



Abberley Parochial V.C. Primary School

Inspiring Hearts & Minds

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WHOLE SCHOOL NEWS

Swimming Lessons

It has come to our attention that a few of you are unhappy about the cost of the year 3 /4 swimming this term. We don't like having to ask parents for money and want to remind you that the lessons are paid for by the school and the amount requested is purely to cover the cost of the coach. We do not make a profit as the cost of the coach for the 8 weeks programme is divided by the number of children travelling ($\pounds 70 \times 8 = \pounds 560 \div 32 = \pounds 17.50$). Obviously, if we cannot cover this cost by voluntary donations then we shall have to consider changing the swimming programme which would be such a shame. School budgets are very tight and we are therefore very grateful to those who have already contributed.

Residential

Years 3 and 4 children had a wonderful time last week at The Pioneer Centre. Many thanks to Mrs Shelley, Mrs Russell and Mrs Birch for giving up their time to take the children away. Pictures and more information about this trip will be on the website soon.

Y5 Residential

Y5 set off bright and early this morning for their 3 days at Folly Farm in Bristol. They have arrived safely and the sun is shining. They are set to have a great few days.

Gardening Show

We are delighted that Paul Cook is paying for the cost of transporting children to Malvern next week by coach. These trips would not have been possible without his generosity.

KEY STAGE 1 MESSAGES

Lobsters

The children are really enjoying our new topic "The Perfect Pet." We have been having some interesting discussions during our science lessons about how do we know things are alive and what we need to survive. Over the next few weeks we will be working on nonfiction writing, writing information sheets on our favourite animals. We have been working on fractions during numeracy and the children have been working on dividing numbers and shapes. Maybe you could talk to your child about using fractions in a practical situation at home.

Seahorses

This week the children have enjoyed using their imaginations to create their own versions of fairy tale stories. We have also been thinking about using 'story language' such as 'once upon a time..' when telling our stories.

As a **learning challenge** this week see if your child can spot some good 'story language' when reading some fairy tale stories with you. Are they able to use this language when making up their own stories and games?

KEY STAGE 2 MESSAGES

Seals

This week we are returning to a 'normal' timetable after our very successful residential. Today the children are going to be finding clues to reveal their new class topic. How exciting!

Timetable reminders

Mon – Pentorbia maths

Tuesday – Spellings

Wednesday – Swimming kit and Ukulele

Friday – Library book and outdoor PE kit

Sharks

Y5 are at Folly Farm taking part in their Wildlife Film Maker's residential

Y6 are all geared up and ready to go for next week when they will be taking their SATs.

The timetable is:

Monday – Reading

Tuesday – Grammar, Spelling & Punctuation

Wednesday – Maths (Arithmetic & Reasoning)

Thursday – Maths (Reasoning)

REMINDERS

Gardening Show

Letters went out on Tuesday to all the children who have been invited to attend the show.

Could you please return your permission slips as soon as possible as we have other children who would like to go and they can fill the untaken places.

If your child can attend on the Saturday morning there are free tickets available for adults.

As we can only take 10 children on Friday and Saturday the places will be allocated to the first 10 permission slips received in the school office.

Lunch Menus

As a new lunch menu is due out next week we would like to take this opportunity to remind you of a few points when filling in your menu.

Could you put your child's name clearly on the menu and only choose one choice for each day!

It would be helpful if you could use a separate menu sheet for each child.

If possible could you please keep the crossing outs to a minimum as some menus are very hard to decipher.

The order must be handed in with the correct money.

As we can receive up to 100 menus we hope you can appreciate how time consuming the process of ordering meals can be with the above points not being done on an increasing number of menus.

Lunch Menus cont:

We appreciate that sometimes we have events happening where you have been asked to provide a packed lunch but you have already booked a hot lunch. In these instances we ask you to take the cost of these meals off your next order and make a note of it on the menu.

We do try to give you as much notice as we can when organising events and put a note on the bottom of the menu.

It is not always possible to do this so we hope for your co-operation in this matter.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Gymnastics visit next week for years 5 and 6 on Friday 12th May.

As the children finish their activities before the end of school we have arranged for them to be transported back to school by coach. We realise that it is difficult for parents to collect from the Chantry at this time so school will pick up the cost of the coach.

Sainsbury's Vouchers

The collecting time is coming to an end so please bring in any vouchers you have lying around at home so that we can start the exciting job of counting them.

The Gift People and The Book People

The selection of gifts and books are still in school. They are being collected tomorrow 4th May so there is still time to come and have a look.