



# Abberley Parochial V.C. Primary School

*Inspiring Hearts & Minds*

## NEWSLETTER 14<sup>th</sup> December 2016

### WHOLE SCHOOL NEWS

#### Christmas Fayre and Market

We would like to thank the Friends Association for organising our wonderful Christmas Fayre. We hope you enjoyed the new style and are already thinking of ways to make it even better next year! The weather was kind to us and many visitors stayed longer than usual, listening to the children singing carols. Thank you to everyone who helped to make it such a success.

#### Carol Services

Despite all the coughs and colds the children in KS2 put on a magnificent show in the church yesterday. Although some children were unable to make it to the church due to illness, those that did sang beautifully and read clearly. We were very proud of them all.

A big thank you to the Friends for providing mulled wine and mince pies.

Thank you also to Muriel and Trevor Nott for making the church look so pretty.

#### Mr Sharpe

We are sorry to say goodbye to Mr Sharpe and would like to wish him well in his new job. He will be missed by us all.

#### Christmas Meal

The whole school sat down today to enjoy their Christmas meal together in the village hall. Many parents helped to dish up and serve the children and staff and we would like to thank them for making the occasion special.

The visit from Santa was eagerly anticipated by every child in the school. It has been a lovely day.

### KEY STAGE 1 MESSAGES

#### Lobsters

Congratulations to all the Lobsters on a fantastic Nativity play last week. I'm sure you will agree the children acted and sang wonderfully and it was definitely an afternoon to remember.

The children have all worked very hard this term and thoroughly enjoyed their "Full Steam Ahead" project. Although there will be no set homework over the Christmas holiday please encourage your child to continue practising reading and writing their tricky words and becoming confident in their number skills.

Have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!  
See you all in January.

#### Seahorses

A huge well done to everybody in Seahorses Class for a wonderful first Nativity last Thursday! All of the children had a brilliant time learning the songs and actions and showed great confidence when getting up on stage.

Our class newsletter was sent out yesterday, so please let me know if you have not received your copy. There are lots of ideas for **Learning Challenges** to do over the holidays and a separate letter on handwriting skills. A new set of 'action word cards' and the final two sound cards have also been sent out this week.

Have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

### KEY STAGE 2 MESSAGES

#### Seals

We are reaching the end of a fantastic term on The Reef. The children have been enjoying some festive activities this week. They have designed a modern replacement for Santa's sleigh which include some very imaginative gadgets.

The children will be coming home with their P.E kits and outdoor clothing that was left behind from gardening.

There are no spellings to learn as homework over the holidays. However, the children can carry on practising their Pentorbia Maths methods. They will also have their new reading books to continue adding scores for Mount Evo.

Merry Christmas and see you all in January!

#### Sharks

We have had a wonderful term in our topic and the children have worked incredibly hard.

It has been a real pleasure to teach your children and I will miss them all very much.

Thank you also for all your support over the last year or so and I know the children will be very well looked after with their new teacher Mrs. Montague.

All the best in all of your future.

Mr Sharpe

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## REMINDERS

### Abberley Acorns Invoices

Unfortunately we have a few outstanding invoices from Abberley Acorns. May we remind you that all payments should be made before the end of this term. Thank you.

**We would like to wish you all a very Happy Christmas and a Prosperous New Year.**

### Lunch Menus

All lunch menus for **must** be in this Friday. If your child has not received a menu due to illness please pick one up from the office or download one from our website. They are under 'letters to parents'.

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Swimming Lessons next Term

As children in Years 1 and 2 missed their lessons this half term because of problems with the pool heating system at Abberley Hall, they will be swimming for the first half term in January. The first lesson will be on 18<sup>th</sup> January.

Children in Year 3 and 4 will have their swimming lessons after half term in February.

**Spring Term begins on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2017**