the day. All of the children worked very hard in creating their vehicles and enjoyed showing them off in their races. Well done to all of the children for their amazing design work!

#### Letter from the Queen.

We were very excited this week to receive a letter from Buckingham Palace. A number of the children had written to the Queen earlier in the year to wish her a very happy 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday.

We were delighted to receive a card and letter from Her Majesty thanking us for our kind letters. She also sent some information about her family and pets to answer some of the questions the children had asked.

The letter was read out in assembly on Monday.

#### Road Safety

Please may we remind parents that children should be brought into school in the mornings by an adult and not left to cross the road by themselves. A few parents have been parking on the road outside the school gate which reduces visibility. Please could you avoid doing this. Thank you.

#### Abberley 100 club

We are pleased to announce the winners for October and November as Liz Jukes and Nick Crabbe. Well done and you can collect your £25 cheques from Mrs Day in the office. There are still numbers available to buy for the year. Please fill in a form and pay £12 at the office.

### KEY STAGE 1 MESSAGES

#### Lobsters

Well done to all of the Lobsters for a fantastic Wacky Races afternoon. The children showed great creativity and it was lovely to see their individual interpretation of the design criteria "Your vehicle needs to be designed to carry something." The children had worked really hard on designing both the inside and the outside, making sure the vehicles were both race ready but also comfortable and safe for the passengers and drivers.

Well done to the winners of both the race and design categories.

Design: 1<sup>st</sup> - Harry, 2<sup>nd</sup> - Cecily, 3<sup>rd</sup> - Pru. Highly Commended: Spencer and Arabella.

Race: 1<sup>st</sup> - Cecily, 2<sup>nd</sup> - James, 3<sup>rd</sup> - Arabella.

#### Seahorses

We were very proud of the children for participating in our school Wacky Races yesterday. All children stood up and were able to talk about their race vehicles confidently as well as taking part in the races.

Please remember that we still have Outdoor Learning every Wednesday so children need to bring their own pair of labelled wellies to school on this day and a spare change of clothes if needed. Thank you.

**Learning Challenge:** With Christmas around the corner advent calendars are a great way to learn numbers. Why not help your child to make one? This is a good way to help them learn to read and write their numbers correctly.

### KEY STAGE 2 MESSAGES

#### Seals

The children had an amazing time at the Wacky races this week. A huge well done is deserved for their efforts and creativity. Considering the difficulty that was posed by the jet propulsion system, they all rose to the challenge. They have all applied elements of their learning to their vehicles with great end products.

The final was a close run thing and the results were:

1<sup>st</sup> – Megan, 2<sup>nd</sup> – Jamie and 3<sup>rd</sup> Emily .A.

The Wackiest race car design competition was won by Summer with Ella, William and Emily. A also winning prizes.

Finally, gardening clothes and wellies are no longer needed in school this term. Thank you!

#### Sharks

The children did exceptionally well in their Wacky Races yesterday. They had a very difficult task to complete over the last week when building their cars as they had to make their cars from scratch; including the frames, the bodies and the electrical circuits to power them. Their design and problem solving skills were really tested and as you saw from their cars, they created fantastic vehicles.

Well done to our winners for the design and the drag race speed categories:

Design: 1<sup>st</sup> - Anya, 2<sup>nd</sup> - Hannah, 3<sup>rd</sup> – Alice, Highly Commended Award - Edith

Drag Race: 1<sup>st</sup> – A-Jay, 2<sup>nd</sup> - Thomas, 3<sup>rd</sup> - Libby

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## REMINDERS

### Christmas Cards

We now have our school post box up and ready for Christmas card deliveries. All children are welcome to bring in Christmas cards for the other children if they would like to. These can be posted into our post box and they will be sorted and delivered by our Year 6 children.

### Mince Pies

**Donations of mince pies are required for the carol service next week. We serve mince pies and mulled cider after the service in the Church and would be very grateful for boxes of mince pies. Thank you**

### Christmas Fayre December 8th

Non uniform day on Thursday December 8<sup>th</sup> in exchange for a prize for the children's tombola. The Christmas Fayre will start after the Nativity in the KS2 classrooms.

### Christmas Forest School

Key Stage 1 (Seahorses and Lobsters) will be holding a special Christmas Forest School session on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2016. Please could you send your child with some warm clothes and wellingtons on this day?

### KS1 and KS2 trips tomorrow

**Both Key stages will be going out of school all day tomorrow. Please send your child to school with a coat and packed lunch.**

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Storybook Cook This Friday

We will be drawing inspiration from the popular book by Roald Dahl this week, 'James and the Giant Peach'. The children will be making their own peach cobbler. So make sure you've got plenty of custard or cream ready to compliment their creations.

### Nativity- Reception class and KS1 December 8<sup>th</sup> at 2.00 in the village hall.

This year's production is called "Stable Story" and the children have had fun learning all of the songs. Doors open at 1.55. We look forward to seeing you there.

### Carol Service December 14th

**There will be two services. 2.00 and 6.00 at the Church**

**KS2 children will be presenting the service but the service is for everyone who wishes to attend.**