



# Abberley Parochial V.C. Primary School

*Inspiring Hearts & Minds*

## NEWSLETTER 29<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2017

### WHOLE SCHOOL NEWS

#### Staff changes

Mr Gartrell will be leaving the school at the end of this term. For family reasons he has decided to look for a part time teaching post.

We are currently advertising for a new teacher to replace him. In the meantime Mrs Shelley will continue her involvement with the class during the summer term.

We would like to extend our thanks to Mr. Gartrell for all he has done for the school and to wish him all the best for the future.

#### Football results

We would like to congratulate the Year 5&6 Football team on their performance at The Chantry on Monday evening. We went full of confidence to get two wins and that is exactly what we got!! The team effort was fantastic and has changed greatly from our first games together back in October. We beat Great Witley School 3-0 in the first game. Then had a tough match against Hallow Primary narrowly winning that 1-0. Unfortunately, this was not enough for us to progress to the final in Malvern but we are very proud of where we finished.

Well done to the whole team!!  
Mr Gartrell.

#### J2e – Blast off

Every child at Abberley has a unique username and password to access j2e (<http://www.j2e.com/>) If your child is unsure of their account details then please ask their class teacher or Mrs Shelley for details.

J2e is an online curriculum resource which as a school we have a subscription with. Children can develop skills in word processing, coding, drawing, stop frame animations, blogging and many more. J2e have recently launched a new maths game that allows children to work their way up different levels of multiplication and division. Why not give it a try!

If you would like to know more about J2e please ask Mrs Shelley

### KEY STAGE 1 MESSAGES

#### Lobsters

The children have made some amazing Arctic animal sculptures this week based on Inuit soapstone carving. They looked very carefully at the shape and form of the animals when producing their artwork.

We have been doing lots of creative writing and learning about using adjectives to make our writing more exciting. We have been describing characters and story settings and will be using these skills to write our own stories.

In PSHE we have been looking at road safety and talking about how to keep ourselves safe when crossing the road. See if your child can show you what they have learnt.

#### Seahorses

We are starting to learn about The Easter Story this week and have learned about Palm Sunday. Over the next couple of weeks we will be thinking about the different symbols of Easter, such as hot cross buns and new life and will learn about some Easter traditions.

We are also going to be discussing any Easter family traditions the children may have, such as going to church, having an Easter egg hunt or a special meal on Easter Sunday. As a **Learning Challenge** talk with your child about your Easter traditions as a family and about how different families or faiths might celebrate in other ways.

### KEY STAGE 2 MESSAGES

#### Seals

We have had another successful week with the Seals. The children were given tickets for an imaginary trip on the Titanic. They have researched individual passengers and crew members to find out more about their stories. We have discussed the class divides for that period in History and how the Titanic design shows this very clearly. The children have pretended to pack for the voyage with the items relevant to their chosen class. This process has opened up some wonderful discussion in the group.

The year 4 children are gardening next Monday (3<sup>th</sup> April). We look forward to seeing you all at the Easter service on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> April in the village hall.

#### Sharks

We have been busy preparing for our Easter service, which will take place next week. We have also kicked off our Kindness Boomerang in school, so watch this space for random acts of kindness, and remember to 'pay it forward'. In topic Y5 have been exploring OS maps and plotting coordinates, we have also been researching some of the key features of Great Britain. We are embracing patriotism by learning the national anthems of England, Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales.

Although Y6s have been working hard preparing for SATS, they have been learning all about weather climates around the world and are in the middle of recording their weather forecasts.

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## REMINDERS

### New Summer Lunch Menus

The new summer menus went out in book bags yesterday.  
All menus need to be handed in by this Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March.  
Some of you may have already noticed that on the bottom of each column there is a space where we let you know of any activities where your child will need a packed lunch instead of a hot dinner. Could you please check this on each menu to save you booking meals on days they are not needed. It will also give the date that the menu needs to be back in school by.

### Residential Payments

**All remaining balances must be in by next Friday 7<sup>th</sup> April.  
The cost of the residential was £125, so the balance left to pay will be £100.**

### Red Nose Day

A very big thank you to all of you who supported the school in raising money for Comic Relief. The children from the charity group sold **200** red noses and with the cake sale raised **£454.92**  
(Could you please collect your trays and tins from the office)

### Abberley Acorns

We have been informed by Worcestershire County Council that there are still a lot of unpaid Abberley Acorns invoices which are due to be paid by the end of the financial year.

This income is important to us and therefore we would appreciate the prompt payment of these.

The invoices for March will be going out next week.

Thank you

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Easter Service

**Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> April  
At  
2.15pm  
In  
Abberley Village Hall**

### Y5 Residential

Please remember there will be a parents' meeting regarding the residential on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> April at 3.15pm in Sharks' classroom. Mrs. Gregory will speak individually to parents unable to attend.