



Abberley Parochial V.C. Primary School

Inspiring Hearts & Minds

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WHOLE SCHOOL NEWS

Happy New Year and welcome back !

I hope you all enjoyed a good Christmas break. The children were delighted to see their friends and are very excited about their new topics. It was lovely to see their enthusiasm last week.

We are delighted to introduce our new member of staff, Mrs Polly Montague, who has taken over from Mr Sharpe in Sharks Class.

The teachers spent a profitable training day last Tuesday learning how to operate our new system for recording assessments. It will enable us to track progress even more effectively to ensure that all children make expected progress throughout the year.

School Closures.

In the unlikely event of bad weather forcing the school to close we will send a text message to all parents as soon as a decision to close is taken. In addition a message will appear on the school website. These decisions are not taken lightly but are based on ensuring the safety of everyone in our school community both in school and travelling to and from school. Please ensure that we have your latest mobile phone number!

If you live in an area of poor reception it is a good idea to ask a friend to inform you of any messages from the school. The Worcestershire website should also display a list of schools which are closed.

Lost Property

We have a few items of clothing that have gone missing from school but are not in our lost property box. The items include a variety of PE uniform items. All items are named. Could you please have a check at home to see if you have any items that belong to someone else!

Chickens

We would like to say a big thank you to the Paley and Osborne families for looking after our chickens over the holiday.

KEY STAGE 1 MESSAGES

Lobsters.

We are sad to report that Mrs Lightfoot has broken her ankle and will be unable to return to work for a few weeks. In the meantime Mrs Postlethwaite, who teaches the children every Friday, has kindly agreed to cover the class on Mondays and Tuesdays. Mrs Dunne will teach the class on Wednesdays and Thursdays. This arrangement is working well so far with all three teachers keeping in touch and planning the work together.

We wish Mrs Lightfoot a speedy recovery and look forward to seeing her soon.

Seahorses

The children are all enjoying our new 'Space Explorers' topic and are having fun learning about our Solar System and completing their 'astronaut training' this week. We have started guided reading and the children are enjoying using their bookmarks to collect a sticker each time they finish one of their guided reading books.

Learning Challenge: We have been practising saying numbers that are 1 more than a given number this week, e.g. 'I'm thinking of a number that is 1 more than 14.' This can be a simple game to play with your child to help improve their number knowledge. If they get really good why not challenge them to think of 1 less?

KEY STAGE 2 MESSAGES

Seals

The children have had a great start back to school this week. They have now started their new topic about the 'Stone Age' and have had an exciting visit from a member of the Clan Woollies (ask the children!).

The children have some changes to their timetable this term.

Mon – Gardening (outdoors) Year 3 in weeks 2, 4 and 6.
Year 4 in weeks 1, 3 and 5.

Tues – P.E (outdoors).

Weds – Ukuleles.

Friday – P.E (outdoors).

Homework will continue as normal for Maths (Pentorbia), home reading (Mount Evo) and weekly spellings.

Sharks

Sharks have made a fantastic start back after the holidays and made me (Mrs. Montague) feel very welcome. Please feel free to come and introduce yourself to me, it would be lovely to get to know you all too.

Our new topic is 'Ancient Egyptians' and the children are really looking forward to exploring this era and finding out about their ancient practices and beliefs.

P.E. will be on Tuesdays this half term. The Sharks will be trialling 'The Mile a Day' initiative.

REMINDERS

Christmas Lunch

We would like to thank all the parents who helped to serve the Christmas lunch. It was a great event for all the children.

We have two kitchen utensils that were left over. If they belong to you please collect them from the school office.

Lunch Menus

Please could you make sure you keep a copy of your lunch menu to avoid unnecessary phone calls. Please be aware that when a child brings a packed lunch to school but has a hot meal booked for that day, the hot meal will be served and the packed lunch returned home.

Swimming

Swimming for Year 1 and 2 will start on the 18th January for 5 weeks ending on 15th February.

Appeal for cardboard tubes

Seahorses class need kitchen roll tubes to make rockets. If you can help with this, please bring your empty rolls to the school office or give to Mrs Amies.

Thank you

Sickness bugs

Please may we remind you that if your child has been vomiting they need to remain off school for 48 hours in order to avoid spreading the illness.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Appeal for old toys and games

If you are clearing out old games and toys after Christmas and have any that could be used by our Abberley Acorns club, we would be most grateful. Please would you bring them to the school office. Thank you.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Christingle Service

at

St Mary's Church

Abberley

Sunday 15th January 2017

at 11am

Bags 2 School

The Friends Association have booked a collection for 14th February. Bags to be dropped off by 9am on that day.

The bags must not contain uniforms, duvets, pillows or cushions.

See website for more details

www.bag2school.com

HAPPY NEW YEAR FROM THE FRIENDS OF ABBERLEY PAROCHIAL VC PRIMARY SCHOOL!

After a great end to 2016 with the very much enjoyed Christmas Fayre and Market, the Friends Association are really looking forward to raising further valuable funds for the school and our children in 2017!

Our first event of the year is the **New Year Disco** which will be held in Abberley Village Hall on **Friday 27th January**, from 3:45 to 5:15pm. Please look out for full event information and how to get tickets in book bags. We do need more volunteers for the event, if you can lend a hand please leave your details with Mrs Day in the school office.

Are you looking to bag a bargain BBQ this year?... of course we appreciate it's hardly BBQ weather at the moment, but summer is coming! A working (but redundant) dual gas burner BBQ is currently available for a grateful donation, please contact Mrs Day in the office for details.