



# Abberley Parochial V.C. Primary School

*Inspiring Hearts & Minds*

## NEWSLETTER 15<sup>th</sup> February 2017

### WHOLE SCHOOL NEWS

#### World Book Day Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March

This year to celebrate World Book Day we are asking children to create a scene with clues to a book title using the inside of a shoebox or to turn a potato into their favourite book character. Children will bring their completed creations into school on the 2<sup>nd</sup> March and their peers will try and guess the book title from their 'Mr Potato' or 'shoe box scene'.

During the day the children will rotate around the school taking part in exciting 'book' challenges and we will be ending the day by the adults in school reading their favourite children's story to groups of pupils around the school.

#### Free "have a go" PE Sessions

On Monday afternoons there will be free "have a go" PE sessions at Sport Martley. These sessions are open to children from Key Stage 2 and will run from 3.30 – 4.30pm. As the sessions are run by The Chantry High School Young Leaders Scheme you will need to stay on site with your child.

Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February 2017

Monday 6<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> March 2017

Sports available:-

Indoor rounders, netball and basketball.

If you are interested in attending any of these sessions please pass your details to Mrs Lightfoot

#### Abberley 100 Club

Congratulations to Mrs Day and Mrs Pallett who were our December and January winners when their numbers were drawn in assembly last week. A cheque for £25 will be at the school office. In other news, number renewals are due so please check your emails.

#### Netball and Football Fixtures

League Netball and Football fixtures will be resuming after the half term holiday. If your child has been selected for the team please could you ensure you return the permission slip as soon as possible. Thank you!

### KEY STAGE 1 MESSAGES

#### Lobsters

A group from Lobsters attended the Mini Olympics this week. They took part in lots of races with great enthusiasm and we had a lovely afternoon, with some very tired children at the end of it! Although we didn't finish in a medal position we were voted the team with the best flags. All of the children had been involved in producing these as part of their work on oceans and continents. They are now making a very colourful display in our classroom.

In our topic work this week we have been looking more closely at the continent of Antarctica and what it would be like to visit it. We have been thinking carefully about what we might need to take in our suitcases!

#### Seahorses

We have been learning about Valentine's Day this week and the children have been enjoying writing Valentine's Day cards to their special people and making some repeating heart patterns.

Please look out for our class newsletter this week which will give you more information about our topic after half term and some **Learning Challenges** you can do with your child. Your child will also be given an extra reading book and a new set of action word cards to practise over half term.

### KEY STAGE 2 MESSAGES

#### Seals

The children have been enjoying making the props and fact leaflets for their museum exhibits this week. It has been wonderful to see the extra effort that some have gone to at home as well.

Don't forget that all parents are invited to the museum, on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> February, at 2:45pm in the school hall. In other news, the Year 4 children have been working hard on some lovely narrative poems which we are hoping to display next term. The year 3 children are also starting their poetry this week by looking at acrostics.

Please check your child's book bag for the after school clubs sign up letters which needs returning by Friday.

#### Sharks

We are in the process of submitting our 500 Words stories. The closing date is Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2017 and the children will know if they have been successful in early April. The children are extremely proud of their work and eagerly look forward to finding out if they have been successful.

Sharks are hosting an Ancient Egyptian exhibition, which will take place after half-term. Look out for your VIP invitation!

Please make sure that P.E. kits are in school on both Monday's and Tuesday's, in anticipation of the weather improving. The 'Mile a Day' has been well received and will continue.

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## REMINDERS

### Car Parking Outside School

We are becoming very concerned for the safety of the children crossing the road before and after school. More people are now parking at the side of the road instead of on the car park which reduces visibility for crossing over the road.

We do appreciate that the car park can be busy but we have an increasing amount of parents speaking to us about this issue who say that there are usually spaces available in the car park and there is no need to park on the side of the road.

Also it is not an official crossing outside of school so please do not expect vehicles to stop for you to cross and also you should not stop to let people across either.

We would appreciate your co-operation in this matter. Thank you.

### Abberley Acorns

The new timetable of activities went home on Monday. Please can you send booking forms back to school by this Friday (17<sup>th</sup> February). Extra forms can be downloaded from the website.

### Teddy Tombola

On Friday after school the children in the Eco group will be holding a teddy tombola to raise more money for the adoption of the snow leopard. Tickets cost 20p. The event will be held in the school hall.

### Parents Evening Slips

Appointments with your child's teacher are made on a first come first served basis. Please return your slip tomorrow so that we can allocate a time to suit you.

### Recycled Uniform

The recycled uniform sale is still on. Please come and have a look at our large collection of sweatshirts and other items of uniform.

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Parents' evenings on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> March and Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March.

On arrival please wait in the front reception area for your child's teacher to come and meet you.

### Friends' Meeting

The next meeting is on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> February at 3.15. Everyone welcome so please come along as we need your fundraising ideas. A crèche will be provided for the children.

### Red Nose Day 24<sup>th</sup> March 2017

The noses have arrived in school and will be on sale from Monday 13<sup>th</sup> March.