



Abberley Parochial V.C. Primary School

Inspiring Hearts & Minds

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WHOLE SCHOOL NEWS

Safer Internet Day 2017

February 7th 2017 was Safer Internet Day, a day that is very important to our school and pupils. Our school participated alongside hundreds of other schools across the UK and children learnt how to use the internet safely and positively. In the UK, Safer Internet Day is organised by the UK Safer Internet Centre www.saferinternetday.org.uk, and this year's theme was "Be the change: Unite for a better internet." The E-Safety committee led separate Key Stage assemblies where children discussed the importance of not sharing personal details on the Internet and which photos are suitable to upload and share. Children then carried on with age appropriate activities in their classrooms.

We believe that internet safety education is a crucial element of the curriculum and an essential part of young people's development. I have listed below some websites and I encourage **all** parents to regularly visit these sites in order to keep updated with changes in technology and what you can do as a parent to assist your child in keeping safe.

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/> <http://www.childnet.com/parents-and-carers>
<https://ceop.police.uk/safety-centre/> <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>

Abberley Acorns Payments.

There are two ways you will be invoiced for Abberley Acorns. Small amounts of £15 or less will be invoiced by school which can be paid by cash or cheque at the school office. Larger amounts will be invoiced from Worcestershire County Council where methods of payment are printed on the back of the invoice

School Day

Please will all parents be reminded that the school opens at 8.50 am when the first bell rings. We politely ask that children do not come into the classroom before the bell as there may not be a teacher present to supervise them.

KEY STAGE 1 MESSAGES

Lobsters

The Lobsters have been busy learning about the geography of the world and using their skills to plan Penny's journey home. If you have the opportunity to look at a world map or globe with your child – they will enjoy sharing what they know. They might even teach you our continents song!

Yesterday it was "Safer Internet" day and we talked about keeping safe online and using images on the internet. The children had lots of fun making avatars using the computers and junk modelling for our Safer Internet display.

Seahorses

We have been thinking of healthy meal ideas for Zog our class alien this week and the children have been creating menu ideas and healthy shopping lists in our writing area.

Learning Challenge: What is your child's favourite fruit or vegetable? Can they use a non-fiction book or the Internet with an adult to find out and write down an interesting fact about it? We would like to be able to show some of these in school during our healthy eating lesson. Thank you.

KEY STAGE 2 MESSAGES

Seals

The children have had another successful week on 'The Reef'. We have had some fantastic Celtic artwork produced on Friday which will be displayed with their Iron Age work.

This week the year 4's went gardening so on Monday 13th of February it is the year 3's turn.

The children are enjoying learning about Living things and their habitats in Science. They even braved the cold weather to go out collecting mini beasts in the wildlife garden.

P.E lessons remain the same this week with Tuesday & Friday being outdoors. I am available in the morning to talk in the playground should you need me!

Sharks

Lots of exciting things happening in Sharks class! The children have all drafted their stories for 500 Words and are now in the process of editing and typing it up onto the computer. It's interesting to see how their stories have evolved and been improved during the editing stage. They have embraced constructive feedback and have every reason to be proud of the work they have produced.

Thank you to all of our parents and carers, who are now signed up to Class Dojo. We are in the process of setting up any outstanding student accounts in school and look forward to sharing some of their successes with you. Look out for tasks on Education City and Sumdog!

REMINDERS

Recycled Uniform Sale

We have a large amount of recycled uniform for sale in the school office. Sweatshirts and Cardigans are on sale for £1 each. Summer dresses and trousers are 50p each. Please come in and have a look.

Sainsbury's Vouchers

Our collection box is ready in the school office for your vouchers. Vouchers are available from all Sainsbury's stores.

Bags 2 School

Reminder that our collection is booked for next Tuesday 14th February. All bags need to be dropped off by the gate near the crossing by 9am. Extra bags are available from the school office.

Swimming Years 1 and 2

There will be no swimming next Wednesday because the pool is closed
Lobsters will continue swimming after half term as there are only 4 more sessions left. Seals will be swimming in the summer term.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Parents' Evenings

Wednesday 1st March 4.00 -7.00
Thursday 2nd March 3.30 – 6.00

Letters will be sent out later this week for you to book your appointment with your child's teacher. Please note that these are booked on a first come first served basis.

Half Term

We break up on Friday 17th February at 3.15pm and return on Monday 27th February at 9am.

Easter Holidays

We break up on Friday 7th April at 3.15pm and return on Monday 24th April at 9am.

World Book Day

Thursday 2nd March

Red Nose Day

Friday 24th March

More details to follow.

SCIENCE NIGHT AT THE HIVE, WORCESTER

16th March 4.30pm-7.30pm

Lots of science-themed fun to see and join in with

Exhibition in the Atrium Royal Photographic Society: International Images for Science (from Wed, 08 February to Wed 22 March 2017)

Interactive Displays on Level 0 (for families) Universities, schools, societies, companies and experts. Including science fiction costumes, make your own egg parachute, astronomy, what wildlife does for us, and things too small to see.

Mad Science performance in The Studio (Suitable for 6+) Up, Up and Away at 4.30, 5.15 and 6.00 Pre-book tickets online £3.50 for adults and £3 for children <http://www.thehiveworcester.org/events.html> Find out how planes fly with the zany interactive science show.

Talks in Room 2 from 4.30pm to 7.30pm (might interest adults) Booking not necessary but arrive early to avoid disappointment. Including optical marvels through a microscope, Darwin and the West Midlands, images of space, and the science of bumblebees.

Treasure Hunt in the children's Library (for children of all ages)